

the teacher foreign exchange program in cooperation with the United States Office of Education.

Any employee of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia who is subject to the provisions of the District of Columbia Teachers' Salary Act of 1947 (Public Law 163) shall, with the approval of the Board of Education, be eligible to participate in such program, and shall if accepted for such foreign assignment serve for a period not to exceed one calendar year, and shall at the conclusion of such service be returned to the position which he held before the exchange was effected: *Provided*, That in any one calendar year not more than ten such employees shall participate in such program.

61 Stat. 248.

SEC. 2. The Board of Education of the District of Columbia is authorized to pay the full salary of the educational employee of said Board during the time such employee is performing teaching duties in a foreign country under such exchange program, in the same manner and to the same extent as if such educational employee were actually performing his teaching duties in his regularly assigned position in the public schools of the District of Columbia, and any such educational employee participating in such program shall for purposes of promotion, computation of annual increment, computation of service for pension credit, including salary contributions to the pension fund, and leave of absence credits, be considered as performing teaching duties in the schools of the District of Columbia.

Payment of salary.

SEC. 3. (a) Each professionally qualified person from a foreign country exchanged under the provisions of this Act with an educational employee of the Board of Education of the District of Columbia shall during the period of such exchange serve as a substitute for the exchanged teacher and shall be assigned in the public schools of the District of Columbia as the Board of Education shall determine. Such exchange teacher shall serve without compensation for such service from the District of Columbia or any agency thereof: *Provided further*, That the term of such assignment or exchange shall not exceed one calendar year.

Exchange teacher.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any foreign teacher, instructor, or professor assigned to duties in the public schools of the District of Columbia under the provisions of this Act shall not be required to take an oath of office or any oath of allegiance or loyalty to the United States, but shall satisfy the Board of Education of the District of Columbia as to his personal, moral, and professional fitness to teach in the public schools of Washington, District of Columbia.

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[CHAPTER 1092]

AN ACT

To amend title 18, United States Code, entitled "Crimes and Criminal Procedure".

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[Public Law 855]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the analysis of chapter 33 of title 18, United States Code, immediately preceding section 701 of such title, is amended by inserting, immediately after and underneath item 709, the following new item:
"710. Cremation urns for military use."

Cremation urns for military use.

62 Stat. 731.
18 U. S. C., Sup. III,
analysis prec. § 701.

(b) Title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately following section 709 of such title, a new section, to be designated as section 710, as follows:

62 Stat. 733.
18 U. S. C. Sup. III,
§ 709.

"SEC. 710. Cremation urns for military use.

"Whoever knowingly uses, manufactures, or sells any cremation urn of a design approved by the Secretary of Defense for use to retain the

cremated remains of deceased members of the armed forces or an urn which is a colorable imitation of the approved design, except when authorized under regulation made pursuant to law, shall be fined not more than \$250 or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both."

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[CHAPTER 1093]

AN ACT

To aid the development and maintenance of American-flag shipping on the Great Lakes, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 12 (a) of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, as amended, is amended by inserting after "in commercial services", in the first sentence thereof the words "and to convert for operation on the Great Lakes, including the Saint Lawrence River and Gulf, and their connecting waterways,".

SEC. 2. Section 12 of the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(e) The Secretary of Commerce is authorized, without regard to the provisions of the last paragraph of section 3 (d) of this Act, to make the allowances provided for by this subsection to purchasers of not more than ten vessels sold pursuant to this Act for exclusive use on the Great Lakes, including the Saint Lawrence River and Gulf and their connecting waterways. The allowances authorized by this subsection shall be allowances for (1) the fair and reasonable installed value, based on the domestic war cost, as computed by the Secretary, of such equipment on said vessels as is not required for their operation on the Great Lakes, and the cost of the removal thereof, (2) the fair and reasonable cost, as determined by competitive bids from shipyards, of converting, altering, modifying, and equipping such vessels for use as package freight, passenger, and combination freight and passenger vessels, in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by the purchasers thereof and approved by the Secretary: *Provided, however,* That the total allowances on any vessel made by the Secretary pursuant to this subsection shall not exceed the amounts expended by the purchaser in altering, modifying, converting, and equipping such vessel, plus the allowances provided for in clause (1) of this subsection, and in no event shall such allowances exceed 90 per centum of the unadjusted statutory sales price: *Provided further,* That the purchaser shall be required to accept delivery of such vessel at the reserve fleet site or such other place as such vessel may be located at the time of purchase."

SEC. 3. Contracts for the sale of vessels for exclusive use on the Great Lakes, including the Saint Lawrence River and Gulf and their connecting waterways, may be made until December 31, 1950. Such contracts shall require that transfer to the Great Lakes of such vessels by the buyers shall be completed by December 31, 1951.

SEC. 4. (a) Section 1104 (a) (2) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by inserting after the word "advance" a comma and the following: "or, in the case of vessels purchased pursuant to the Merchant Ship Sales Act of 1946, as amended, for exclusive use on the Great Lakes, involve an obligation in a principal amount which does not exceed 75 per centum of the net purchase price of such vessels plus the amounts expended for altering, modifying, converting, and equipping such vessels in excess of that purchase price".

(b) Section 1104 (a) (7) of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended, is amended by inserting after "maintenance," the fol-

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Great Lakes shipping.
60 Stat. 49.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1745 (a).

Allowances to purchasers of vessels.
60 Stat. 41.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1736 (d).

Sale contracts.

52 Stat. 970.
46 U. S. C. § 1274 (a)
(2).
60 Stat. 41.
50 U. S. C. app.
§ 1735 note; Sup. III,
§ 1735 *et seq.*
Amte., pp. 308, 452;
supra.

52 Stat. 970.
46 U. S. C. § 1274 (a)
(7).