

Overpayments for transportation services.

54 Stat. 955.  
49 U. S. C. § 66.

Enforcement of liability.

Right to obtain decision by Comptroller General.

Application of Act.

Effective date.

acter involved, and that the United States has received value for such payment: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General shall relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for an overpayment for transportation services made to any common carrier covered by title III, part II, section 322, of the Transportation Act of 1940, approved September 18, 1940, whenever he finds that the overpayment occurred solely because the administrative examination made prior to payment of the transportation bill did not include a verification of transportation rates, freight classifications, or land-grant deductions.

SEC. 3. The liability of certifying officers or employees shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as now provided by law with respect to enforcement of the liability of disbursing and other accountable officers; and they shall have the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comptroller General on any question of law involved in a payment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

SEC. 4. Nothing contained herein shall apply to the disbursing functions under the jurisdiction of the War Department, the Navy Department (including the Marine Corps), and the Panama Canal, except those pertaining to departmental salaries and expenses in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 5. This Act shall become effective on the first day of the fourth month following the date of its enactment.

Approved, December 29, 1941.

[CHAPTER 642]

AN ACT

To prohibit the possession of dangerous weapons and explosives on board certain vessels.

December 31, 1941  
[S. 2119]  
[Public Law 390]

Unauthorized possession of weapons or explosives on certain vessels.

*Ante*, p. 242.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any person who brings, carries, or has in his possession any dangerous weapon, instrument, or device, or any dynamite, nitroglycerine, or other explosive article or compound on board of any vessel registered, enrolled, or licensed under the laws of the United States, or any vessel purchased, requisitioned, chartered, or taken over by the United States pursuant to the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the acquisition by the United States of title to or the use of domestic or foreign merchant vessels for urgent needs of commerce and national defense, and for other purposes", approved June 6, 1941 (Public, Numbered 101, Seventy-seventh Congress, First Session), without previously obtaining the permission of the owner or the master of such vessel, or any person who brings, carries, or has in his possession any such weapon or explosive on board of any vessel in the possession and under the control of the United States or which has been seized and forfeited by the United States or upon which a guard has been placed by the United States pursuant to the provisions of title II of the Act entitled "An Act to punish acts of interference with the foreign relations, the neutrality, and the foreign commerce of the United States, to punish espionage, and better to enforce the criminal laws of the United States, and for other purposes", approved June 15, 1917 (40 Stat. 220, U. S. C., title 50, secs. 191-194), without previously obtaining the permission of the captain of the port in which such vessel is located, shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned not more than one year or fined not more than \$1,000, or both.

Penalty.

Nonapplication of provisions.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act shall not apply to the personnel of the armed forces of the United States or to officers or employees of the United States or of a State or of a political subdivision

thereof, while acting in the performance of their duties, who are authorized by law or by rules or regulations to own or possess any such weapon or explosive.

SEC. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to alter, amend, or repeal any provision of section 4472 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (54 Stat. 1023; U. S. C. 1940 Ed., title 46, sec. 170).

Approved, December 31, 1941.

[CHAPTER 643]

AN ACT

To incorporate the Union Church of the Canal Zone.

December 31, 1941

[H. R. 528]

[Public Law 391]

The Union Church of the Canal Zone, incorporation.

Whereas the Union Church of the Canal Zone is an unincorporated evangelical religious organization which has established and maintained union churches at various points in the Canal Zone since its organization in 1914, succeeding in that year separate union churches which had been maintained for a number of years previously; and

Whereas it has parsonages and church buildings at the following points, to wit: Balboa, Pedro Miguel, Gatun, and Colon; and

Whereas the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, a corporation of the State of New York, and the boards of various cooperating churches in the United States desiring to make provision for worship by the adherents of their respective denominations who from time to time reside temporarily on the Isthmus of Panama and who do not desire to sever their denominational ties in the United States have contributed toward the establishment of the Union Church of the Canal Zone; and

Whereas the said Union Church of the Canal Zone is not related to any of such denominations in the way of ecclesiastical subordination or subjection thereto; and

Whereas it is desired to insure the continuance of the work in which the said Union Church of the Canal Zone has been engaged: Therefore

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

CORPORATION CREATED

SECTION 1. The following persons, to wit: Roy B. Guild, Thomas S. Donohugh, and Frank H. Mann, of New York, New York; Wilson H. Kromer, H. R. Harris, F. H. Hohmann, of Balboa Heights, Canal Zone; N. L. Wine, R. L. Klotz, Leslie Evans, R. T. Toone, of Balboa, Canal Zone; R. R. Gregory, I. W. Metzger, A. R. Campbell, H. V. Rowe, of Cristobal, Canal Zone; A. E. Wood, Fred Newhard, Mrs. G. D. Poole, E. Clark, of Gatun, Canal Zone; N. M. Shaw, E. D. Stillwell, K. C. Simons, L. S. Kizer, of Pedro Miguel, Canal Zone; and L. H. Fourcher, H. I. Tinnin, C. F. Browne, T. N. Etchberger, of Gamboa, Canal Zone; and such persons as are on the date of the enactment of this Act members of The Union Church of the Canal Zone; and their associates and successors, are hereby created and declared to be a body corporate of the Canal Zone, where its domicile shall be. The name of this corporation shall be "The Union Church of the Canal Zone".

Name of corporation.

POWERS OF THE CORPORATION

SEC. 2. The corporation (a) shall have perpetual succession; (b) may sue and be sued; (c) may adopt a corporate seal and alter or destroy the same at pleasure; (d) may adopt and alter a constitution,