

§ 418. Appropriations authorized. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of sections 230, 309, 373, 374, 374a and 382b of this title. (May 27, 1930, c. 403, § 8, 49 Stat. 1386.)

§ 419. Repeal of inconsistent laws. All laws or parts of laws insofar as they are in conflict with sections 230, 309, 373, 374, 374a, 382b and 417 of this title are hereby repealed. (May 27, 1930, c. 403, § 9, 49 Stat. 1386.)

PROCEDURE; DECISIONS AND REVIEW THEREOF

§ 431. Appeals to supervising inspectors and to Chief of Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection.

See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

§ 432. Powers of supervising inspectors and Chief of Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection.

See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

§ 433. Modification of decisions on review.

See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

§ 434. Regulations.

See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

§ 439. Reports to Chief of Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection; examination by general board.

See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

Chapter 15.—TRANSPORTATION OF PASSENGERS AND MERCHANDISE BY STEAM VESSELS

§ 461. Fire pumps and hose; automatic sprinkler systems.

On and after July 1, 1937, every passenger vessel with berthed or stateroom accommodation for fifty or more passengers shall be equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, which shall be in addition to any other device or devices for fire protection, of a type prescribed by the Board of Supervising Inspectors and approved by the Secretary of Commerce. All enclosed portions of such vessels accessible to passengers or crew (except cargo holds, machinery spaces, and, when of fire-resisting construction, toilets, bathrooms, and spaces of similar construction) shall be protected by an automatic sprinkler system; *Provided*, That if after investigation the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection finds in the case of a particular vessel the application of this paragraph is unnecessary properly to protect life on such vessel, an exception may be made. The Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection shall cause to be made suitable tests and inspections as will insure the proper working of such systems. In carrying out the provisions of this paragraph the Bureau of Navigation and Steamboat Inspection is hereby authorized and directed to prescribe the particular approved type, character, and manner of installation of systems to be fitted. The term "type" as used in this paragraph shall be considered to mean any system which will give a prescribed or required efficiency and shall not mean some peculiar shape or design and shall not be confined to some certain brand or make. (As amended June 20, 1936, c. 618, 49 Stat. 1540.)

The amendment by Act June 20, 1936, c. 618, added the above provisions as a new paragraph at end of section. See section 597a-1 of Title 5.

Chapter 18.—MERCHANT SEAMEN

DISCHARGE

§ 643. Continuous discharge book—(a) Form and contents. Every seaman upon a merchant vessel of the United States of the burden of one hundred gross tons or upward, except vessels employed exclusively in

trade on the navigable rivers of the United States, shall be furnished with a book, to be known as a "continuous discharge book", which shall be retained by him and which shall contain the signature of the seaman to whom it is so furnished and a statement of his nationality, age, personal description, photograph, and home address. Such books shall be in such form and issued by the shipping commissioners and collectors and deputy collectors of customs at ports where no shipping commissioners have been appointed in such manner as the Director of Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, subject to the approval of the Secretary of Commerce, shall determine. Any person, corporation, or association, other than a shipping commissioner, or collector or deputy collector of customs, who shall issue or cause to be issued any such book or imitation thereof, or any person, other than the real owner, who uses or endeavors to use any such book, or who makes any statement or endorsement in any such book not herein authorized, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned not less than one month nor more than three months, in the discretion of the court.

(b) Entries. Upon the discharge of any seaman and the payment of his wages, the shipping commissioner shall enter in the continuous discharge book of such seaman the name of the vessel, the nature of the voyage (foreign or coastwise), the class to which the vessel belongs (steam, motor, sail, or barge), the date and place of the shipment and of the discharge of such seaman, and the rating then held by such seaman. Whenever a seaman is discharged in any collection district where no shipping commissioner has been appointed, the master of the vessel shall perform the duties of such commissioner and shall make the proper entries in such continuous discharge book; and when the seamen are not required by law to be signed on and discharged before a shipping commissioner, the master shall make such proper entries in the discharge book. Any master who fails to make such entries shall be fined the sum of \$50 for each such offense. This subsection shall take effect as to vessels engaged in foreign and intercoastal voyages six months after June 25, 1936 and as to all other vessels within one year after June 25, 1936.

(c) Record of discharge books and certificates. There shall be maintained in the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation in Washington a record of every discharge book and certificate issued under the provisions of this section, together with the name and address of the seaman to whom it is issued, his next of kin, and a certified copy of all discharge entries in such book, which copy shall be forwarded to such Bureau by the shipping commissioner or person duly authorized to act as such before whom such holder is discharged.

(d) Loss of book. In case of the loss of a book by shipwreck or other casualty the seaman shall be supplied with another discharge book, in which shall be entered all data contained in the last book so far as this may be available from copies of records kept by the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation; in other cases of loss the seaman may obtain a duplicate of such book containing the same entries upon payment of a sum equivalent to the cost thereof to the Government, to be determined from time to time by the Secretary of Commerce. (As amended June 25, 1936, c. 810, § 3, 49 Stat. 1934.)

See sections 689 to 692 of this title.

PROTECTION AND RELIEF

§ 660a. Inspection of crew quarters—(a) Time and extent. The local inspectors of the Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation shall inspect the crew quarters of every American vessel, at least once in each month, or at such times as such vessel shall enter an American port, and shall satisfy themselves that such quarters are of the size required by law or regulations issued thereunder, are properly ventilated and in a clean and sanitary condition, and are equipped with the proper plumbing and mechanical appliances re-