

Appropriation au-
thorized.

SEC. 12. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated from time to time, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of each convention and of this Act, including—

(a) contributions to each commission for the United States share of any joint expenses of the commission and the expenses of the United States Commissioners and their staff, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere;

(b) travel expenses without regard to the Standardized Government Travel Regulations, as amended, the Travel Expense Act of 1949, or section 10 of the Act of March 3, 1933 (U. S. C., title 5, sec. 73b);

(c) printing and binding without regard to section 11 of the Act of March 1, 1919 (U. S. C., title 44, sec. 111), or section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5);

(d) stenographic and other services by contract, if deemed necessary, without regard to section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 41, sec. 5); and

(e) purchase, hire, operation, maintenance, and repair of aircraft, motor vehicles (including passenger-carrying vehicles), boats and research vessels.

Separability.

SEC. 13. If any provision of this Act or the application of such provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.

Effective dates.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect with respect to each of the conventions upon the entry into force of that convention, unless such entry into force shall be prior to the date of approval of this Act in which case this Act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 908]

AN ACT

September 7, 1950
[H. R. 2887]
[Public Law 765]

To amend the Architects' Registration Act for the District of Columbia in order to safeguard life, health, and property, and to promote the public welfare.

Architects' Regis-
tration Act, amend-
ment.

43 Stat. 714.
D. C. Code § 2-1010.
Roster.

Report to commis-
sioners.

43 Stat. 714.
D. C. Code § 2-1011.

43 Stat. 715.
D. C. Code § 2-1014.

Qualifications to
practice architecture.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 10 of the Architects' Registration Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 10. A roster showing the names and places of business and residences of all architects shall be prepared by the secretary of the Board during the month of June of each year; such roster shall be printed out of the funds of the Board as provided in section 11. On or before the 1st day of August each year the Board shall submit to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia a report of its transactions for the preceding fiscal year, together with a complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board, certified by the chairman and the secretary, and a copy of the said roster of architects."

SEC. 2. Section 14 of such Act, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, no person shall practice architecture in the District of Columbia or use the title 'architect' or 'registered architect', or any words, letters, figures, or other device indicating or intending to imply that he or she is an architect, without having qualified as required by this Act.

"(b) The practice of architecture within the meaning and intent of this Act consists of rendering or offering to render services by

consultations, preliminary studies, drawings, specifications, or any other service in connection with the design of any building or addition or structural alteration thereto, whether one or all of these services are performed either in person or as the directing head of an organization.

“(c) An architect within the meaning of this Act is an individual technically and legally qualified to practice architecture and who is authorized under this Act to practice architecture.”

“Architect.”

SEC. 3. Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 of such Act, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

43 Stat. 715-717.
D. C. Code §§ 2-1016-2-1027.

“SEC. 16. No firm, company, partnership, association, corporation or other similar organization shall be registered as an architect. Only individuals shall be registered as architects but a number of architects constituting a firm may use the collective title ‘architects’ or ‘registered architects’.

Restriction on registration.

“SEC. 17. Nothing contained in this Act shall prevent the draftsmen, students, clerks of work, superintendents, and other employees of those lawfully practicing as architects under the provisions of this Act from acting under the instruction, control, or supervision of their employers, or to prevent the employment of superintendents of the construction, enlargement, or structural alteration of buildings or any appurtenance thereto. Nor shall anything contained in this Act be construed to apply to alterations to any building which do not involve changes affecting the structural safety thereof or the public health; nor to prevent the preparation of details and shop drawings by persons, other than architects, for use in connection with the execution of their work; nor to prevent the preparation of drawings or details for fixtures, cabinet work, furniture, or other interior appliances or equipment, or for any work necessary to provide for their installation unless the same involves public health or safety; nor apply to the construction or alteration of a building that does not cover over one thousand square feet of ground area, and does not have a height of over twenty feet to the uppermost ceiling, or two habitable floors above a basement.

Architects’ employees.

Nonapplicability to certain alterations, etc.

“SEC. 18. A building, for the purposes of this Act, is any structure consisting of foundation, floors, walls, columns, girders, and roof, or a combination of any number of these parts, with or without other parts or appurtenances. All drawings and specifications prepared for such structures, or enlargements or structural alterations to such structures, in accordance with this Act, shall be signed by the architect responsible for their production.

“Buildings.”

Signing of drawings, etc.

