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AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-524, § 3(b), Oct. 27, 1978, 92 Stat. 2018, in item 665 substituted “employment and training funds” for “manpower funds” and inserted “; obstruction of investigations” following “improper inducement”.

1973—Pub. L. 93-203, title VII, § 711(b), formerly title VI, § 611(b), Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 882, renumbered Pub. L. 93-567, title I, § 101, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1845, added item 665.

1966—Pub. L. 89-654, § 1(e), Oct. 14, 1966, 80 Stat. 904, substituted “shipments by carrier” for “baggage, express or freight” in item 659.

1962—Pub. L. 87-420, § 17(b), Mar. 20, 1962, 76 Stat. 42, added item 664.

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CROSS REFERENCES

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Certain debts as not affected by a discharge, see section 727 of Title 11, Bankruptcy.

Trustee, receiver or officer, embezzlement of property belonging to estate of bankrupt, see section 153 of this title.

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Merchant seamen, punishment for embezzlement of ship’s stores or cargo, see section 701 of Title 46, Shipping.

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Newspapers, stealing by postmaster or Postal Service employee, see section 1710 of this title.

Post office, breaking into with intent to commit larceny, see section 2115 of this title.

Postal savings, embezzlement laws as applicable, see section 1691 of this title.

Property used by Postal Service, embezzlement or stealing of, see section 1707 of this title.

Robbery and burglary, see section 2111 et seq. of this title.

Stolen property, see section 2311 et seq. of this title.

Tennessee Valley Authority, application of penal statutes relating to larceny or embezzlement of public moneys or property of United States, see section 831 of Title 16, Conservation.

Vessel’s owner, limitation of liability for embezzlement of merchandise, see section 183 et seq. of Title 46, Shipping.

¹So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.

§ 641. Public money, property or records

Whoever embezzles, steals, purloins, or knowingly converts to his use or the use of another, or without authority, sells, conveys or disposes of any record, voucher, money, or thing of value of the United States or of any department or agency thereof, or any property made or being made under contract for the United States or any department or agency thereof; or

Whoever receives, conceals, or retains the same with intent to convert it to his use or gain, knowing it to have been embezzled, stolen, purloined or converted—

Shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed the sum of \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The word "value" means face, par, or market value, or cost price, either wholesale or retail, whichever is greater.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 725.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §§ 82, 87, 100, 101 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, §§ 35, 36, 47, 48, 35 Stat. 1095, 1096-1098; Oct. 23, 1918, ch. 194, 40 Stat. 1015; June 18, 1934, ch. 587, 48 Stat. 996; Apr. 4, 1938, ch. 69, 52 Stat. 197; Nov. 22, 1943, ch. 302, 57 Stat. 591.)

Section consolidates sections 82, 87, 100, and 101 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed. Changes necessary to effect the consolidation were made. Words "or shall willfully injure or commit any depredation against" were taken from said section 82 so as to confine it to embezzlement or theft.

The quoted language, rephrased in the present tense, appears in section 1361 of this title.

Words "in a jail" which followed "imprisonment" and preceded "for not more than one year" in said section 82, were omitted. (See reviser's note under section 1 of this title.)

Language relating to receiving stolen property is from said section 101.

Words "or aid in concealing" were omitted as unnecessary in view of definitive section 2 of this title. Procedural language at end of said section 101 "and such person may be tried either before or after the conviction of the principal offender" was transferred to and rephrased in section 3435 of this title.

Words "or any corporation in which the United States of America is a stockholder" in said section 82 were omitted as unnecessary in view of definition of "agency" in section 6 of this title.

The provisions for fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment of not more than 1 year for an offense involving \$100 or less and for fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 10 years, or both, for an offense involving a greater amount were written into this section as more in conformity with the later congressional policy expressed in sections 82 and 87 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., than the nongraduated penalties of sections 100 and 101 of said title 18.

Since the purchasing power of the dollar is less than it was when \$50 was the figure which determined whether larceny was petit larceny or grand larceny, the sum \$100 was substituted as more consistent with modern values.

The meaning of "value" in the last paragraph of the revised section is written to conform with that provided in section 2311 of this title by inserting the words "face, par, or".

This section incorporates the recommendation of Paul W. Hyatt, president, board of commissioners of the Idaho State Bar Association, that sections 82 and

100 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., be combined and simplified.

Also, with respect to section 101 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., this section meets the suggestion of P. F. Herrick, United States attorney for Puerto Rico, that the punishment provision of said section be amended to make the offense a misdemeanor where the amount involved is \$50 or less.

Changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Concealment, removal or destruction of records, see section 2071 of this title.

Court records or process, theft of, see section 1506 of this title.

Mail matter or postal service equipment, embezzlement or theft, see section 1702 et seq. of this title.

Misappropriation of postal funds, see section 1711 of this title.

Receiver triable before or after principal, see section 3435 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 12 section 1457; title 22 section 3622; title 40 section 491.

§ 642. Tools and materials for counterfeiting purposes

Whoever, without authority from the United States, secretes within, or embezzles, or takes and carries away from any building, room, office, apartment, vault, safe, or other place where the same is kept, used, employed, placed, lodged, or deposited by authority of the United States, any tool, implement, or thing used or fitted to be used in stamping or printing, or in making some other tool or implement used or fitted to be used in stamping or printing any kind or description of bond, bill, note, certificate, coupon, postage stamp, revenue stamp, fractional currency note, or other paper, instrument, obligation, device, or document, authorized by law to be printed, stamped, sealed, prepared, issued, uttered, or put in circulation on behalf of the United States; or

Whoever, without such authority, so secretes, embezzles, or takes and carries away any paper, parchment, or other material prepared and intended to be used in the making of any such papers, instruments, obligations, devices, or documents; or

Whoever, without such authority, so secretes, embezzles, or takes and carries away any paper, parchment, or other material printed or stamped, in whole or part, and intended to be prepared, issued, or put in circulation on behalf of the United States as one of such papers, instruments, or obligations, or printed or stamped, in whole or part, in the similitude of any such paper, instrument, or obligation, whether intended to issue or put the same in circulation or not—

Shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 725.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 269 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 155, 35 Stat. 1117).

