

Public Law 860

CHAPTER 811

AN ACT

August 1, 1956
[S. 3116]

To provide for the promotion and strengthening of international relations through cultural and athletic exchanges and participation in international fairs and festivals.

International
Cultural Exchange
and Trade Fair
Participation Act of
1956.
Purpose.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "International Cultural Exchange and Trade Fair Participation Act of 1956".

SEC. 2. The purpose of this Act is to strengthen the ties which unite us with other nations by demonstrating the cultural interests, developments, and achievements of the people of the United States, and the contributions being made by the United States economic and social system toward a peaceful and more fruitful life for its own people and other people throughout the world; and thus to assist in the development of friendly, sympathetic, and peaceful relations between the United States and the other countries of the world.

SEC. 3. The President is authorized to provide for—

(1) tours in countries abroad by creative and performing artists and athletes from the United States, individually and in groups, representing any field of the arts, sports, or any other form of cultural attainment;

(2) United States representation in artistic, dramatic, musical, sports, and other cultural festivals, competitions, and like exhibitions abroad;

(3) United States participation in international fairs and exhibitions abroad, including trade and industrial fairs and other public or private demonstrations of United States industrial accomplishments and cultural attainments: *Provided*, That in order to appropriately represent the United States in connection with participation in the Brussels Universal and International Exhibition to be held at Brussels, Belgium, in 1958, the President is authorized to appoint or designate a Commissioner General, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and not to exceed two other principal representatives, who shall receive compensation, allowances, and benefits as determined by the President but not in excess of that received by a chief of mission at a class 2 post, pursuant to the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended (22 U. S. C. 801): *Provided further*, That no officer of the United States Government who is designated under the foregoing proviso as Commissioner General or as a principal representative shall be entitled to receive such compensation; and

(4) publicity and promotion (including representation) abroad of activities of the type provided for herein.

SEC. 4. To the maximum extent feasible (1) private individuals, firms, associations, agencies, and other groups shall be encouraged to make contributions of funds, property, and services (which shall be available to carry out this Act) and otherwise to participate in carrying out this Act, and (2) funds appropriated pursuant to section 5 shall be used to contribute toward meeting the expenses of activities carried out through normal private channels and by private means.

SEC. 5. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, to remain available until expended, such sums as may be necessary to carry out this Act.

SEC. 6. In carrying out this Act, the provisions of title VIII of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 may be utilized to the extent the President deems necessary.

Commissioner
General.

60 Stat. 999.

Participation en-
couraged.

Appropriation.

62 Stat. 11,
22 USC 1471-
1473.

SEC. 7. The President is authorized to provide for all necessary expenditures involved in the selection, purchase, rental, construction, or other acquisition of exhibits and materials and equipment therefor, and the actual display thereof, including but not limited to costs of transportation, insurance, installation, safekeeping, and storage, maintenance and operation, rental of space, and dismantling.

Expenditures.

SEC. 8. Whenever the President determines it to be in furtherance of this Act, the functions authorized hereunder may be performed without regard to such provisions of law or limitations of authority regulating or relating to the making, performance, amendment, or modification of contracts, the acquisition and disposition of property, and the expenditure of Government funds, as he may specify.

Performance of functions.

SEC. 9. The President shall transmit to the Congress reports covering each six months of operations under this Act.

Reports to Congress.

SEC. 10. (a) There is hereby created an Advisory Committee on the Arts (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Committee"), consisting of a Chairman selected by the United States Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange from among its membership and nine other members appointed by the Secretary of State. In making such appointments the Secretary of State shall give due consideration to the recommendations for nomination submitted by leading national organizations in the major art fields.

Advisory Committee on the Arts.

(b) The members of the Committee shall be individuals whose knowledge of or experience in, or whose profound interest in, one or more of the arts will enable them to assist the United States Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange, the President, and the Secretary of State in performing the functions described in subsection (c) of this section.

Members.

(c) The Committee shall—

Duties.

(1) advise and assist the United States Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange in the discharge of its responsibilities in the field of international educational exchange under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 as amended, with special reference to the role of the arts in such field;

(2) advise, assist, and cooperate with such Commission in the discharge of responsibilities under the cultural presentations program authorized by and financed under this Act, insofar as such program contributes directly or indirectly to the objectives of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, as amended;

(3) advise the President in the discharge of his responsibilities under the cultural exchange program authorized by and financed under this Act;

(4) advise the Secretary of State concerning cultural activities whenever the Secretary considers it necessary to enable him to formulate policies for carrying out the purposes of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, coordinating the exercise of its functions under this paragraph with the exercise of its functions under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

(5) provide such other advice and assistance in carrying out this Act as may be necessary or appropriate.

(d) The term of office of each of the members of the Committee appointed by the Secretary of State shall be two years; except that the term of office of four of the members first appointed shall be one year.

Term.

Per diem.

(e) No member of the Committee shall receive any compensation for his services as such; but each such member shall be paid actual transportation expenses and paid in lieu of subsistence the per diem rates prescribed or established pursuant to section 5 of the Administrative Expense Act of 1946, as amended (5 U. S. C. 73b-2), while away from home in attendance at meetings of the Committee or in consultation with officials of the Government in carrying out the duties of the Committee.

60 Stat. 808.
69 Stat. 394.

(f) Staff and secretarial services for the Committee shall be provided by the departmental staff of the United States Advisory Commission on Educational Exchange, with the assistance of the International Educational Exchange Service.

Interagency committees.

SEC. 11. The President is authorized to create such interagency committees as in his judgment may be of assistance in carrying out the purpose of this Act. Such committees shall include individuals having special knowledge and experience in the field of the cultural arts as well as individuals whose knowledge and experience in other fields will assist in carrying out the program established by this Act. The provisions of section 214 of the Act of May 3, 1945 (59 Stat. 134; 31 U. S. C., sec. 691), shall be applicable to any interagency committee created pursuant to this section.

Cultural program.

SEC. 12. The cultural program authorized by this Act should include, to the greatest extent possible, presentations and other activities in such major art fields as: music, drama, poetry, and dance; new writing and literature; architecture, landscape architecture, city and regional planning, civic art and design, historic preservation; housing, interior design and decoration, and urban renewal and redevelopment; painting, sculpture, graphic arts, and hand arts and crafts; motion pictures and photography; and radio and television.

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CHAPTER 812

AN ACT

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To protect the integrity of grade certificates under the United States Grain Standards Act.

U. S. Grain Standards Act, amendment.
39 Stat. 485.

Penalty for violations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 9 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U. S. C. 85) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 9. Any person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of sections 4 or 7 of this Act, or any inspector licensed under this Act, or any person sampling grain for inspection under this Act, who shall knowingly inspect, grade, or sample improperly any grain which has been shipped or delivered for shipment in interstate or foreign commerce, or shall knowingly give any false or incorrect certificate of grade, or shall accept money or other consideration, directly or indirectly, for any neglect or improper performance of duty, and any person who shall improperly influence or attempt to improperly influence any such inspector or sampler in the performance of his duty, or shall knowingly or willfully cause, or attempt to cause, the issuance of a false or incorrect certificate of grade under this Act by deceptive loading, handling, or sampling of grain, or by submitting grain for inspection knowing that it has been so loaded, handled, or sampled, or by any other means, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned not more than one year, or both."

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