“SEC. 19. (a) Nothing in this Act shall prevent any person who actually engaged in the practice of architecture under the title of architect prior to December 13, 1924, from continuing the practice of architecture without a certificate of registration if such person has filed with the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects an affidavit establishing to the satisfaction of said Board the fact that he or she was in practice as an architect in the District of Columbia on and prior to December 13, 1924: *Provided*, That registration shall not be granted under this subsection unless the application therefor is filed with the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects within one year after the effective date of this subsection.

Persons practicing architecture prior to Dec. 13, 1924.

“(b) Any properly qualified person may be granted registration without examination who submits an affidavit establishing to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects that he or she was regularly engaged in the practice of architecture in the District of Columbia for five years immediately preceding the effective date of this subsection: *Provided*, That registration shall not be granted under this subsection unless the application therefor is

Registration without examination.

filed with the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects within one year after the effective date of this subsection.

Post, p. 784.

Persons in Armed Forces after Oct. 16, 1940.

“(c) Any properly qualified person who was on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States at any time after October 16, 1940, may be granted registration without examination who submits an affidavit establishing to the satisfaction of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects that prior to the effective date of this subsection he or she was for an aggregate period of five years regularly engaged in the practice of architecture in the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That registration shall not be granted under this subsection unless the application therefor is filed with the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects within one year after the effective date of this subsection.

Citizenship, etc., eligibility to apply for registration or examination.

“SEC. 20. Any citizen of the United States or any person who has declared his (or her) intention of becoming a citizen, being at least twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and who has had at least three years of practical architectural experience in offices engaged in the practice of architecture as defined by this Act, may apply for registration or for such examination as shall be requisite for registration under this Act.

Examination.

“SEC. 21. The applicant shall satisfactorily pass an examination in such technical and professional subjects as shall be prescribed by the said Board. The Board may, in lieu of examination, accept registration or certification as an architect in another State, Territory, or country where the qualifications prescribed at the time of such registration or certification were equal to those prescribed in the District of Columbia at the date of application; and where such State, Territory, or country accepts in like manner the registration of architects of the District of Columbia.

“SEC. 22. An architect who has lawfully practiced architecture for a period of more than ten years outside of the District of Columbia shall, except as otherwise provided in section 21, be required to take only a practical examination, the nature of which shall be prescribed by the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects.

Fees.

“SEC. 23. (a) The fees to be paid to the treasurer of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects shall be fixed by said Board from time to time and shall not exceed in amount the several fees provided for in this section.

“(b) The fee to be paid by an applicant for registration as an architect shall be \$25.

“(c) The fee to be paid by an applicant who has been granted a certificate of registration as an architect by the Board shall be not in excess of \$12, such fee to be prorated on a monthly basis from time of granting of application to the 30th day of the following April.

“(d) The fee to be paid upon renewal of a certificate of registration shall be not in excess of \$15.

“(e) The fee to be paid for the restoration of an expired certificate of registration shall be not in excess of \$20.

Filing of evidence of qualifications.

“SEC. 24. (a) All examination papers and other evidences of qualification submitted by each applicant shall be filed with the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects, and said Board shall keep a record of its proceedings relating to the issuance, refusal, renewal, suspension, and revocation of certificates of registration.

Record of Board's proceedings.

“(b) The record shall also contain the name, known place of business and residence, and the date and number of the certificate of registration of every architect entitled to practice his or her profession in the District of Columbia.

Renewal of certificate.

“SEC. 25. (a) Every architect registered in the District of Columbia shall annually, during the month of May, renew his certificate of regis-

tration and pay the renewal fee required by section 23 of this Act. It shall be unlawful for any architect who fails to renew his or her registration to continue the practice of architecture, subject to restoration upon paying the fee therefor prescribed in accordance with section 23 of this Act.

“(b) A person who fails to renew his certificate of registration during the month of May in each year may not thereafter renew his certificate except upon payment of the fee required by section 23 of this Act for the restoration of an expired certificate of registration.

“(c) Every renewal certificate shall expire on the 30th day of April following the issuance.

Expiration of re-
newal certificate.

“SEC. 26. EXEMPTIONS.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect or prevent the following, provided that no words, letters, figures, or other device shall be used in such manner as to tend to convey the impression that the person rendering such service is an architect duly registered under this Act:

“(a) Consultants, officers, and employees of the United States or of the District of Columbia Governments while engaged solely in the practice of architecture for said Governments.

