

[CHAPTER 286.]

AN ACT

June 28, 1932.
[H. R. 4594.]
[Public, No. 201.]

To fix the rate of postage on publications mailed at the post office of entry for delivery at another post office within the postal district in which the headquarters or general business offices of the publisher are located.

Postal Service.
Mailing of second-class matter.
Vol. 20, p. 361, amended.
U. S. C., p. 1254.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 25 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, and for other purposes," approved March 3, 1879 (20 Stat. 361; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 286), is hereby amended by the addition of the following sentence:

Postage on other than weekly publications.

"Copies of a publication, other than a weekly, hereafter admitted to the second class of mail matter, when mailed by the publisher or registered news agent at a post office where it is entered, for delivery by letter carriers at a different post office within the delivery limits of which the headquarters or general business offices of the publisher are located, shall be chargeable with postage at the rate that would be applicable if the copies were mailed at the latter office, unless the postage chargeable at the pound rates from the office of mailing is higher, in which case such higher rates shall apply, but this provision shall not be applicable to publications already entered as second-class matter which retain their entry at the post office where now entered."

Rate.

If pound rate higher.

Applicable to future entries only.

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[CHAPTER 287.]

AN ACT

June 28, 1932.
[H. R. 10244.]
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Fixing the fees and limits of indemnity for domestic registered mail based upon actual value and length of haul, and for other purposes.

Postal Service.
Domestic registered mail.
R. S., sec. 3926, p. 762.
Limited indemnity for losses.
Vol. 29, p. 599.
Maximum fixed at \$100.
Vol. 32, p. 1174.
Indemnity for lost third or fourth class matter.
Vol. 36, p. 1337.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3926 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as amended by the Act of February 27, 1897 (ch. 340, 29 Stat. L. 599), providing limited indemnity for loss of registered mail matter, and by the Act of March 3, 1903 (32 Stat. L. 1174), fixing such indemnity at not exceeding \$100, and that portion of the Act of March 4, 1911 (36 Stat. L. 1337), making appropriations for the service of the Post Office Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, and for other purposes, and providing indemnity for the loss of third and fourth class domestic registered matter, which laws were jointly amended by section 3 of the Act of May 1, 1928 (45 Stat. L. 469; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 39, sec. 381a), are hereby further amended to read as follows:

Vol. 45, p. 469, amended.
U. S. C., Supp. V, p. 587.

Uniform system of registration.

"For the greater security of valuable mail matter the Postmaster General may establish a uniform system of registration, and as a part of such system he may provide rules under which the senders or owners of any registered matter shall be indemnified for loss, rifling, or damage thereof in the mails, the indemnity to be paid out of the postal revenues, but in no case to exceed \$1,000 for any one registered piece, or the actual value thereof when that is less than \$1,000, and for which no other compensation or reimbursement to the loser has been made: *Provided,* That the Postmaster General may in his discretion provide for the payment of indemnity for the actual value of registered mail or insured mail treated as registered mail in excess of \$1,000, but not in excess of \$10,000, when such mail is not insured with any commercial insurance company or other insuring

Amount of indemnity.

Provided.
Actual value payments.

agency and may fix the fees chargeable for the risks assumed ratably at the rates fixed up to \$1,000: *Provided further*, That the Postmaster General in his discretion may cause to be underwritten or reinsured in whole or in part with any commercial insurance companies any liability or risk assumed by the Post Office Department in connection with the mailing of any particular registered article or articles.

"SEC. 2. The full value of all registered mail or insured mail treated as registered mail shall be declared by the mailer at the time of mailing unless otherwise prescribed by the Postmaster General, and any claim for indemnity in any amount involving such mail, when the full value knowingly and willfully was not stated at the time of mailing, shall be invalid. All claims for indemnity involving registered mail, or insured mail treated as registered mail, or other insured mail, or collect-on-delivery mail, which is also insured with commercial insurance companies or other insuring agencies, shall be adjusted by the Post Office Department on a pro rata basis as a coinsurer with the commercial insurance companies or other insuring agencies."

