

[CHAPTER 158]

AN ACT

May 31, 1939
[H. R. 199]
[Public, No. 99]

To amend section 10 (b), (c), and (d) of the Act of June 26, 1884, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 599), relative to the allotment of wages by seamen.

American seamen.
23 Stat. 55.
46 U. S. C. § 599.

Allotment of portion of wages to relatives or to savings accounts.

Conditions requisite for valid allotments. Examinations.

Stipulations, insertion in agreement.

Punishment for false claim.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsections (b), (c), and (d) of section 10 of the Act of June 26, 1884, as amended (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 599), are amended to read as follows:

“(b) That it shall be lawful for any seaman to stipulate in his shipping agreement for an allotment of any portion of the wages he may earn to his grandparents, parents, wife, sister, or children, or for deposits to be made in an account opened by him and maintained in his name either at a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository subject to the governing regulations thereof.

“(c) That no allotment shall be valid unless in writing and signed by and approved by the shipping commissioner. It shall be the duty of the said commissioner to examine such allotments and the parties to them and enforce compliance with the law. All stipulations for the allotment of any part of the wages of a seaman during his absence which are made at the commencement of the voyage shall be inserted in the agreement and shall state the amounts and times of the payments to be made and the persons to whom the payments are to be made, or by directing the payments to be made to a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository in an account maintained in his name.

“(d) No allotment except as provided in this section shall be legal. Any person who shall falsely claim to be such relation, as above described, or to be a savings bank or a United States postal savings depository and as such an allottee of the seaman under this section shall for every such offense be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or imprisonment not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court.”

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[CHAPTER 159]

AN ACT

May 31, 1939
[H. R. 1782]
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To amend section 4335 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relative to change of masters of vessels.

Vessels in domestic commerce.
R. S. § 4335.
46 U. S. C. § 276.

Proceedings on change of masters.

Vessels in the coasting trade or fisheries, penalty for not reporting change.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4335 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., 1934 edition, title 46, sec. 276) is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) Whenever the master of any licensed vessel, ferryboats excepted, is changed, the new master, or, in case of his absence, the owner or one of the owners thereof, shall report such change to the collector residing at the port where the same happens, if there be one; otherwise, to the collector residing at any port where such vessel next arrives, who, upon the oath of such new master, or, in case of his absence, of the owner, that such master is a citizen of the United States, and that such vessel shall not, while such license continues in force, be employed in any manner whereby the revenue of the United States may be defrauded, shall endorse such change on the license, with the name of the new master. Whenever such change is not reported, and endorsed, as herein required, such vessel, if found carrying on the coasting trade or fisheries, shall be subject to pay the same fees and tonnage as a vessel of the United States having a register, and the new