

[CHAPTER 514]

AN ACT

August 7, 1939

[S. 2738]

[Public, No. 312]

To ratify and confirm act 58 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1939, extending the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935.

Hawaii.
Ratification of Act
extending time for
issuance of certain
revenue bonds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That act 58 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1939, amending section 17 of act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935, as amended, so as to extend the time within which revenue bonds may be issued and delivered under said act 174, is hereby ratified and confirmed and revenue bonds may be issued under and pursuant to the provisions of said act 174 of the Session Laws of Hawaii, 1935, as amended, and as further amended by said act 58, without the approval of the President of the United States and without incurring of an indebtedness within the meaning of the Hawaiian Organic Act, and said act 174, as amended, shall constitute full authority for the issuance of said bonds without reference to and independent of the Hawaiian Organic Act.

Approved, August 7, 1939.

48 U. S. C. §§ 491-
678; Supp. IV, §§ 562a-
634b, c.

[CHAPTER 515]

AN ACT

August 7, 1939

[S. 2784]

[Public, No. 313]

To amend section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for the Virgin Islands of the United States", approved June 22, 1936.

Virgin Islands.
49 Stat. 1808.
48 U. S. C., Supp.
IV, § 1405c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide a civil government for the Virgin Islands of the United States", approved June 22, 1936, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Government of, con-
trol of certain property.

"SEC. 4. (a) All property which may have been acquired by the United States from Denmark in the Virgin Islands under the convention entered into August 4, 1916, not reserved by the United States for public purposes prior to June 22, 1937, is hereby placed under the control of the Government of the Virgin Islands.

Applicability of
Federal laws for pro-
tection, etc., of navi-
gable waters.

"(b) Except as otherwise expressly provided, all laws of the United States for the protection and improvement of the navigable waters of the United States shall apply to the Virgin Islands.

No Federal tonnage
duties, etc.

"(c) No Federal laws levying tonnage duties, light money, or entrance and clearance fees shall apply to the Virgin Islands.

Legislative Assem-
bly empowered to
enact local inspection
and safety laws.

"(d) The Legislative Assembly of the Virgin Islands shall have power to enact navigation, boat inspection, and safety laws of local application; but the President shall have power to make applicable to the Virgin Islands such of the navigation, vessel inspection, and coastwise laws of the United States as he may find and declare to be necessary in the public interest, and, to the extent that the laws so made applicable conflict with any laws of local application enacted by the Legislative Assembly, such laws enacted by the Legislative Assembly shall have no force and effect.

Application of cer-
tain Federal laws when
in public interest.

"(e) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or impair in any manner the terms and conditions of any authorizations, permits, or other powers heretofore lawfully granted or exercised in or in respect of the Virgin Islands by any authorized officer or agent of the United States.

Authorizations here-
tofore granted not
impaired.

"(f) The Secretary of the Interior shall be authorized to lease or to sell upon such terms as he may deem advantageous to the Government of the United States any property of the United States under his administrative supervision in the Virgin Islands not needed for public purposes."

Disposal of surplus
property.

Approved, August 7, 1939.