“(b) Landscape architects, landscape engineers, city and regional planners from the preparation of drawings for, and the supervision of, planting, grading, walks, paving, and such minor structural features as fences, steps, walls, pools, and garden structures, normally included as a part of their work, where such features could not constitute a possible menace to life, health, or public welfare.

“(c) Professional structural engineers, heating engineers, plumbing engineers, air conditioning and ventilation engineers, electrical engineers, elevator engineers and civil engineers from performing architectural services which are purely incidental to their engineering practice.

“SEC. 27. REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE.—The Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects may revoke any certificate after thirty days' notice with grant of hearings to the holder thereof if proof satisfactory to the Board be presented in the following cases:

“(a) In case it is shown that the certificate was obtained through fraud or misrepresentation.

“(b) In case the holder of the certificate has been found guilty by said Board or by a court of justice of any fraud or deceit in his professional practice or has been convicted of a felony by a court of justice.

“(c) In case the holder of the certificate has been found guilty by said Board of gross incompetency or of recklessness in the planning or construction of buildings.”

SEC. 4. Sections 30, 31, and 32 of such Act, as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

43 Stat. 718.
D. C. Code §§ 2-1030.

“SEC. 30. Any person who shall practice or offer to practice architecture or who shall use the title ‘architect’ or ‘registered architect’ or any other words, letters, figures, or other device indicating or intending to imply that the person using the same is an architect, without having complied with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, prosecution therefor to be made in the name of the District of Columbia by the corporation counsel.

Penalty.

“SEC. 31. SAVING CLAUSE.—If any section or sections, clause or clauses, of this Act, or any regulations promulgated thereunder, be declared unconstitutional or invalid, that shall not invalidate any other sections or clauses of this Act, or any other regulations promulgated thereunder.

“SEC. 32. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING LEGISLATION.—All laws or parts of laws and regulations promulgated thereunder in conflict with the provisions of this Act shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.”

Prior acts of Board and Registrars.

SEC. 5. Nothing contained in this Act shall be construed to affect the force or validity of any act of the Board of Examiners and Registrars of Architects performed prior to the date of enactment of this Act.

Short title. 43 Stat. 713; 45 Stat. 950. D. C. Code § 2-1031.

SEC. 6. The Act of December 13, 1924, as amended by the Act of May 29, 1928, and by this Act, may be cited as the “Architects’ Registration Act”.

Ante, p. 781.

SEC. 7. The term “effective date of this subsection” as used in section 19 of the Architects’ Registration Act shall mean the effective date of this amendatory Act.

Effective date.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect ninety days after its enactment.

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 909]

AN ACT

September 7, 1950 [H. R. 6343] [Public Law 766]

Relating to customs duties on articles coming into the United States from the Virgin Islands.

Virgin Islands. Duties on U. S. imports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3 of the Act entitled “An Act to provide a temporary government for the West Indian Islands acquired by the United States from Denmark by the convention entered into between said countries on the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and ratified by the Senate of the United States on the seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and sixteen, and for other purposes”, approved March 3, 1917 (39 Stat. 1133; 48 U. S. C., 1946 edition, sec. 1394), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: “In determining whether such a Virgin Islands article contains foreign material to the value of more than 20 per centum, no material shall be considered foreign which, at the time the Virgin Islands article is entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, may be imported into the continental United States free of duty generally.”

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 910]

AN ACT

September 7, 1950 [H. R. 7265] [Public Law 767]

To provide for the conduct of a periodic census of governments.

Periodic census of governments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of Commerce, hereinafter referred to as the Secretary, shall take, compile, and publish for the year 1952 and for every fifth year thereafter a census of governments, to include but not be limited to data on taxes and tax valuations, governmental receipts, expenditures, indebtedness, and employees of States, counties, cities, and other governmental units in the United States and in such of its Territories and possessions as may be determined by the Secretary.

(b) Inquiries, and the number, form, and subdivisions thereof for the census of governments, shall be determined by the Secretary: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be deemed to revoke or impair the authority of any other Federal agency with respect to the collection or release of information.

SEC. 2. Sections 7, 8, 11, 12, and 15 of the Act of June 18, 1929 (46 Stat. 21; 13 U. S. C. 207, 208, 211, 212, and 215), as amended by section 404 of the Second Reorganization Plan (53 Stat. 1436), shall

§ U. S. C. § 133t note.