SEC. 2. Section 3927 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by section 209 of the Act of February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. L. 1068), and by the first section of the Act of May 1, 1928 (45 Stat. L. 469; U. S. C., Supp. V, title 39, sec. 384), be, and the same is hereby, amended further to read as follows:

"Mail matter shall be registered on the application of the party posting the same. The registry fees, which are in addition to the regular postage, and the limits of indemnity therefor within the maximum indemnity provided by law shall be as follows:

"For registry indemnity not exceeding \$5, 15 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$5 but not exceeding \$25, 18 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$25 but not exceeding \$50, 20 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$50 but not exceeding \$75, 25 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$75 but not exceeding \$100, 30 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$100 but not exceeding \$200, 40 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$200 but not exceeding \$300, 50 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$300 but not exceeding \$400, 60 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$400 but not exceeding \$500, 70 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$500 but not exceeding \$600, 80 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$600 but not exceeding \$700, 85 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$700 but not exceeding \$800, 90 cents;

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$800 but not exceeding \$900, 95 cents; and

"For registry indemnity exceeding \$900 but not exceeding \$1,000, \$1:

"*Provided*, That for registered mail or insured mail treated as registered mail having a declared value in excess of the maximum indemnity covered by the registry fee paid there shall be charged additional fees as follows: When the declared value exceeds the

Fees therefor.
Reinsurance of risks, etc., permitted.

Declaration of full value.

Failure to invalidate claim for indemnity.

Pro rata adjustment of indemnity claims on reinsured matter.

R. S., sec. 3927, p. 763;
U. S. C., p. 1259.
Vol. 43, p. 1068; Vol. 45, p. 469, amended.
U. S. C., Supp. V, p. 888.

Schedule of registry fees and limits of indemnity revised.

Additional, for matter in excess of maximum indemnity covered by fee paid.

Rates.

maximum indemnity covered by the registry fee paid by not more than \$50, 1 cent; by more than \$50 but not more than \$100, 2 cents; by more than \$100 but not more than \$200, 3 cents; by more than \$200 but not more than \$400, 4 cents; by more than \$400 but not more than \$600, 5 cents; by more than \$600 but not more than \$800, 6 cents; by more than \$800 but less than \$1,000, 7 cents; and if the excess of the declared value over the maximum indemnity covered by the registry fee paid is \$1,000 or more, the additional fees for each \$1,000 or part of \$1,000 on articles destined to points within the several zones applicable to fourth-class matter shall be as follows:

"For local delivery or for delivery within the first zone, 8 cents;

"For delivery within the second zone, 9 cents;

"For delivery within the third zone, 10 cents;

"For delivery within the fourth zone, 11 cents;

"For delivery within the fifth or sixth zones, 12 cents;

"For delivery within the seventh or eighth zones, 13 cents.

Accounting.

Registered official mail.

"All such fees shall be accounted for in such manner as the Postmaster General shall direct. Mail matter upon the official business of the Post Office Department which requires registering shall be registered free of charge, and pass through the mails free of charge."

Rules, etc., to be prescribed.

SEC. 3. The Postmaster General may make such rules and regulations in accordance with this Act as he may consider necessary or advisable.

Effective date.

This Act shall become effective July 1, 1932.

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[CHAPTER 288.]

AN ACT

Prescribing fees and corresponding indemnities for domestic insured and collection-delivery mail of the third and fourth classes, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (a) of section 211 of Title II of an Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes," approved February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1069; U. S. C., title 39, sec. 245), as amended (U. S. C., Supp. V, title 39, sec. 245), is further amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 211. (a) The fee for insurance shall be 5 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$5; 10 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$25; 15 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$50; 25 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$100; 30 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$150; and 35 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$200.

Whenever the sender of an insured article of mail matter shall so request, and upon payment of a fee of 3 cents at the time of mailing, or of 5 cents subsequent to the time of mailing, a receipt shall be obtained for such insured mail matter, showing to whom and when the same was delivered, which receipt shall be returned to the sender and be received in the courts as prima facie evidence of such delivery: *Provided further,* That upon payment of the additional sum of 20 cents at the time of mailing by the sender of an insured article of mail matter, a receipt shall be obtained for such insured mail matter, showing to whom, when, and the address where the same was delivered, which receipt shall be returned to the sender, and be received in the courts as prima facie evidence of such delivery: *Provided further,* That no refund shall be made of fees paid for return receipts for registered or insured mail where the

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Postal service.
Insured and collection-delivery mail.
Vol. 43, p. 1069; Vol. 46, p. 1043.
U. S. C., p. 1251;
Supp. V, p. 534.

Insurance fees.
Schedule of rates.

Receipt to be obtained.

Disposition.

Provisos.
Receipt of delivery.

Refunding of fees.