Words "bed piece, bed-plate, roll, plate, die, seal, type, or other" were omitted as covered by "tool, implement, or thing."

Minor changes in phraseology were made.

CROSS REFERENCES

Forfeiture of counterfeit paraphernalia, see section 492 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 492 of this title; title 12 section 1457.

§ 643. Accounting generally for public money

Whoever, being an officer, employee or agent of the United States or of any department or agency thereof, having received public money which he is not authorized to retain as salary, pay, or emolument, fails to render his accounts for the same as provided by law is guilty of embezzlement, and shall be fined in a sum equal to the amount of the money embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 726.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 176 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 90, 35 Stat. 1105).

Word "employee" was inserted to avoid ambiguity as to scope of section.

Words "or of any department or agency thereof" were added after the words "United States". (See definitions of the terms "department" and "agency" in section 6 of this title.)

Mandatory punishment provisions phrased in alternative.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

CROSS REFERENCES

Persons to whom section applicable, see section 649 of this title.

Refusal to pay as evidence of embezzlement, see section 3487 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 649 of this title; title 5 section 3374.

§ 644. Banker receiving unauthorized deposit of public money

Whoever, not being an authorized depositary of public moneys, knowingly receives from any disbursing officer, or collector of internal revenue, or other agent of the United States, any public money on deposit, or by way of loan or accommodation, with or without interest, or otherwise than in payment of a debt against the United States, or uses, transfers, converts, appropriates, or applies any portion of the public money for any purpose not prescribed by law is guilty of embezzlement and shall be fined not more than the amount so embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 726.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 182 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 96, 35 Stat. 1106).

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Depositories of public moneys and financial agents of Government, see section 90 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

§ 645. Court officers generally

Whoever, being a United States marshal, clerk, receiver, referee, trustee, or other officer of a United States court, or any deputy, assistant, or employee of any such officer, retains or converts to his own use or to the use of another or after demand by the party entitled thereto, unlawfully retains any money coming into his hands by virtue of his official relation, position or employment, is guilty of embezzlement and shall, where the offense is not otherwise punishable by enactment of Congress, be fined not more than double the value of the money so embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

It shall not be a defense that the accused person had any interest in such moneys or fund.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 726.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 186 (May 29, 1920, ch. 212, 41 Stat. 630).

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was inserted to conform to section 641 of this title which represents a later expression of congressional intent.

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Embezzlement by bankruptcy court officer, see section 153 of this title.

Refusal to pay as evidence of embezzlement, see section 3487 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 22 section 3622.

§ 646. Court officers depositing registry moneys

Whoever, being a clerk or other officer of a court of the United States, fails to deposit promptly any money belonging in the registry of the court, or paid into court or received by the officers thereof, with the Treasurer or a designated depositary of the United States, in the name and to the credit of such court, or retains or converts to his own use or to the use of another any such money, is guilty of embezzlement and shall be fined not more than the amount embezzled, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

This section shall not prevent the delivery of any such money upon security, according to

agreement of parties, under the direction of the court.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 726.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 185 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 99, 35 Stat. 1106; May 29, 1920, ch. 214, § 1, 41 Stat. 654).

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was inserted for the reasons outlined in reviser's notes to sections 641 and 645 of this title.

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of such Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of such officers, agencies, and employees, by Reorg. Plan No. 26 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, 1281, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. The Treasurer of the United States, referred to in this section, is an officer of the Treasury Department.

FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

Deposit in court, sec rule 67, Title 28, Appendix, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

CROSS REFERENCES

Bribe moneys, deposit in registry of court, see section 3612 of this title.

Depositories of public moneys and financial agents of Government, see section 90 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

Moneys paid into court, deposit and withdrawal, see sections 2041, 2042 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

§ 647. Receiving loan from court officer

Whoever knowingly receives, from a clerk or other officer of a court of the United States, as a deposit, loan, or otherwise, any money belonging in the registry of such court, is guilty of embezzlement, and shall be fined not more than the amount embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 187 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 100, 35 Stat. 1107).

The punishment provision of section 185 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., now section 646 of this title, was substituted for the words "punished as prescribed in section 185 of this title" and the smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was inserted. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

§ 648. Custodians, generally, misusing public funds

Whoever, being an officer or other person charged by any Act of Congress with the safe-keeping of the public moneys, loans, uses, or converts to his own use, or deposits in any bank or exchanges for other funds, except as specially allowed by law, any portion of the public moneys intrusted to him for safe-keeping, is guilty of embezzlement of the money so loaned, used, converted, deposited, or exchanged, and shall be fined in a sum equal to the amount of

money so embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 175 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 89, 35 Stat. 1105).

Mandatory punishment provision was rephrased in the alternative.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was inserted. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Minor changes in phraseology were made.

CROSS REFERENCES

Persons to whom section applicable, see section 649 of this title.

Refusal to pay as evidence of embezzlement, see section 3487 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 649 of this title.

§ 649. Custodians failing to deposit moneys; persons affected

(a) Whoever, having money of the United States in his possession or under his control, fails to deposit it with the Treasurer or some public depositary of the United States, when required so to do by the Secretary of the Treasury or the head of any other proper department or agency or by the General Accounting Office, is guilty of embezzlement, and shall be fined in a sum equal to the amount of money embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled is \$100 or less, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(b) This section and sections 643, 648, 650 and 653 of this title shall apply to all persons charged with the safe-keeping, transfer, or disbursement of the public money, whether such persons be charged as receivers or depositaries of the same.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §§ 177, 178 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, §§ 91, 92, 35 Stat. 1105; May 29, 1920, ch. 214, § 1, 41 Stat. 654; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, § 304, 42 Stat. 24).

