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**CHAP. 93.**—An Act To require numbering and recording of undocumented vessels:

[Public, No. 165.]

Shipping.  
Undocumented vessels to be numbered, etc.  
Exceptions.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every undocumented vessel, operated in whole or in part by machinery, owned in the United States and found on the navigable waters thereof, except public vessels, and vessels not exceeding sixteen feet in length measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer, temporarily equipped with detachable motors, shall be numbered. Such numbers shall be not less in size than three inches and painted or attached to each bow of the vessel in such manner and color as to be distinctly visible and legible.

Issue, record, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That the said numbers, on application of the owner or master, shall be awarded by the collector of customs of the district in which the vessel is owned and a record thereof kept in the custom-house of the district in which the owner or managing owner resides. No numbers not so awarded shall be carried on the bows of such vessel.

Notice of change in ownership, destruction, etc., to be made.

**SEC. 3.** That notice of destruction or abandonment of such vessels or change in their ownership shall be furnished within ten days by the owners to the collectors of customs of the districts where such numbers were awarded. Such vessel sold into another customs district may be numbered anew in the latter district.

Penalty for violations.

**SEC. 4.** That the penalty for violation of any provision of this Act shall be \$10, for which the vessel shall be liable and may be seized and proceeded against in the district court of the United States in any district in which such vessel may be found. Such penalty on application may be mitigated or remitted by the Secretary of Commerce.

Regulations.

**SEC. 5.** That the Secretary of Commerce shall make such regulations as may be necessary to secure proper execution of this Act by collectors of customs and other officers of the Government.

Effective date.

**SEC. 6.** That this Act shall take effect six months after its passage.  
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**CHAP. 95.**—An Act To provide for appeals from decisions of boards of local inspectors of vessels, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 166.]

Steamboat inspection.  
Appeals from local boards to supervising inspector, etc.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever any person directly interested in or affected by any decision or action of any board of local inspectors of vessels shall feel aggrieved by such decision or action, he may appeal therefrom to the supervising inspector of the district; and a like appeal shall be allowed from any decision or action of a supervising inspector to the Supervising Inspector General, whose decision, when approved by the Secretary of Commerce, shall be final: *Provided, however,* That application for such reexamination of the case by a supervising inspector or by the Supervising Inspector General shall be made within thirty days after the decision or action appealed from shall have been rendered or taken: *And provided further,* That in all cases reviewed under the provisions of this Act where the issue is the suspension or revoca-

Provisos.  
Time limit.

Appearance of suspended officer, etc.