

of engaging in scientific research, instructing, or receiving instruction, in oceanography or limnology.

(Pub. L. 89-99, § 1, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 424.)

**§ 442. Vessel not considered passenger vessel.**

An oceanographic research vessel shall not be considered a passenger vessel, a vessel carrying passengers, or a passenger-carrying vessel under the provisions of the laws relating to the inspection and manning of merchant vessels by reason of the carriage of scientific personnel. (Pub. L. 89-99, § 2, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 424.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 441 of this title.

**§ 443. Vessel not engaged in trade or commerce.**

An oceanographic research vessel shall not be deemed to be engaged in trade or commerce. (Pub. L. 89-99, § 3, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 424.)

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 441 of this title.

**§ 444. Scientific personnel not considered seamen.**

Scientific personnel on an oceanographic research vessel shall not be considered seamen under the provisions of title 53 of the Revised Statutes and Act amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto. (Pub. L. 89-99, § 4, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 424.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Title 53 of the Revised Statutes, referred to in text, was comprised of sections 4501-4612 of the Revised Statutes and is now contained in sections 542a, 543, 545, 546, 561, 562, 564-571, 574-578, 591-597, 600, 660, 661-669, 674-679, 682-685, 701-703, 705-707, 709, 710 and 711-713 of this title. Sections 4602 and 4606 of the Revised Statutes, which were formerly classified to sections 704 and 708 of this title were repealed. See notes under such former sections 704 and 708.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 441 of this title.

**§ 445. Exemption by regulation.**

If the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating determines that the application to any oceanographic research vessel of any provision of title 52 or title 53 of the Revised Statutes, or Acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, is not necessary in the performance of the mission of the vessel, he may by regulation exempt any such vessel from such provision, upon such terms and conditions as he may specify. (Pub. L. 89-99, § 5, July 30, 1965, 79 Stat. 424.)

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Titles 52 and 53 of the Revised Statutes, referred to in text, were comprised of sections 4399-4500 and 4501-4612 of the Revised Statutes and are now contained in sections 170, 214, 215, 222, 224, 224a, 226, 228, 229, 230-234, 239, 240, 361, 362, 364, 372, 375, 381, 391, 391a, 392, 393, 399, 400, 402-414, 416, 435, 436, 451-453, 460, 461, 462, 464, 467, 470-482, 489-498, 542a, 543, 545, 546, 561, 562, 564-571, 574-578, 591-597, 600, 660, 661-669, 674-679, 682-685, 701-703, 705-707, 709, 710 and 711-713 of this title. Sections 4602 and 4606 of the Revised Statutes, which were formerly classified to sections 704 and 708 of this title were repealed. See notes under such former sections 704 and 708.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 441 of this title.

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

**§ 460a. Same; exemption of certain vessels.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

All offices of collector of customs, comptroller of customs, surveyor of customs, and appraiser of merchandise of the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury to which appointments were required to be made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate were ordered abolished, with such offices to be terminated not later than December 31, 1966, by Reorg. Plan No. 1, of 1965, eff. May 25, 1965, 30 F.R. 7035, 79 Stat. 1317, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. All functions of the offices eliminated were already vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Reorg. Plan No. 26 of 1950, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

**§ 481. Regulations for vessels subject to Coast Guard.**

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in section 362 of this title.

**§ 494. Duties of customs officers.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

All offices of collector of customs, comptroller of customs, surveyor of customs, and appraiser of merchandise of the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury to which appointments were required to be made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate were ordered abolished, with such offices to be terminated not later than December 31, 1966, by Reorg. Plan No. 1, of 1965, eff. May 25, 1965, 30 F.R. 7035, 79 Stat. 1317, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. All functions of the offices eliminated were already vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Reorg. Plan No. 26 of 1950, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 362, 404 of this title.

**§ 495. Penalty for omission of duty by customs officers.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

All offices of collector of customs, comptroller of customs, surveyor of customs, and appraiser of merchandise of the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury to which appointments were required to be made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate were ordered abolished, with such offices to be terminated not later than December 31, 1966, by Reorg. Plan No. 1, of 1965, eff. May 25, 1965, 30 F.R. 7035, 79 Stat. 1317, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. All functions of the offices eliminated were already vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Reorg. Plan No. 26 of 1950, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in the Appendix of Title 5.

**SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS**

This section is referred to in sections 362, 404 of this title.

**§ 496. Registry or enrollment denied to vessels not complying with law.**

**TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS**

All offices of collector of customs, comptroller of customs, surveyor of customs, and appraiser of merchandise of the Bureau of Customs of the Department of the Treasury to which appointments were required to be made by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate were ordered abolished, with such offices to be terminated not later than December 31, 1966, by Reorg. Plan No. 1, of 1965, eff. May 25, 1965, 30 F.R. 7035, 79 Stat. 1317, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. All functions of the offices eliminated were already vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by Reorg. Plan No. 26 of 1950, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, set out in the Appendix to Title 5.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 404 of this title.