Sections were consolidated.

Words "or agency" were inserted after "department." See definition of "agency" in section 6 of this title.

Mandatory punishment provisions made in alternative.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was inserted. (See reviser's notes under sections 641, 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

All functions of all officers of the Department of the Treasury, and all functions of all agencies and employees of such Department, were transferred, with certain exceptions, to the Secretary of the Treasury, with power vested in him to authorize their performance or the performance of any of his functions, by any of such officers, agencies, and employees, by Reorg. Plan

No. 26 of 1950, §§ 1, 2, eff. July 31, 1950, 15 F.R. 4935, 64 Stat. 1280, 1281, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. The Treasurer of the United States, referred to in this section, is an officer of the Treasury Department.

CROSS REFERENCES

Audit and settlement of accounts, see section 3521 et seq. of Title 31, Money and Finance.

§ 650. Depositories failing to safeguard deposits

If the Treasurer of the United States or any public depository fails to keep safely all moneys deposited by any disbursing officer or disbursing agent, as well as all moneys deposited by any receiver, collector, or other person having money of the United States, he is guilty of embezzlement, and shall be fined in a sum equal to the amount of money so embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 174, (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 88, 35 Stat. 1105; May 29, 1920, ch. 214, § 1, 41 Stat. 654.)

Mandatory punishment provisions stated in alternative.

The smaller punishment for offenses involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's note under sections 641, 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

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CROSS REFERENCES

Persons to whom section applicable, see section 649 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 649 of this title.

§ 651. Disbursing officer falsely certifying full payment

Whoever, being an officer charged with the disbursement of the public moneys, accepts, receives, or transmits to the General Accounting Office to be allowed in his favor any receipt or voucher from a creditor of the United States without having paid the full amount specified therein to such creditor in such funds as the officer received for disbursement, or in such funds as he may be authorized by law to take in exchange, shall be fined in double the amount so withheld or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; but if the amount withheld does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 181 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 95, 35 Stat. 1106; June 10, 1921, ch. 18, § 304, 42 Stat. 24).

The penalty provided by section 652 of this title, a similar section, was incorporated in this section.

(For explanation of the smaller penalty for an offense involving \$100 or less, see reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

§ 652. Disbursing officer paying lesser in lieu of lawful amount

Whoever, being an officer, clerk, agent, employee, or other person charged with the payment of any appropriation made by Congress, pays to any clerk or other employee of the United States, or of any department or agency thereof, a sum less than that provided by law, and requires such employee to receipt or give a voucher for an amount greater than that actually paid to and received by him, is guilty of embezzlement, and shall be fined in double the amount so withheld or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; but if the amount embezzled is \$100 or less, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 727.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 172 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 86, 35 Stat. 1105).

Words "or of any department or agency thereof," were inserted after "United States" so as to eliminate any possible ambiguity as to scope of section. (See definitive section 6 of this title.)

Mandatory punishment provision made in alternative.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's note under sections 641, 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

§ 653. Disbursing officer misusing public funds

Whoever, being a disbursing officer of the United States, or any department or agency thereof, or a person acting as such, in any manner converts to his own use, or loans with or without interest, or deposits in any place or in any manner, except as authorized by law, any public money intrusted to him; or, for any purpose not prescribed by law, withdraws from the Treasury or any authorized depository, or transfers, or applies, any portion of the public money intrusted to him, is guilty of embezzlement of the money so converted, loaned, deposited, withdrawn, transferred, or applied, and shall be fined not more than the amount embezzled or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount embezzled is \$100 or less, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 728.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 173 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 87, 35 Stat. 1105; May 29, 1920, ch. 214, § 1, 41 Stat. 654).

Words "or any department or agency thereof," were inserted after "United States" so as to eliminate any possible ambiguity as to scope of section. (See definitive section 6 of this title.)

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's note under sections 641, 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Persons to whom section applicable, see section 649 of this title.

Property and fiscal officers, see section 708 of Title 32, National Guard.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 649 of this title.

§ 654. Officer or employee of United States converting property of another

Whoever, being an officer or employee of the United States or of any department or agency thereof, embezzles or wrongfully converts to his own use the money or property of another which comes into his possession or under his control in the execution of such office or employment, or under color or claim of authority as such officer or employee, shall be fined not more than the value of the money and property thus embezzled or converted, or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the sum embezzled is \$100 or less, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 728.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 183 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 97, 35 Stat. 1106).

The phrase "Whoever being an officer or agent of the United States or of any department or agency thereof," was substituted for the words "Any officer connected with, or employed in the Internal Revenue Service of the United States . . . And any officer of the United States, or any assistant of such officer," in order to clarify scope of section. (See definitive section 6 and reviser's note thereunder.)

The embezzlement of Government money or property is adequately covered by section 641 of this title.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Postmaster or employee embezzling mail matter, see section 1709 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 5 section 3374; title 12 section 1457.

§ 655. Theft by bank examiner

Whoever, being a bank examiner or assistant examiner, steals, or unlawfully takes, or unlawfully conceals any money, note, draft, bond, or security or any other property of value in the possession of any bank or banking institution which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or from any safe deposit box in or adjacent to the premises of such bank, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or

both; but if the amount taken or concealed does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both; and shall be disqualified from holding office as a national bank examiner or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation examiner.

This section shall apply to all public examiners and assistant examiners who examine member banks of the Federal Reserve System or banks the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, whether appointed by the Comptroller of the Currency, by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, by a Federal Reserve Agent, by a Federal Reserve bank, or by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or appointed or elected under the laws of any State; but shall not apply to private examiners or assistant examiners employed only by a clearing-house association or by the directors of a bank.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 728.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on section 593 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking (Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, § 22, 38 Stat. 272; Sept. 26, 1918, ch. 177, § 5, 40 Stat. 970; Feb. 25, 1927, ch. 191, § 15, 44 Stat. 1232; Aug. 23, 1935, ch. 614, § 326(a), 49 Stat. 715).

