

February 3, 1913.  
[S. 6919.]

[Public, No. 356.]

District of Columbia  
Code.  
Vol. 31, p. 1324,  
amended.

Unauthorized use of  
motor vehicles.  
Punishment for.

CHAP. 23.—An Act To amend subchapter two of chapter nineteen of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Code of Law for the District of Columbia be amended by adding to subchapter two of chapter nineteen the following section:*

SEC. 826b. UNAUTHORIZED USE OF VEHICLES.—Any person who, without the consent of the owner, shall take, use, operate, or remove, or cause to be taken, used, operated, or removed from a garage, stable, or other building, or from any place or locality on a public or private highway, park, parkway, street, lot, field, inclosure, or space, an automobile or motor vehicle, and operate or drive, or cause the same to be operated or driven, for his own profit, use, or purpose, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both such fine and imprisonment.

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February 3, 1913.  
[S. 7666.]

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District of Columbia.  
German Orphan  
Asylum Association.  
Vol. 31, p. 761,  
amended.

Board of directors  
modified.

CHAP. 24.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and preserve all the corporate franchises and property rights of the de facto corporation known as the German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to reincorporate and preserve all the corporate franchises and property rights of the de facto corporation known as the German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia," approved on the sixth day of February, nineteen hundred and one, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to and making a part of section one of the said Act the following:*

"And the said German Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia may hereafter fix, limit, and determine the number of directors to constitute its board of directors by any constitution or constitutions which may hereafter be adopted by the said association, and the number of its said directors may be decreased or increased as provided by any constitution or constitutions, or any amendment or amendments thereto, which the said association may lawfully adopt."

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[S. 1072.]

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District of Columbia  
Code.  
Vol. 32, p. 535,  
amended.  
Harbor regulations.

Depositing stone,  
etc., above high-  
water mark unlawful.

CHAP. 25.—An Act To amend section eight hundred and ninety-five of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight hundred and ninety-five of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia, making harbor regulations, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:*

"SEC. 895a. That it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any wharf or dock, any master or captain of any vessel, or any person or persons to cast, throw, drop, or deposit any stone, gravel, sand, ballast, dirt, oyster shells, or ashes in the water in any part of the Potomac River or its tributaries in the District of Columbia, or on the shores of said river below high-water mark, unless for the purpose of making a wharf, after permission has been obtained from the Commissioners of the District of Columbia for that purpose, which wharf shall be sufficiently inclosed and secured so as to prevent injury to navigation.

"That it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any wharf or dock, any captain or master of any vessel, or any other person or persons to cast, throw, deposit, or drop in any dock or in the waters of the Potomac River or its tributaries in the District of Columbia any dead fish, fish offal, dead animals of any kind, condemned oysters in the shell, watermelons, cantaloupes, vegetables, fruits, shavings, hay, straw, or filth of any kind whatsoever.

Throwing offal, etc., in waters unlawful.

"That nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to interfere with the work of improvement in or along the said river and harbor under the supervision of the United States Government.

River improvements not restricted.

"That any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Punishment for violations.

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**CHAP. 26.**—An Act To regulate the business of loaning money on security of any kind by persons, firms, and corporations other than national banks, licensed bankers, trust companies, savings banks, building and loan associations, and real-estate brokers in the District of Columbia.

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*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter it shall be unlawful and illegal to engage in the District of Columbia in the business of loaning money upon which a rate of interest greater than six per centum per annum is charged on any security of any kind, direct or collateral, tangible or intangible, without procuring license; and all persons, firms, voluntary associations, joint-stock companies, incorporated societies, and corporations engaged in said business shall pay a license tax of five hundred dollars per annum to the District of Columbia. No license shall be granted to any person, firm, or voluntary association unless such person and the members of any such firm or voluntary association shall be bona fide residents of the District of Columbia, and no license shall be granted for a period longer than one year, and no license shall be granted to any joint-stock company, incorporated society, or corporation unless and until such company, society, or corporation shall, in writing and in due form, to be first approved by and filed with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, appoint an agent, resident in the District of Columbia, upon whom all judicial and other process or legal notice directed to such company, society, or corporation may be served. And in the case of the death, removal from the District, or any legal disability or disqualification of any such agent, service of such process or notice may be made upon the assessor of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Money-lending regulations. License tax required.

Issue to resident persons, etc.

Corporations.

SEC. 2. That applications for license to conduct such business must be made in writing to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and shall contain the full names and addresses of applicants, if natural persons, and in the case of firms and voluntary associations, the full names and addresses of all the members thereof, and in the case of joint-stock companies, incorporated societies, and corporations, the full names and addresses of the officers and directors thereof and under what law or laws organized or incorporated, and the place where such business is to be conducted, and such other information as the said commissioners may require. Every license granted shall date from the first of the month in which it is issued and expire on the thirty-first day of the following October, and such license shall be kept conspicuously displayed in the place of business of the licensee. Every application shall be filed not less than thirty days

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Term, etc.

Hearings, etc.