## § 497. Penalty for failure to comply with provisions.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 362, 404 of this title.

## § 498. Penalty in cases not provided for.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 362, 404 of this title.

## Chapter 18.—MERCHANT SEAMEN

## WAGES OF MASTERS AND SEAMEN

## Sec.

606. Master's lien for wages against vessel [New].  
607. Same; proceeding for enforcement [New].  
608. Same; definition of master [New].

## SHIPPING COMMISSIONS

## § 541. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 635, 639.

Section, R.S. § 4501; acts June 26, 1884, ch. 121, § 27, 23 Stat. 59; June 19, 1886, ch. 421, § 1, 24 Stat. 79; Feb. 14, 1903, ch. 552, § 10, 32 Stat. 829; Mar. 4, 1913, ch. 141, § 1, 37 Stat. 736; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, § 304, 42 Stat. 24, related to the appointment, accounts and compensation of shipping commissioners.

## § 544. Vessels in coastwise trade.

None of the provisions of sections 201—203, 542a, 545, 546, 561, 562, 564—571, 577, 578, 591—595, 600, 621—628, 641, 642, 644, 645, 651, 652, 662—669, 703—709, 711, 713 of this title shall apply to sail or steam vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, except the coastwise trade between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, or in the lake-going trade touching at foreign ports or otherwise, or in the trade between the United States and the British North American possessions, or in any case where the seamen are by custom or agreement entitled to participate in the profits or result of a cruise, or voyage. (June 9, 1874, ch. 260, 18 Stat. 64; Mar. 3, 1911, ch. 231, § 291, 36 Stat. 1167.)

## WAGES OF MASTERS AND SEAMEN

## § 600. Agreements as to loss of lien or right to wages.

No master or seaman shall, by any agreement other than is provided by title 53 of the Revised Statutes, forfeit his lien upon the ship, or be deprived of any remedy for the recovery of his wages to which he would otherwise have been entitled; and every stipulation in any agreement inconsistent with any provision of title 53 of the Revised Statutes, and every stipulation by which any master or seamen consents to abandon his right to his wages in the case of the loss of the ship, or to abandon any right which he may have or obtain in the nature of salvage, shall be wholly inoperative. (As amended Apr. 25, 1968, Pub. L. 90-293, § 1(c), 82 Stat. 108.)

## AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-293 substituted "master or seamen" for "seamen" wherever appearing.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of master as used in this section, see section 608 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 608 of this title.

## § 601. Attachment or arrestment of wages; support of wife and minor children; State tax laws.

No wages due or accruing to any master, seaman, or apprentice shall be subject to attachment or arrestment from any court, and every payment of wages to a master, seaman, or apprentice shall be valid in law, notwithstanding any previous sale or assignment of wages or of any attachment, encumbrance, or arrestment thereon; and no assignment or sale of wages or of salvage made prior to the accruing thereof shall bind the party making the same, except such allotments as are authorized by this title. This section shall apply to fishermen employed on fishing vessels as well as to seamen: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this or any preceding section shall interfere with the order by any court regarding the payment by any master or seaman of any part of his wages for the support and maintenance of his wife and minor children: *And provided further*, That no part of the wages due or accruing to a master, officer, or any other seaman who is a member of the crew on a vessel engaged in the foreign, coastwise, intercoastal, interstate, or noncontiguous trade shall be withheld pursuant to the provisions of the tax laws of any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth, or a subdivision of any of them. (As amended Apr. 25, 1968, Pub. L. 90-293, § 1(d), 82 Stat. 108.)

## AMENDMENTS

1968—Pub. L. 90-293 substituted "master, seaman, or apprentice" for "seaman or apprentice" wherever appearing and substituted "master or seaman" for "seaman" in provision prohibiting interference with court orders regarding the payment of a portion of wages for the support and maintenance of a wife and minor children.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of master as used in this section, see section 608 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 608 of this title.

## § 603. Summons for nonpayment.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Section inapplicable to proceedings brought by a master for the enforcement of a lien granted by section 606 of this title, see section 607 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 607 of this title.

## § 604. Lien for wages.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Section inapplicable to proceedings brought by a master for the enforcement of a lien granted by section 606 of this title, see section 607 of this title.

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 607 of this title.

## § 606. Master's lien for wages against vessel.

The master of a vessel documented, registered, enrolled, or licensed under the laws of the United States shall have the same lien for his wages against such vessel and the same priority as any other seaman serving on such vessel. (Pub. L. 90-293, § 1(a), Apr. 25, 1968, 82 Stat. 107.)

## CROSS REFERENCES

Definition of master as used in this section, see section 608 of this title.