Other provisions of section 593 of title 12, U.S.C. 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, are incorporated in sections 217 and 218 of this title.

The words "and shall upon conviction thereof" were omitted as unnecessary, since punishment cannot be imposed until a conviction is secured.

The phrase "bank or banking institution which is a member of the Federal Reserve System or which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation" was substituted for "member bank or insured bank" to avoid the use of a definitive section based on sections 221a, 264(e)(8), and 588a of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking. Words "banks the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation" were substituted for "insured banks" in second paragraph, for the same reason.

Punishment provision harmonized with that of section 656 of this title. (See also, reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Changes in phraseology were also made.

CROSS REFERENCES

Civil liability of officers or directors of member banks of the Federal Reserve System, for violating or permitting violation of this section, see section 503 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 12 sections 503, 1457.

§ 656. Theft, embezzlement, or misapplication by bank officer or employee

Whoever, being an officer, director, agent or employee of, or connected in any capacity with any Federal Reserve bank, member bank, national bank or insured bank, or a receiver of a national bank, or any agent or employee of the receiver, or a Federal Reserve Agent, or an agent or employee of a Federal Reserve Agent or of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, embezzles, abstracts, purloins or willfully misappropriates any of the moneys, funds or credits of such bank or any moneys,

funds, assets or securities intrusted to the custody or care of such bank, or to the custody or care of any such agent, officer, director, employee or receiver, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; but if the amount embezzled, abstracted, purloined or misappropriated does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

As used in this section, the term "national bank" is synonymous with "national banking association"; "member bank" means and includes any national bank, state bank, or bank and trust company which has become a member of one of the Federal Reserve banks; and "insured bank" includes any bank, banking association, trust company, savings bank, or other banking institution, the deposits of which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 729.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on sections 592, 597 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking (R.S. 5209; Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, § 22(l), as added June 19, 1934, ch. 653, § 3, 48 Stat. 1107; Sept. 26, 1918, ch. 177, § 7, 40 Stat. 972; Aug. 23, 1935, ch. 614, § 316, 49 Stat. 712).

Section 592 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, was separated into three sections the first of which, embracing provisions relating to embezzlement, abstracting, purloining, or willfully misappropriating moneys, funds, or credits, constitutes part of the basis for this section. Of the other two sections, one section, 334 of this title, relates only to the issuance and circulation of Federal Reserve notes and the other, section 1005 of this title, to false entries or the wrongful issue of bank obligations.

The original section, containing more than 500 words, was verbose, diffuse, redundant, and complicated. The enumeration of banks affected is repeated eight times. The revised section without changing in any way the meaning or substance of existing law, clarifies, condenses, and combines related provisions largely rewritten in matters of style.

The words "national bank" were substituted for "national banking association," the terms being synonymous by definition of section 221 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, written into the last paragraph of this section. This change made possible the use of the term "such bank" in substitution for the words "such Federal Reserve bank, member bank, or such national banking association, or insured bank," in each of seven instances.

The special and separate provisions of the original section relating to embezzlement by national bank receivers or Federal Reserve agents are readily combined in the revised section by including these officers in the initial enumeration of persons at whom the act is directed and by inserting the word "purloins" after "embezzles, abstracts," and the phrase "or any moneys, funds, assets, or securities intrusted to the custody or care," following the words "of such bank".

The last paragraph of the revised section includes the definitions of sections 221 and 264(c) of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, made applicable by express provision of the original section. These were written in, with only such changes of phraseology as were necessary, in order to make the revised section complete and self-contained. For meaning of "bank," as used in bank robbery statute, see section 2113 of this title.

Section 597 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, likewise was separated into two parts, one of which was combined with the embezzlement provisions of said section 592 to form this section. The

other part was combined with the related provisions of said section 592 to form section 1005 of this title.

It will be noted that section 597 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, was limited to "Whoever, being connected in any capacity with a Federal Reserve bank"; that it enumerated "note, debenture, bond, or other obligation, or draft, mortgage, judgment, or decree"; and that it stipulated punishment by fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than 5 years, or both.

In combining these provisions, the words "or connected in any capacity" were written into the new section after the words "employee of," thus making them applicable not only to Federal Reserve banks but to the other banks as well. The phrase of section 592 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, "or who, without such authority, issues or puts forth any certificate of deposit, draws any order or bill of exchange, makes any acceptance, assigns any note, bond, draft, bill of exchange, mortgage, judgment, or decree," was modified to include the enumeration of like obligations in section 597 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, and to read as follows: "whoever without such authority makes, draws, issues, puts forth, or assigns any certificate of deposit, draft, order, bill of exchange, acceptance, note, debenture, bond, or other obligation or mortgage, judgment, or decree". (See section 1005 of this title.)

As thus changed the new section is clear, simple, and unambiguous. The very slight changes of substance that have been noted, were unavoidable if the two sections were to be combined. Without combination any constructive revision of these duplicitous and redundant provisions was impossible. It is believed that the revised sections adequately and correctly represent the intent of Congress as the same can be gathered from the overlapping and confusing enactments. At any rate, the severest criticism of the revised sections is that a person connected with a Federal Reserve bank who violates these sections can at most be punished by a fine of \$5,000 or imprisonment of 5 years, or both, whereas under section 597 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, he might have been fined \$10,000 or imprisoned 5 years, or both. Obviously an embezzler will rarely be financially able to pay even a \$5,000 fine even where such fine is imposed. Certainly if it is an adequate fine for a national bank president it is not too disproportionate for a person "connected in any capacity with a Federal Reserve bank".

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641, 645 of this title.)

The words "shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor" were omitted as unnecessary in view of definitive section 1 of this title.

