

"OTHER AUTHORITY NOT AFFECTED

"SEC. 12. This Act shall not be construed as (1) superseding or limiting the functions, under any other law, of the Surgeon General or of the Public Health Service, or of any other officer or agency of the United States, relating to water pollution, or (2) affecting or impairing the provisions of the Oil Pollution Act, 1924, or sections 13 through 17 of the Act entitled 'An Act making appropriations for the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors and for other purposes', approved March 3, 1899, as amended, or (3) affecting or impairing the provisions of any treaty of the United States.

43 Stat. 604.
33 USC 431.

30 Stat. 1121.
33 USC 401, 403,
404, 406-409, 411-
416, 418, 549, 686,
687.

"SEPARABILITY

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

"SHORT TITLE

"SEC. 14. This Act may be cited as the 'Federal Water Pollution Control Act'."

SEC. 2. The title of such Act is amended to read "An Act to provide for water pollution control activities in the Public Health Service of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and for other purposes."

SEC. 3. Terms of office as members of the Water Pollution Control Advisory Board (established pursuant to section 6 (b) of the Water Pollution Control Act, as in effect prior to the enactment of this Act) subsisting on the date of enactment of this Act shall expire at the close of business on such date.

Expiration of
terms of office.

SEC. 4. As soon as possible after the date of enactment of this Act the Surgeon General shall promulgate Federal shares in the manner provided in subsection (h) of section 5 of the Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by this Act (and without regard to the date specified therein for such promulgation), such Federal shares to be conclusive for the purposes of section 5 of such Act for the period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1959.

SEC. 5. In the case of any discharge or discharges causing or contributing to water pollution with respect to which the actions by the Surgeon General prescribed under paragraph (2) of section 2 (d) of the Water Pollution Control Act, as in effect prior to the enactment of this Act, have already been completed prior to such enactment, the provisions of such section shall continue to be applicable; except that nothing in this section shall prevent action with respect to any such pollution under and in accordance with the provisions of the Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by this Act.

SEC. 6. This Act may be cited as the "Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1956".

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Public Law 661

CHAPTER 519

AN ACT

To provide punishment for certain confidence game swindles.

July 9, 1956
[S. 997]

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

62 Stat. 806.

2314 of title 18, United States Code, be, and it is hereby, amended by inserting therein immediately after the first paragraph thereof, a new paragraph to read as follows:

"Whoever, having devised or intending to devise any scheme or artifice to defraud, or for obtaining money or property by means of false or fraudulent pretenses, representations, or promises, transports or causes to be transported, or induces any person to travel in, or to be transported in interstate commerce in the execution or concealment of a scheme or artifice to defraud that person of money or property having a value of \$5,000 or more; or".

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Public Law 662

CHAPTER 520

AN ACT

To amend the Federal Seed Act.

July 9, 1956
[S. 1688]

53 Stat. 1286.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 406 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1596) is amended to read as follows:

Penalties.

"(a) Any person who knowingly, or as a result either of gross negligence or of a failure to make a reasonable effort to inform himself of the pertinent facts, violates any provision of this Act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall pay a fine of not more than \$1,000, for the first offense, and upon conviction for each subsequent offense not more than \$2,000."

"(b) Any person who violates any provision of this Act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder shall forfeit to the United States a sum, not less than \$25 or more than \$500, for each such violation, which forfeiture shall be recoverable in a civil suit brought in the name of the United States."

53 Stat. 1282.

SEC. 2. Section 204 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1574) is amended to read as follows:

Disclaimers and nonwarranties.

"SEC. 204. The use of a disclaimer or nonwarranty clause in any invoice, advertising, labeling, or written, printed, or graphic matter, pertaining to any seed shall not constitute a defense, or be used as a defense in any way, in any prosecution or other proceeding brought under the provisions of this Act, or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder."

53 Stat. 1288.

SEC. 3. Section 412 of the Federal Seed Act (7 U. S. C. 1602) is amended to read as follows:

Separability of proceedings.

"SEC. 412. The institution of any one of the proceedings provided for in sections 405, 406, 409, 410, and 411 shall not bar institution of any of the others, except that action shall not be instituted under both subsections 406 (a) and (b) for the same cause of action. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to recommend prosecution, or institution of civil penalty proceedings, libel proceedings, cease-and-desist proceedings, or proceedings for the enforcement of a cease-and-desist order, for minor violations of this Act or the rules and regulations made and promulgated thereunder whenever he believes that the public interest will be adequately served by suitable written notice or warning."

SEC. 4. The amendments made by this Act shall be applicable only with respect to violations occurring after the enactment of this Act.

Approved July 9, 1956.