

[CHAPTER 536]

AN ACT

To amend section 4450 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act of May 27, 1936 (49 Stat. 1380, 1383; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 239).

July 29, 1937
[H. R. 7017]
[Public, No. 225]

Investigation of marine casualties. R. S. § 4450. 49 Stat. 1383. 46 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 239.

Incompetency or misconduct, investigation of.

Notice to accused, hearing, etc.

Determination of guilt by Director.

Suspension or revocation of license.

Appeal to Secretary of Commerce. Counsel.

Decision, limitations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4450 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act of May 27, 1936 (49 Stat. 1380, 1383; U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 239), is amended by inserting in the third sentence of paragraph (g) of said section the words "suspended or", after the word "is" and before the word "revoked", so that the said paragraph (g) of said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

"(g) In any investigation of acts of incompetency or misconduct or of any act in violation of the provisions of this title, or of any of the regulations issued thereunder, committed by any licensed officer or any holder of a certificate of service, the person whose conduct is under investigation shall be given reasonable notice of the time, place, and subject of such investigation and an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. The whole record of the testimony received by the board conducting such investigation and the findings and recommendations of such board shall be forwarded to the Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, and if that officer shall find that such licensed officer or holder of certificate of service is incompetent or has been guilty of misbehavior, negligence, or unskillfulness, or has endangered life, or has willfully violated any of the provisions of this title or any of the regulations issued thereunder, he shall, in a written order reciting said findings, suspend or revoke the license or certificate of service of such officer or holder of such certificate. The person whose license or certificate of service is suspended or revoked may, within thirty days, appeal from the order of the said Director to the Secretary of Commerce. On such appeal the appellant shall be allowed to be represented by counsel. The Secretary of Commerce may alter or modify any finding of the board which conducted the investigation or of the Director of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, but the decision of the Secretary of Commerce shall be based solely on the testimony received by the said board and shall recite the findings of fact on which it is based."

Approved, July 29, 1937.

[CHAPTER 537]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of certain auxiliary vessels for the Navy.

July 30, 1937
[S. 2193]
[Public, No. 226]

Navy. Construction of specified auxiliary vessels authorized. Post, p. 767.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of furnishing or replacing auxiliary vessels urgently necessary for the proper maintenance and operation of the Navy, the President of the United States is hereby authorized to undertake the construction of about thirty-six thousand and fifty tons (light displacement tonnage) of such auxiliary vessels as follows at a total cost for all vessels of not more than \$50,000,000:

- (a) One seaplane tender of about eight thousand three hundred tons;
- (b) One destroyer tender of about nine thousand tons;
- (c) One mine sweeper of about six hundred tons;

Types.

- (d) One submarine tender of about nine thousand tons;
- (e) One fleet tug of about one thousand one hundred and fifty tons; and
- (f) One oiler of about eight thousand tons.

SEC. 2. Not less than 50 per centum of the vessels herein authorized, allocated on an approximate tonnage basis, including such portions thereof as are customarily manufactured in Government plants, shall be constructed or manufactured in Government navy yards, naval stations, naval gun factories, naval ordnance plants, or arsenals of the United States: *Provided*, That the President may, however, should the public interests in his judgment so require, have the vessels built in Government or private yards notwithstanding the allocation otherwise imposed: *Provided further*, That the provisions of section 3 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish the composition of the United States Navy with respect to the categories of vessels limited by the treaties signed at Washington, February 6, 1922, and at London, April 22, 1930, at the limits prescribed by those treaties; to authorize the construction of certain naval vessels; and for other purposes", approved March 27, 1934 (48 Stat. 505; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 496), as amended, are hereby made applicable to contracts for the construction of the vessels or any portion thereof herein authorized.

SEC. 3. Any bid for the construction on the Pacific coast of any of the vessels authorized by this Act shall have a differential of 6 per centum in its favor which shall be considered by the Secretary of the Navy in awarding contracts for the construction of said vessels.

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Ratio of construction in Government yards, etc.

Provisos.
Changes allowed in public interests.

Contract provisions.

48 Stat. 505.
34 U. S. C. § 496.

Construction on Pacific coast, differential.

[CHAPTER 538]

AN ACT

To authorize the conveyance by the United States to the State of Wisconsin of a portion of the Twin River Point Lighthouse Reservation, and for other purposes.

July 30, 1937
[H. R. 1961]
[Public, No. 227]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to convey to the State of Wisconsin for State park purposes all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to that portion of the Twin River Point Lighthouse Reservation, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, which is not required to be retained for lighthouse purposes. The Secretary of Commerce shall describe by metes and bounds in the deed of conveyance the exact portion of such reservation transferred.

Twin River Point Lighthouse Reservation, Wis.

Conveyance of portion to State authorized.

Description.

Reversionary provision.

Rights reserved.

SEC. 2. Such conveyance shall contain the express condition that if the State of Wisconsin shall at any time cease to use the property as a State park for public recreation, or shall alienate or attempt to alienate such property, title thereto shall revert to the United States.

SEC. 3. The United States reserves the right to resume ownership, possession, and control for Government purposes, of any property conveyed under authority of this Act, at any time and without the consent of the State of Wisconsin.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Commerce is also authorized, in his discretion, to lease to the State of Wisconsin for a period of twenty-five years that portion of the Twin River Point Lighthouse Reservation not conveyed by him under authority of this Act. Such lease shall be subject to revocation at any time by the Secretary of Commerce.

Lease of other section.

Approved, July 30, 1937.