

depository of mail matter; or whoever shall buy, receive, or conceal, or aid in buying, receiving, or concealing, or shall unlawfully have in his possession, any letter, postal card, package, bag, or mail, or any article or thing contained therein, which has been so stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted, as herein described, knowing the same to have been stolen, taken, embezzled, or abstracted; or whoever shall take any letter, postal card, or package out of any post office or station thereof, or out of any authorized depository for mail matter, or from any letter or mail carrier, or which has been in any post office or station thereof, or other authorized depository, or in the custody of any letter or mail carrier, before it has been delivered to the person to whom it was directed, with a design to obstruct the correspondence, or to pry into the business or secrets of another, or shall open, secrete, embezzle, or destroy the same, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

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Receiving property stolen, etc., from the mails.

Unauthorized taking of mail before delivery.

Penalty.

[CHAPTER 558]

AN ACT

To exempt certain motorboats from the operation of sections 4 and 6 of the Motor Boat Act of June 9, 1910, and from certain other Acts of Congress, and to provide that certain motorboats shall not be required to carry on board copies of the pilot rules.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 4 and 6 of the Act of June 9, 1910 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, secs. 514 and 516), shall not apply to motorboats propelled by outboard motors while competing in any race previously arranged and announced, or if such boats be designed and intended solely for racing, while engaged in such navigation as is incidental to the tuning up of the boats and engines for the race.

SEC. 2. Motorboats as defined by section 1 of the Act of June 9, 1910 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 511), the Act of June 7, 1897 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 3), the Act of February 8, 1895 (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 4), and by section 4412 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 33, ch. 5) shall not be required to carry on board copies of the pilot rules.

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Outboard racing motorboats.
36 Stat. 463.
46 U. S. C. §§ 514, 516.

Exemption from certain requirements while competing in prearranged race.

Motorboats as defined in specified Acts not required to carry on board copies of pilot rules.

36 Stat. 462; 30 Stat. 90; 28 Stat. 645.
R. S. § 4412.
46 U. S. C. §§ 511, 391; 33 U. S. C. chs. 3, 4, 5.

[CHAPTER 559]

AN ACT

Authorizing the county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, to construct, maintain, and operate a toll bridge across the Mississippi River near Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Mississippi River, at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, near Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act: *Provided,* That permission for such bridge or any approaches to said bridge will not include the right to encroach upon or cross the Government reservation of Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

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[Public, No. 352]

Mississippi River. Bridge authorized across, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-498.
Proviso.
Reservation.

Right to acquire real estate, etc.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of such bridge and its approaches, as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

Toll charges.

SEC. 3. The said county of Saint Louis, State of Missouri, is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

Application of tolls to operation, sinking fund, etc.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including reasonable interest and financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed twenty-five years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been so provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge, and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

Maintenance as free bridge after amortizing costs.

Record of expenditures and receipts.

Extension of Federal aid.

SEC. 5. Notwithstanding any restrictions or limitations imposed by the Act entitled "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid the States in the construction of rural post roads, and for other purposes", approved July 11, 1916, or by the Federal Highway Act, or by an Act amendatory of, or supplemental to either thereof, the Administrator of the Federal Works Agency or any other Federal department or agency of the United States Government may extend Federal aid under such Acts for the construction of said bridge out of any money allocated to the State of Missouri with the consent of the State Highway Commission of said State.

39 Stat. 355; 42 Stat. 212.
23 U. S. C., chs. 1, 2; Supp. IV, chs. 1, 2.

Amendment.

SEC. 6. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[CHAPTER 560]

AN ACT

August 7, 1939
[H. R. 6475]

[Public, No. 333]

To authorize the city of Duluth, in the State of Minnesota, to construct a toll bridge across the Saint Louis River, between the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin, and for other purposes.

Saint Louis River. Acquisition, etc., of certain bridges across, by Duluth, Minn., authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the city of Duluth, in the State of Minnesota, to acquire and thereafter operate and maintain either or both of the existing vehicular-toll bridges across the Saint Louis River, between Saint Louis County in the State of Minnesota and Douglas County in the State of Wisconsin, and should said city be unable, after negotiation, to agree with the owners of the respective bridges upon a mutually satisfactory purchase price, then said city

Determination of value.