

sent himself as having a license issued under this chapter, when he has not such a license, or as having a license different in form or in conditions from the one which he in fact has, or without proper authority make, cause to be made, issue or exhibit anything purporting or pretending to be such license, or intended to mislead any person into believing it is such a license, or to refuse to exhibit his license to any peace officer, Federal or State, or representative of the Bureau of Mines. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 14, 40 Stat. 388.)

137. **Disclosure by inspectors, and so forth, of information obtained in course of official duties.**—No Inspector or other employee of the Bureau of Mines shall divulge any information obtained in the course of his duties under this chapter regarding the business of any licensee, or applicant for license, without authority from the applicant for license or from the Director of the Bureau of Mines. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 15, 40 Stat. 388.)

138. **Placards on premises used for manufacture or storage of explosives.**—Every person authorized under this chapter to manufacture or store explosives or ingredients shall clearly mark and define the premises on which his plant or magazine may be and shall conspicuously display thereon the words "Explosives—Keep Off." (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 16, 40 Stat. 388.)

139. **Exclusion of public from places of manufacture or storage; discharge of firearms, and so forth, at, on, or near premises.**—No person, without the consent of the owner or his authorized agents, except peace officers, the Director of the Bureau of Mines and persons designated by him in writing, shall be in or upon any plant or premises on which explosives are manufactured or stored, or be in or upon any magazine premises on which explosives are stored; nor shall any person discharge any firearms or throw or place any explosives or inflammable bombs at, on, or against any such plant or magazine premises, or cause the same to be done. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 17, 40 Stat. 388.)

140. **Rules and regulations for enforcing law.**—The Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to make rules and regulations for carrying into effect this chapter, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 18, 40 Stat. 388.)

141. **Penalties for violations of law.**—Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter, or any rules or regulations made thereunder, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 19, 40 Stat. 388.)

142. **Investigation of explosions and fires.**—The Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized to investigate all explosions and fires which may occur in mines, quarries, factories, warehouses, magazines, houses, cars, boats, conveyances, and all places in which explosives or the ingredients thereof are manufactured, transported, stored, or used, and shall, in his discretion, report his findings, in such manner as he may deem fit, to the proper Federal or State authorities, to the end that if such explosion has been brought about by a willful act the person or persons causing such act may be proceeded against and brought to justice; or, if said explosion has been brought about by accidental means, that precautions may be taken to prevent similar accidents from occurring. In the prosecution of such investigations the employees of the Bureau of Mines are hereby granted the authority to enter the premises where such explosion or fire has occurred, to examine plans, books, and papers, to administer oaths to, and to examine all witnesses and persons concerned, without let or hindrance on the part of the owner, lessee, operator, or agent thereof. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 20, 40 Stat. 388.)

143. **Agencies available for enforcement of law.**—The Director of the Bureau of Mines, with the approval of the President, is hereby authorized to utilize such agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States, Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, in the execution of this chapter, and all agents, agencies, and all officers of the United States and of the several States and Territories, dependencies, and municipalities thereof, and the District of Columbia, shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this chapter when acting by the direction of the Bureau of Mines. (Oct. 6, 1917, c. 83, § 21, 40 Stat. 389.)

144. **Platinum, iridium, and palladium.**—Platinum, iridium, and palladium and compounds thereof are hereby made subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations of this chapter, and the Director of the Bureau of Mines is hereby authorized, under rules and regulations approved by the Secretary of the Interior, to limit the sale, possession, and the use of said material. (July 1, 1918, c. 113, § 1, 40 Stat. 671.)

Chapter 9.—AIRCRAFT.

Sec.

151. Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; establishment and duties.
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Section 151. **Advisory Committee for Aeronautics; establishment and duties.**—An Advisory Committee for Aeronautics is hereby established, and the President is authorized to appoint not to exceed twelve members, to consist of two members from the War Department, from the office in charge of military aeronautics; two members from the Navy Department, from the office in charge of naval aeronautics; a representative each of the Smithsonian Institution, of the United States Weather Bureau, and of the United States Bureau of Standards; together with not more than five additional persons who shall be acquainted with the needs of aeronautical science, either civil or military, or skilled in aeronautical engineering or its allied sciences: *Provided*, That the members of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, as such, shall serve without compensation: *Provided further*, That it shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee for Aeronautics to supervise and direct the scientific study of the problems of flight, with a view to their practical solution, and to determine the problems which should be experimentally attacked, and to discuss their solution and their application to practical questions. In the event of a laboratory or laboratories, either in whole or in part, being placed under the direction of the committee, the committee may direct and conduct research and experiment in aeronautics in such laboratory or laboratories: *And provided further*, That rules and regulations for the conduct of the work of the committee shall be formulated by the committee and approved by the President. (Mar. 3, 1915, c. 83, 38 Stat. 930.)

152. **Office space for Advisory Committee.**—The Secretary of War is authorized and directed to furnish office space to the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in governmental buildings occupied by the Signal Corps. (July 1, 1918, c. 113, § 1, 40 Stat. 650.)

153. **Annual reports by Advisory Committee.**—An annual report to the Congress shall be submitted by the committee through the President, including an itemized statement of expenditures. (Mar. 3, 1915, c. 83, 38 Stat. 930.)

