

ment or by any corporation or company whose stock is owned wholly or in part by the United States Government: *Provided further*, That the President may suspend from time to time in whole or in part compliance with this section in time of war or national emergency if he should deem such course to be in the public interest.

SEC. 3. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be used to pay the salary or wages of any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided*, That for the purposes hereof an affidavit shall be considered prima facie evidence that the person making the affidavit does not advocate, and is not a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence: *Provided further*, That any person who advocates, or who is a member of an organization that advocates, the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force or violence and accepts employment the salary or wages for which are paid from any appropriation in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

SEC. 4. The Governor of the Panama Canal is hereby authorized to employ by contract or otherwise without regard to section 3709, Revised Statutes, and at such rates (not to exceed \$50 per day for individuals exclusive of necessary travel expenses) as he may determine, the services of architects, engineers, and other technical and professional personnel, or firms or corporations thereof, as may be necessary.

SEC. 5. Appropriations for the Military Establishment and for civil functions administered by the War Department for the fiscal year 1946 may be used for carrying into effect the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the settlement of claims for damage to or loss or destruction of property or personal injury or death caused by military personnel or civilian employees, or otherwise incident to activities, of the War Department or of the Army", approved July 3, 1943.

SEC. 6. This Act may be cited as the "War Department Civil Appropriation Act, 1946".

Approved March 31, 1945.

[CHAPTER 46]

AN ACT

To amend section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish standard weights and measures for the District of Columbia; to define the duties of the Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets of the District of Columbia; and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1921.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to establish standard weights and measures for the District of Columbia; to define the duties of the Superintendent of Weights, Measures, and Markets of the District of Columbia; and for other purposes", approved March 3, 1921, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 8. When any commodity is sold by weight it shall be net weight. When any commodity is sold by the ton, it shall be understood to mean two thousand pounds avoirdupois."

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect on April 1, 1945.

Approved March 31, 1945.

Wartime or emergency suspension.

Persons advocating overthrow of U. S. Government.

Affidavit.

Penalty.

Technical and professional personnel.
41 U. S. C. § 5.

War Department and Army damage claims.

57 Stat. 372.
31 U. S. C., Supp. IV, §§ 223b, 223c.
Post, p. 225.

Short title.

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District of Columbia.
41 Stat. 1219.
D. C. Code § 10-108.

Commodity sold by weight.