The words "upon conviction thereof" were omitted as unnecessary, since punishment cannot be imposed without conviction.

Words "In any district court of the United States" were omitted as unnecessary since section 3231 of this title gives the district courts jurisdiction of criminal prosecution.

SENATE REVISION AMENDMENT

Certain words were stricken from the section as being unnecessary and inconsistent with other sections of this revision defining embezzlement and without changing existing law. See Senate Report No. 1620, amendment No. 6, 80th Cong.

CROSS REFERENCES

Federal Reserve System, laws applicable on becoming member bank, see section 324 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 12 sections 209, 324.

§ 657. Lending, credit and insurance institutions

Whoever, being an officer, agent or employee of or connected in any capacity with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, National Credit Union Administration, Home Owners' Loan Corporation, Farm Credit Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farmers' Home Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Farmers' Home Administration, or any land bank, intermediate credit bank, bank for cooperatives or any lending, mortgage, insurance, credit or savings and loan corporation or association authorized or acting under the laws of the United States or any institution the accounts of which are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, or by the Administrator of the National Credit Union Administration or any small business investment company, and whoever, being a receiver of any such institution, or agent or employee of the receiver, embezzles, abstracts, purloins or wilfully misappropriates any moneys, funds, credits, securities or other things of value belonging to such institution, or pledged or otherwise intrusted to its care, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; but if the amount or value embezzled, abstracted, purloined or misappropriated does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 729; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 11, 63 Stat. 90; July 28, 1956, ch. 773, § 1, 70 Stat. 714; Aug. 21, 1958, Pub. L. 85-699, title VII, § 703, 72 Stat. 698; Oct. 4, 1961, Pub. L. 87-353, § 3(q), 75 Stat. 774; May 25, 1967, Pub. L. 90-19, § 24(a), 81 Stat. 27; Oct. 19, 1970, Pub. L. 91-468, § 4, 84 Stat. 1016.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1948 Act

Based on sections 1028(b) and 1514(c) of title 7, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Agriculture, and sections 284(u), 984, 1121, 1138(d)(c), 1311, 1441(c), 1487(c), and 1731(c) of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, and section 616(c) of title 15, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Commerce and Trade (Dec. 23, 1913, ch. 6, § 12B(u), as added June 16, 1933, ch. 89, § 8, 48 Stat. 178; July 17, 1916, ch. 245, § 31, fourth paragraph, 39 Stat. 382; July 17, 1916, ch. 245, § 211(a), as added Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 252, § 2, 42 Stat. 1459; Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 252, title II, § 216(a), 42 Stat. 1471; Jan. 22, 1932, ch. 8, § 16(c), 47 Stat. 11; July 22, 1932, ch. 522, § 21(c), 47 Stat. 738; Mar. 27, 1933, Ex. Ord. No. 6084; June 13, 1933, ch. 64, § 8(c), 48 Stat. 135; June 16, 1933, ch. 98, § 64(c), 48 Stat. 268; Jan. 31, 1934, ch. 7, § 13, 48 Stat. 347; June 27, 1934, ch. 847, § 512(c), 48 Stat. 1265; Aug. 23, 1935, ch. 614, § 101, 49 Stat. 701; July 22, 1937, ch. 517, title IV, § 52(b), 50 Stat. 532; Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 514(c), 52 Stat. 76; Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 964, § 3, 60 Stat. 1064).

Each of the eleven sections from which this section was derived contained similar provisions relating to embezzlement, false entries, and fraudulent issuance or assignment of obligations with respect to one or more named agencies or corporations.

These were separated and the embezzlement and misapplication provisions of all form the basis of this section, and with one exception the remaining provisions of each section forming the basis for section 1006 of this title. The sole exception was that portion of said section 616(c) of title 15 as to the disclosure of information which now forms section 1904 of this title.

The revised section condenses and simplifies the constituent provisions without change of substance except as in this note indicated.

The punishment in each section was the same except that in section 1028(b) of title 7, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Agriculture, and sections 984, 1121, and 1311 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, the maximum fine was \$5,000. The revised section adopts the \$5,000 maximum. (For same penalty covering similar offense, see section 656 of this title.)

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes to sections 641-645 of this title.)

The enumeration of "moneys, funds, credits, securities, or other things of value" does not occur in any one of the original sections but is an adequate, composite enumeration of the instruments mentioned in each.

References to persons aiding and abetting contained in sections 984, 1121, 1311 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, were omitted as unnecessary, such persons being made principals by section 2 of this title.

The term "receiver" is used in sections 1121 and 1311 of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking, with reference to Federal intermediate banks and agricultural credit corporations, and is undoubtedly embraced in the term "connected in any capacity with," but the phrase "and whoever, being a receiver of any such institution" was inserted in this section to obviate all doubt as to its comprehensive scope.

The suggestion has been made that "private examiners" should be included. These undoubtedly are covered by the words "connected in any capacity with." (See also section 655 of this title.)

The term "or any department or agency of the United States" was inserted in each revised section in order to clarify the sweeping provisions against fraudulent acts and to obviate any possibility of ambiguity by reason of the omission of specific agencies named in the constituent sections. (See section 6 of this title defining "department and agency." For other verbal changes and deletions see reviser's note under section 656 of this title.)

SENATE REVISION AMENDMENT

Certain words were stricken from the section as being unnecessary and inconsistent with other sections of this revision defining embezzlement and without changing existing law. See Senate Report No. 1620, amendment No. 7, 80th Cong.

1949 Act

[Section 11] conforms section 657 of title 18, U.S.C., to administrative practice which in turn was modified to comply with congressional policy "not to use the Farmers Home Corporation to carry out the functions and duties provided for in H.R. 5991 [Farmers Home Administration Act of 1946] but to vest the authority in the Secretary of Agriculture to be administered through the Farmers Home Administration as an agency of the Department of Agriculture" (H. Rept. No. 2683, to accompany H.R. 5991, 79th Cong., 2d sess.).

AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-468 added the National Credit Union Administration and its Administrator in the enumeration of institutions.

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted "Department of Housing and Urban Development" for "Federal Housing Administration".

1961—Pub. L. 87-353 struck out "Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation," following "Federal Housing Administration".

1958—Pub. L. 85-699 included officers, agents or employees of or connected in any capacity with small business investment companies.

1956—Act July 28, 1956, included officers, agents or employees of or connected in any capacity with any institution the accounts of which are insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation.

1949—Act May 24, 1949, made section applicable to “the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Farmers’ Home Administration”.

EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of the corporations of the Department of Agriculture, the boards of directors and officers of such corporations; the Advisory Board of the Commodity Credit Corporation; and the Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer or entity of, under, or subject to the supervision of the said Administration were excepted from the functions of officers, agencies and employees transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

ABOLITION OF RECONSTRUCTION FINANCE CORPORATION

Section 6(a) of Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1957, eff. June 30, 1957, 22 F.R. 4633, 71 Stat. 647, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, abolished the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Establishment as independent agency, membership etc., see section 1752 et seq. of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

ABOLITION OF HOME OWNERS’ LOAN CORPORATION

For dissolution and abolition of Home Owners’ Loan Corporation, referred to in this section, by act June 30, 1953, ch. 170, § 21, 67 Stat. 126, see note under section 1463 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as independent agency, and other changes in status, functions, etc., see section Ex. Ord. No. 6084 set out preceding section 2241 of Title 12, Banks and Banking. See also section 2001 et seq. of Title 12.

ABOLITION OF FARMERS’ HOME CORPORATION

Farmers’ Home Corporation, created as an agency within the Department of Agriculture by section 1014 of Title 7, Agriculture, was abolished as a result of repeal of such section by Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 341(a), Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 318.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION

Title 11 of the Agricultural Credits Act, act Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 252, title 11, §§ 201 to 217, 42 Stat. 1461, which authorized the creation of national agricultural credit corporations, was repealed by Pub. L. 86-230, Sept. 8, 1959, § 24, 73 Stat. 466. Prior to such repeal, act June 16, 1933, ch. 101, § 77, 48 Stat. 292, had prohibited the creation, after June 16, 1933, of national agricultural credit corporations authorized to be formed under the Agricultural Credits Act.

CROSS REFERENCES

Financial control of government corporations, see section 9101 et seq. of Title 31, Money and Finance.

Secret Service, detection, arrest and delivery into custody of any person violating this section insofar as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal land banks, joint-stock land banks and national farm loan associations are concerned, see section 3056 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 3056 of this title.

§ 658. Property mortgaged or pledged to farm credit agencies

Whoever, with intent to defraud, knowingly conceals, removes, disposes of, or converts to his own use or to that of another, any property mortgaged or pledged to, or held by, the Farm Credit Administration, any Federal intermediate credit bank, or the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farmers’ Home Corporation, the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Farmers’ Home Administration, any production credit association organized under sections 1131-1134m of Title 12, any regional agricultural credit corporation, or any bank for cooperatives, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both; but if the value of such property does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 729; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 12, 63 Stat. 91; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, § 21, 65 Stat. 718; July 26, 1956, ch. 741, title I, § 109, 70 Stat. 667; Oct. 4, 1961, Pub. L. 87-353, § 3(r), 75 Stat. 774.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1948 Act

Based on sections 1026(c) and 1514(d) of title 7, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Agriculture, and section 1138d(d) of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., Banks and Banking (June 16, 1933, ch. 98, § 64, 48 Stat. 269; Jan. 31, 1934, ch. 7, § 13, 48 Stat. 347; July 22, 1937, ch. 517, title IV, § 52(c), 50 Stat. 532; Feb. 16, 1938, ch. 30, title V, § 514(d), 52 Stat. 76; Aug. 14, 1946, ch. 964, § 3, 60 Stat. 1064).

To avoid reference to another section the words “the Farm Credit Administration, any Federal intermediate credit bank, the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Farmers’ Home Corporation, or any production credit corporation or corporation in which a production credit corporation holds stock, any regional agricultural credit corporation, or any bank for cooperatives” were substituted for the words “or any corporation referred to in subsection (a) of this section.”

The punishment provision was completely rewritten. The \$2,000 fine of section 1026(c) of title 7, U.S.C., 1940 ed., and the 2-year penalty of that section, section 1514(d) of title 7, U.S.C., 1940 ed., and section 1138(d) of title 12, U.S.C., 1940 ed., were incongruous in juxtaposition with other sections of this chapter and were therefore increased to \$5,000 and 5 years. (See sections 656 and 657 of this title.)

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser’s notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phrasology.

1949 Act

[Section 12] conforms section 658 of title 18 U.S.C., to administrative practice which in turn was modified to comply with congressional policy. (See note to sec. 11 [of 1949 Act, set out in Legislative History note under section 657 of title 18].)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1131 of Title 12, included within the reference to sections 1131 to 1134m of Title 12, was repealed by Pub. L. 89-554, § 8(a), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 648.

Sections 1131a, 1131c to 1131g, 1131g-2 to 1131l, 1134 to 1134m of Title 12, included within the reference to sections 1131 to 1134m of Title 12, were repealed by

Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.26(a), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 624.

Sections 1131a-1 and 1131j of Title 12, included within the reference to sections 1131 to 1134m of Title 12, are omitted from the Code. Section 1131a-1 of Title 12, was from the Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1957, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriation acts. Section 1131j was covered by former section 1131g-2 of Title 12, prior to its repeal by Pub. L. 92-181, title V, § 5.26(a), Dec. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 624.

Sections 1131b and 1131g-1 of Title 12, included within the reference to sections 1131 to 1134m of Title 12, were repealed by act July 26, 1956, ch. 741, title 1, § 105(c), (q), 70 Stat. 665, 666.

