

[CHAPTER 88.]

AN ACT

To provide for the inspection of vessels navigating Canal Zone waters.

February 16, 1933.
[H. R. 7508.]
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all vessels navigating the waters of the Canal Zone, except public vessels of all nations, and private vessels merely transiting the canal, shall be subject to an annual inspection of hulls, boilers, machinery, equipment, and passenger accommodations; and the governor is hereby authorized to prescribe regulations concerning such inspection, provided that such regulations shall, as nearly as practicable, conform to the laws and regulations governing the Steamboat Inspection Service of the United States.

Canal Zone, navigation laws.
Inspection provisions.

To conform to United States laws, etc.

SEC. 2. A foreign vessel of a country which has inspection laws approximating those of the United States, having an unexpired certificate of inspection duly issued by the authorities of the said country, shall not be subjected to an inspection other than that necessary to determine if the vessel, boilers, and life-saving equipment are as stated in the certificate of inspection; but no such certificate of inspection shall be accepted as evidence of lawful inspection unless like privileges are granted to vessels of the United States under the laws of the country to which such vessel belongs.

Vessels of foreign countries having similar inspection laws.

Certificates of inspection.
Condition of acceptance.

SEC. 3. When the board of local inspectors of the Panama Canal approves a vessel and its equipment, a certificate of inspection, in triplicate, will be issued by the canal authorities, two copies of which shall be displayed in conspicuous places in the vessel where they are most likely to be observed by passengers and others, and there kept at all times framed under glass.

Issue of certificates by local authorities.

SEC. 4. Should the board of local inspectors not approve the vessel or its equipment, a certificate of inspection will be refused, and the board of local inspectors will make a statement in writing giving the reason for failure to approve, filing such statement in the records of the board, and giving a copy thereof to the owner, agent, or master of the vessel.

Refusal of certificates.

SEC. 5. Any vessel, other than those excepted in section 1 of this Act, that navigates the waters of the Canal Zone without having an unexpired certificate of inspection issued by the Canal authorities or by the Steamboat Inspection Service of the United States, or an unexpired certificate accepted by the Canal authorities under section 2 of this Act, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000; and whenever any passenger is received on board a vessel not having certified copies of the certificate of inspection placed and kept as required by section 3 of this Act, or whenever passengers are received on board a vessel in excess of the number authorized by said certificate of inspection, such vessel shall be liable to fine not exceeding \$100 for each passenger so received. Fines shall be recovered in the district court of the Canal Zone, and the amount so recovered shall be a lien upon such vessel, and it may be seized and sold to satisfy same, as well as the costs of the court proceedings.

Penalty for navigating without proper certificate.

Overcrowding.

Recovery of fine.

SEC. 6. In case a vessel holding an unexpired certificate issued by the Canal authorities shall change its condition as to hull, boilers, machinery, equipment, or accommodations for passengers in such manner as not to conform to the regulations under which such certificate was issued, the board of local inspectors is authorized to make an inspection and to recommend revocation of the certificate of inspection, and upon approval of such recommendation by the marine superintendent, or such other officer of the Panama Canal as may be designated by the governor, a notice of revocation will

Revocation provisions.

Penalty. be issued to the owner, agent, or master of the vessel; and after such notice of revocation the navigating of Canal Zone waters by such vessel shall subject it to the penalty prescribed by section 5 of this Act.

Small vessels. Machine propelled. SEC. 7. Other than public vessels of the United States or of the Republic of Panama, small vessels propelled in whole or in part by machinery shall be required to be registered, certificated, and numbered, and to display the numbers assigned in a conspicuous place in prescribed form. Such vessels shall not be operated except by an operator holding a license to operate, issue after examination by the board of local inspectors, and approval of such examination by the marine superintendent or such other officer of the Panama Canal as may be designated by the governor.

Not machine propelled. SEC. 8. Small vessels not propelled in whole or in part by machinery shall be registered and numbered, and when numbers have been assigned they shall be displayed in a conspicuous place in prescribed form.

Passenger carrying, for hire in local waters. SEC. 9. Vessels under sixty-five feet in length, before carrying passengers for hire in the Canal Zone waters, shall obtain a certificate from the Canal Zone authorities to engage in this business, and such certificate shall specify the number of passengers and life preservers and the fire-fighting apparatus which the vessel must carry. Such vessels shall be subject to annual inspection, and the certificate referred to will be granted for one year only. Small vessels carrying passengers without having first obtained a certificate from the canal authorities, or carrying passengers in excess of the number authorized by such certificate, shall be liable to a fine of not exceeding \$100 for each passenger so carried.

Subject to annual inspection. Penalty for violation.

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[CHAPTER 89.]

AN ACT

In relation to the Canal Zone postal service.

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Canal Zone postal service. Rules, etc., of operation.

Post offices, personnel, postage stamps, etc.

Proviso. Expenses defrayed from postal revenues.

Deposit money orders. Issued in lieu of savings certificates.

Interest rate.

Use of accrued interest.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the postal service of the Canal Zone shall be governed by such of the laws, rules, and regulations of the Postal Service of the United States as are not inapplicable to the conditions existing in the Canal Zone, and the Governor of the Panama Canal is authorized to establish new post offices or discontinue those already established, to provide such rules and regulations as are necessary for the operation of the service, to appoint the personnel thereof, and to prescribe the postage stamps and other stamped paper which shall be used in such service: *Provided, however,* That the expenses of operating the Canal Zone postal service shall be defrayed, so far as possible, from the revenue derived therefrom, the use of which for that purpose is hereby authorized.

SEC. 2. That deposit money orders issued in the Canal Zone in lieu of postal savings certificates in accordance with rules and regulations heretofore established by the President, or that may hereafter be established by him, shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 3 per centum per annum.

SEC. 3. That the interest received from the Canal Zone money-order funds deposited in banks under Canal Zone regulations shall be available to pay the interest on deposit money orders authorized by the preceding section. Such interest, which shall form a part