Chapter 10.—HELIUM GAS.

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Section 161. Acquisition and reservation of helium-gas lands; production of helium gas.—For the purpose of producing helium with which to supply the needs of the Army and Navy and other branches of the Federal Government, the Secretary of Commerce is hereby authorized to acquire land or interest in land by purchase, lease, or condemnation, where necessary, when helium can not be purchased from private parties at less cost, to explore for, procure, or conserve helium-bearing gas; to drill or otherwise test such lands; and to construct plants, pipe lines, facilities, and accessories for the production, storage, and repurification of helium: *Provided*, That any known helium gas-bearing lands on the public domain not covered at the time by leases or permits under section 181 et seq. of Title 30, may be reserved for the purposes of this chapter, and that the United States reserves the ownership and the right to extract, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce, helium from all gas produced from lands so permitted, leased, or otherwise granted for development. (Mar. 3, 1925, c. 426, § 1, 43 Stat. 1110.)

162. Navy Department authorized to acquire helium-gas lands and to produce and experiment with helium gas.—Authorization as granted to the War Department for the acquisition of land or interest in land by purchase, lease, or condemnation where necessary to explore for, procure, or reserve helium gas, and also for the purchase, manufacture, construction, maintenance, and operation of plants for the production thereof and experiments therewith is likewise granted to the Navy Department. (Feb. 12, 1925, c. 225, Title I, 43 Stat. 908.)

163. Production of helium by Bureau of Mines.—The Bureau of Mines, acting under the direction of the Secretary of Commerce, is authorized to maintain and operate helium production and repurification plants, together with facilities and accessories thereto; to store and care for helium; to conduct exploration for and production of helium on and from the lands acquired or set aside under this chapter; to conduct experimentation and research for the purpose of discovering helium supplies and improving processes and methods of helium production, repurification, storage, and utilization. (Mar. 3, 1925, c. 426, § 2, 43 Stat. 1111.)

164. Transfer of helium plants to Bureau of Mines; supply of helium to Army, Navy, and civilians.—On or before June 30, 1925, all existing Government plants operated by the Government or under lease or contract with it, for the production of helium shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Mines: *Provided*, That thereafter the Army and Navy and other branches of the Federal service requiring helium may requisition it from the said bureau and make payment therefor by transfer of funds on the books of the Treasury from any applicable appropriation at actual cost of said helium to the United States, including all expenses connected therewith: *Provided further*, That any surplus helium produced may, until needed for Government use, be leased to American citizens or American corporations under regulations approved by the President: *And provided further*, That all moneys received from the sale or leasing of helium shall be credited to a helium production account and shall be and remain available for the purposes of this section; and that any gas belonging to the United States after the extraction of helium, or other by-product not needed for Government use shall be sold and the proceeds of such sales shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of miscellaneous receipts. (Mar. 3, 1925, c. 426, § 3, 43 Stat. 1111.)

165. Exportation of helium gas.—No helium gas shall be exported from the United States, or from its possessions, until after application for such exportation has been made to the Secretary of the Interior and permission for said exportation has been obtained from the President of the United States, on the joint recommendation of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of Commerce. That any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment, and the Federal courts of the United States are hereby granted jurisdiction to try and determine all questions arising under this section. (Mar. 3, 1925, c. 426, § 4, 43 Stat. 1111.)

166. Cooperation of Army and Navy in carrying out purposes of chapter.—The Army and Navy may each designate an officer to cooperate with the Department of Commerce in carrying out the purposes of this chapter, and shall have complete right of access to plants, data, and accounts. (Mar. 3, 1925, c. 426, § 5, 43 Stat. 1111.)

Chapter 11.—ACQUISITION OF AND EXPENDITURES ON LAND FOR NATIONAL-DEFENSE PURPOSES.

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172. Acquisition of property for production of lumber.

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CROSS REFERENCE

Helium-gas lands; see sections 161 and 162 of this title.

Section 171. Methods of acquiring title; condemnation, purchase, and donation; emergency provisions.—The Secretary of War may cause proceedings to be instituted in the name of the United States, in any court having jurisdiction of such proceedings for the acquisition by condemnation of any land, temporary use thereof or other interest therein, or right pertaining thereto, needed for the site, location, construction, or prosecution of works for fortifications, coast defenses, military training camps, and for the construction and operation of plants for the production of nitrate and other compounds and for the manufacture of explosives and other munitions of war and for the development and transmission of power for the operations of such plants; such proceedings to be prosecuted in accordance with the laws relating to suits for the condemnation of property of the States wherein the proceedings may be instituted: *Provided*, That when the owner of such land, interest, or rights pertaining thereto shall fix a price for the same, which in the opinion of the Secretary of War shall be reasonable, he may purchase or enter into a contract for the use of the same at such price without further delay: *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States donations of land and the interest and rights pertaining thereto required for the above-mentioned purposes: *And provided further*, That when such property is acquired in time of war, or the imminence thereof, upon the filing of the petition for the condemnation of any land, temporary use thereof or other interest therein or right pertaining thereto to be acquired for any of the purposes aforesaid, immediate possession thereof may be taken to the extent of the interest to be acquired and the lands may be occupied and used for military purposes, and the provision of section 175 of this