AMENDMENTS

1961—Pub. L. 87-353 struck out “Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation,” preceding “Federal Crop Insurance Corporation”.

1956—Act July 26, 1956, eliminated property of any production credit association in which a Production Credit Corporation holds stock.

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, covered all production credit associations instead of only those in which a Production Credit Corporation holds stock.

1949—Act May 24, 1949, made section applicable to “the Secretary of Agriculture acting through the Farmers’ Home Administration”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1956 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act July 26, 1956, effective January 1, 1957, see section 202(a) of act July 26, 1956.

EXCEPTIONS FROM TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of the Corporations of the Department of Agriculture, the boards of directors and officers of such corporations; the Advisory Board of the Commodity Credit Corporation; and the Farm Credit Administration or any agency, officer or entity of, under, or subject to the supervision of the said Administration were excepted from the functions of officers, agencies and employees transferred to the Secretary of Agriculture by Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1953, § 1, eff. June 4, 1953, 18 F.R. 3219, 67 Stat. 633, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Establishment of Farm Credit Administration as independent agency, and other changes in status, functions, etc., see Ex. Ord. No. 6084 set out preceding section 2241 of Title 12, Banks and Banking. See also section 2001 et seq. of Title 12.

ABOLITION OF FARMERS’ HOME CORPORATION

Farmers’ Home Corporation, created as an agency within the Department of Agriculture by section 1014 of Title 7, Agriculture, was abolished as a result of repeal of such section by Pub. L. 87-128, title III, § 341(a), Aug. 8, 1961, 75 Stat. 318.

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL CREDIT CORPORATION

Title II of the Agricultural Credits Act, act Mar. 4, 1923, ch. 252, title II, §§ 201 to 217, 42 Stat. 1461, which authorized the creation of national agricultural credit corporations, was repealed by Pub. L. 86-230, Sept. 8, 1959, § 24, 73 Stat. 466. Prior to such repeal, act June 16, 1933, ch. 101, § 77, 48 Stat. 292, had prohibited the creation, after June 16, 1933, of national agricultural credit corporations authorized to be formed under the Agricultural Credits Act.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 12 section 1457.

8 659. Interstate or foreign shipments by carrier: State prosecutions

Whoever embezzles, steals, or unlawfully takes, carries away, or conceals, or by fraud or deception obtains from any pipeline system, railroad car, wagon, motortruck, or other vehicle, or from any tank or storage facility, station, station house, platform or depot or from any steamboat, vessel, or wharf, or from any aircraft, air terminal, airport, aircraft terminal or air navigation facility with intent to convert to his own use any goods or chattels moving as or which are a part of or which constitute an interstate or foreign shipment of freight, express, or other property; or

Whoever buys or receives or has in his possession any such goods or chattels, knowing the same to have been embezzled or stolen; or

Whoever embezzles, steals, or unlawfully takes, carries away, or by fraud or deception obtains with intent to convert to his own use any baggage which shall have come into the possession of any common carrier for transportation in interstate or foreign commerce or breaks into, steals, takes, carries away, or conceals any of the contents of such baggage, or buys, receives, or has in his possession any such baggage or any article therefrom of whatever nature, knowing the same to have been embezzled or stolen; or

Whoever embezzles, steals, or unlawfully takes by any fraudulent device, scheme, or game, from any railroad car, bus, vehicle, steamboat, vessel, or aircraft operated by any common carrier moving in interstate or foreign commerce or from any passenger thereon any money, baggage, goods, or chattels, or whoever buys, receives, or has in his possession any such money, baggage, goods, or chattels, knowing the same to have been embezzled or stolen—

Shall in each case be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both; but if the amount or value of such money, baggage, goods or chattels does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

The offense shall be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred, but also in any district in which the defendant may have taken or been in possession of the said money, baggage, goods, or chattels.

The carrying or transporting of any such money, freight, express, baggage, goods, or chattels in interstate or foreign commerce, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall constitute a separate offense and subject the offender to the penalties under this section for unlawful taking, and the offense shall be deemed to have been committed in any district into which such money, freight, express, baggage, goods, or chattels shall have been removed or into which the same shall have been brought by such offender.

To establish the interstate or foreign commerce character of any shipment in any prosecution under this section the waybill or other shipping document of such shipment shall be *prima facie* evidence of the place from which

and to which such shipment was made. The removal of property from a pipeline system which extends interstate shall be *prima facie* evidence of the interstate character of the shipment of the property.

A judgment of conviction or acquittal on the merits under the laws of any State shall be a bar to any prosecution under this section for the same act or acts. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as indicating an intent on the part of Congress to occupy the field in which provisions of this section operate to the exclusion of State laws on the same subject matter, nor shall any provision of this section be construed as invalidating any provision of State law unless such provision is inconsistent with any of the purposes of this section or any provision thereof.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 729; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 13, 63 Stat. 91; Oct. 14, 1966, Pub. L. 89-654, § 1(a)-(d), 80 Stat. 904.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1948 ACT

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §§ 409, 410, 411 (Feb. 13, 1913, ch. 50, §§ 1, 2, 37 Stat. 670; Feb. 13, 1913, ch. 50, § 3, as added Jan. 28, 1925, ch. 102, 43 Stat. 794; Jan. 28, 1925, ch. 102, 43 Stat. 793, 794; Jan. 21, 1933, ch. 16, 47 Stat. 773, 774; July 24, 1946, ch. 606, 60 Stat. 656.)

This section consolidates sections 409, 410, and 411 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed. First clause of said section 409 was incorporated in section 2117 of this title.

In the paragraph immediately preceding the last paragraph the words "and to which" were added to obviate an inadvertent and incongruous omission in the enactment of act July 24, 1946, ch. 606, § 3, 60 Stat. 657. This is in harmony with corrective legislation pending before the Eightieth Congress.

