Public Law 653 CHAPTER 511

AN ACT

July 3, 1956
[H. R. 6782]

To amend section 7 of "An Act making appropriations to provide for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph numbered 39 of section 7 of the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations to provide for the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, and for other purposes", approved July 1, 1902, as amended (sec. 47-2339, D. C. Code, 1951 edition), is amended to read as follows:

D. C. secondhand dealers.

47 Stat. 558.

"PAR. 39. (a) The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized and empowered to classify dealers in secondhand personal property (referred to in this paragraph 39 as 'dealers') and to fix and collect a license fee for each such class of dealer, which fee, in the judgment of the Commissioners, will be commensurate with the cost to the District of Columbia of inspection, supervision, and regulation of such class of dealer.

Authority of Commissioners.

"(b) In classifying dealers the Commissioners may take into consideration the kind of property dealt in, whether the property is retained by the dealer for sale at retail, whether the property is disposed of by the dealer out of the District of Columbia, whether the property is disposed of by the dealer as junk or otherwise, and such other criteria as the Commissioners may deem appropriate.

Classification.

"(c) Any person engaging in the business of buying, selling, trading, exchanging, or dealing in secondhand personal property of any description, including the return of unused portion of any ticket, order, or token purporting to evidence the right of the holder or possessor thereof to be transported by any railroad or other common carrier, however operated, from one State or Territory of the United States, or from the District of Columbia, to any other State or Territory of the United States or to the District of Columbia, shall be regarded as a dealer, and shall obtain the appropriate license and pay the fee therefor fixed by the Commissioners. For the purposes of this paragraph 39, the term 'secondhand personal property' shall not include any item of personal property (1) which the possessor thereof has acquired as part payment or allowance on the sale by such possessor of a new or rebuilt item of personal property, (2) which the possessor thereof has acquired by reason of its return to him for credit, refund, or exchange by a person having purchased such item from such possessor, or (3) which is offered for sale, trade, or exchange by the person who repossesses the same.

License and fee.

"(d) When any property has been stolen and sold in the District of Columbia to a dealer under such circumstances that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, after such dealer has been afforded a hearing, are satisfied that such dealer had cause to believe, or could have ascertained by reasonable inquiry or investigation that the property was stolen, and that the dealer did not make reasonable inquiry or investigation as to the title of the seller before making the purchase, the Commissioners are authorized and directed to revoke the license of such dealer; and this action shall not be a bar to criminal prosecution for receiving stolen goods: *Provided*, That nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed as prohibiting the Commissioners from suspending or revoking the license of such dealer under the authority contained in paragraph numbered 46 of this section."

Stolen property.

SEC. 2. Paragraph 46 of section 7 of such Act is amended (a) by inserting the designation "(a)" immediately before the first sentence

47 Stat. 563.
D. C. Code 47-2345.

of said paragraph 46; and (b) by adding thereto a subparagraph "(b)" reading as follows:

Suspension of license.

"(b) Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this section requiring an inspection as a prerequisite to the issuance of a license, the Commissioners are authorized to provide by regulation that any such inspection shall be made either prior or subsequent to the issuance of a license, but any such license, whether issued prior or subsequent to a required inspection, may be suspended or revoked for failure of the licensee to comply with the laws or regulations applicable to the licensed business, trade, profession, or calling."

Effective date.

SEC. 3. The first section of this Act shall take effect on November 1 next after the approval of this Act.

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AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with Federal and non-Federal agencies in the prevention of waterfowl depredations, and for other purposes.

Waterfowl crop damage, prevention.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of preventing crop damage by migratory waterfowl, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall make available to the Secretary of the Interior such wheat, corn, or other grains, acquired through price support operations and certified by the Commodity Credit Corporation to be available for purposes of this Act or in such condition through spoilage or deterioration as not to be desirable for human consumption, as the Secretary of the Interior shall requisition pursuant to section 2 hereof. With respect to any grain thus made available, the Commodity Credit Corporation may pay packaging, transporting, handling, and other charges up to the time of delivery to one or more designated locations in each State.

SEC. 2. Upon a finding by the Secretary of the Interior that any area in the United States is threatened with damage to farmers' crops by migratory waterfowl, whether or not during the open season for such migratory waterfowl, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to requisition from the Commodity Credit Corporation and to make available to Federal, State, or local governmental bodies or officials, or to private organizations or persons, such grain acquired by the Commodity Credit Corporation through price-support operations in such quantities and subject to such regulations as the Secretary determines will most effectively lure migratory waterfowl away from crop depredations and at the same time not expose such migratory waterfowl to shooting over areas to which the waterfowl have been lured by such feeding programs.

SEC. 3. With respect to all grain made available pursuant to section 2, the Commodity Credit Corporation shall be reimbursed by the Secretary of the Interior for its expenses in packaging and transporting such grain for purposes of this Act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to reimburse the Commodity Credit Corporation for its investment in the grain transferred pursuant to this Act.

SEC. 5. No grain shall be made available by the Commodity Credit Corporation under this Act after the expiration of three years following its enactment.

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