

## [CHAPTER 161]

## AN ACT

To clarify the application of section 1 (b) of Public Law 17, Seventy-eighth Congress, to certain services performed by seamen as employees of the United States through the War Shipping Administration.

April 4, 1944  
[H. R. 3259]  
[Public Law 285]

War Shipping Ad-  
ministration.

50 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, app. § 1291 (b) (1)  
(i).

"Employment."  
Exclusion of certain  
services.

57 Stat. 47.  
50 U. S. C., Supp.  
III, app. § 1291 (b) (2)  
(c) (1).

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first sentence of subsection (i) in section 1 (b) (1) of the Act entitled "An Act to amend and clarify certain provisions of law relating to functions of the War Shipping Administration, and for other purposes", approved March 24, 1943 (Public Law 17, Seventy-eighth Congress; 57 Stat. 45), is amended, effective as of the effective date or dates of said subsection (i), by inserting before the period thereof a comma and the following: "but shall not include any such service performed (1) under a contract entered into without the United States and during the performance of which the vessel does not touch at a port in the United States, or (2) on a vessel documented under the laws of any foreign country and bareboat chartered to the War Shipping Administration".

SEC. 2. Subsection (o) (1) in section 1 (b) (2) of the said Act of March 24, 1943, is amended, effective as of the effective date or dates of said subsection (o) (1), by inserting before the period at the end thereof a comma and the following: "but shall not include any such service performed (1) under a contract entered into without the United States and during the performance of which the vessel does not touch at a port in the United States, or (2) on a vessel documented under the laws of any foreign country and bareboat chartered to the War Shipping Administration".

Approved April 4, 1944.

## [CHAPTER 162]

## AN ACT

To amend the Act making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels.

April 4, 1944  
[H. R. 3602]  
[Public Law 286]

Stowaways on ves-  
sels.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor to stow away on vessels and providing punishment therefor", approved June 11, 1940 (54 Stat. 306; U. S. C., title 18, sec. 469), be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

"That any person, without the consent of the owner, charterer, or master of any vessel and with intent to obtain, without paying therefor, transportation on such vessel to any place, within or without the United States, who shall board, enter, or secrete himself aboard such vessel, and shall be thereon at the time of departure of said vessel from a port, harbor, wharf, or other place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, or who, with such intent, having boarded, entered, or secreted himself aboard such vessel in any place within or without the jurisdiction of the United States, shall remain aboard any such vessel after such vessel has left such place and who shall be thereon at any place within the jurisdiction of the United States, including the Canal Zone, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court."

Penalty.

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