The definitions of "station house", "depot", "wagon", "automobile", "truck", or "other vehicle", contained in said section 409 of title 18, are omitted as unnecessary.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.) This improvement was suggested by United States Attorney P. F. Herrick, of Puerto Rico. (See reviser's note under section 641 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

1949 ACT

This section [section 13] inserts the word, "embezzled" preceding "or stolen" near the ends of the second and fourth paragraphs of section 659 of title 18, U.S.C., to restore the language of the original law from which such section was derived. Also, for clarity, substitutes, "whoever" for "who" preceding "buys" in said fourth paragraph of section 659.

Senate Revision Amendment

The "corrective legislation", referred to in this paragraph, became Act April 16, 1947, ch. 39, 61 Stat. 52, and, as it amended section 411 of title 18, U.S.C., such act was an additional source of this section.

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-654 substituted "shipments by carrier" for "baggage, express, or freight" in the section catchline, added "pipeline system" and "tank or storage facility" and substituted "freight, express, or other property" for "freight or express" in par. 1, provided in par. 8 that the removal of property from a pipeline system which extends interstate shall be *prima facie* evidence of the interstate character of the

shipment of the property, and, in par. 9, prohibited any construction which indicated an intent on the part of Congress to occupy the field to the exclusion of state laws or to invalidate inconsistent state provisions.

1949—Act May 24, 1949, inserted "embezzled or" preceding "stolen" in second par. and substituted "whoever" for "who" preceding "buys" in fourth par.

FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Venue, see rules 18 to 22, Appendix to this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Destruction of property moving in commerce, see sections 1281, 1282 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Railroad car entered or seal broken, see section 2117 of this title.

Wire or oral communications, authorization for interception, to provide evidence of offenses under this section, see section 2516 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1961, 2516 of this title.

§ 660. Carrier's funds derived from commerce; State prosecutions

Whoever, being a president, director, officer, or manager of any firm, association, or corporation engaged in commerce as a common carrier, or whoever, being an employee of such common carrier riding in or upon any railroad car, motortruck, steamboat, vessel, aircraft or other vehicle of such carrier moving in interstate commerce, embezzles, steals, abstracts, or willfully misappropriates, or willfully permits to be misappropriated, any of the moneys, funds, credits, securities, property, or assets of such firm, association, or corporation arising or accruing from, or used in, such commerce, in whole or in part, or willfully or knowingly converts the same to his own use or to the use of another, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

The offense shall be deemed to have been committed not only in the district where the violation first occurred but also in any district in which the defendant may have taken or had possession of such moneys, funds, credits, securities, property or assets.

A judgment of conviction or acquittal on the merits under the laws of any State shall be a bar to any prosecution hereunder for the same act or acts.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 730.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §§ 409, 412 (Feb. 13, 1913, ch. 50, § 1, 37 Stat. 670; Oct. 15, 1914, ch. 323, § 9, 38 Stat. 733; Jan. 28, 1925, ch. 102, 43 Stat. 793; Jan. 21, 1933, ch. 16, 47 Stat. 773; July 24, 1946, ch. 606, 60 Stat. 656).

Section consolidates a portion of section 409 with section 412, both of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed. Other provisions of said section 409 are incorporated in sections 659 and 2117 of this title.

Definitive language in section 412 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., as to offense being a felony was deleted to conform with section 1 of this title. (See reviser's note under section 550 of this title.)

Words "imprisoned" was substituted for "confined in the penitentiary" in section 412 of title 18, U.S.C.,

1940 ed., in view of power of Attorney General under section 4082 of this title.

Minimum punishment provision "less than one year nor" in section 412 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., was omitted for reasons in reviser's note under section 203 of this title.

Maximum fine of \$5,000 was substituted for minimum fine of \$500 in section 412 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., as being more consonant with the scheme of penalties and offenses provided by Congress for most sections in this chapter.

Sentence in section 412 of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., "Nothing in this section shall be held to take away or impair the jurisdiction of the several courts under the laws thereof;" was omitted in view of section 3231 of this title.

Changes were made in phraseology.

FEDERAL RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE

Venue, see rules 18 to 22, Appendix to this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Destruction of property moving in commerce, see sections 1281, 1282 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

§ 661. Within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction

Whoever, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, takes and carries away, with intent to steal or purloin, any personal property of another shall be punished as follows:

If the property taken is of a value exceeding \$100, or is taken from the person of another, by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both; in all other cases, by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment not more than one year, or both.

If the property stolen consists of any evidence of debt, or other written instrument, the amount of money due thereon, or secured to be paid thereby and remaining unsatisfied, or which in any contingency might be collected thereon, or the value of the property the title to which is shown thereby, or the sum which might be recovered in the absence thereof, shall be the value of the property stolen.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 731.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 466 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 287, 35 Stat. 1144).

Words "within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States" were inserted to conform with section 7 of this title. (See reviser's note under that section.)

The maximum fine and imprisonment provisions were modified and "five years" and "\$5,000" substituted for "ten years" and "\$10,000" and the sum of \$100 was substituted for \$50 as more in accord with other sections of this chapter. (See section 641 of this title.)

Minor changes were made in phraseology.

CROSS REFERENCES

Actions aboard aircraft in flight in violation of this section punishable as provided herein, see section 1472 of Title 49, Appendix, Transportation.

Laws of states adopted for areas within Federal jurisdiction, see section 13 of this title.

Provisions relating to larceny committed within Indian country, see sections 1151, 1153, 3242 of this title.

Special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States defined, see section 7 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 49 App. section 1472.

§ 662. Receiving stolen property within special maritime and territorial jurisdiction

Whoever, within the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, buys, receives, or conceals any money, goods, bank notes, or other thing which may be the subject of larceny, which has been feloniously taken, stolen, or embezzled, from any other person, knowing the same to have been so taken, stolen, or embezzled, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than three years, or both; but if the amount or value of thing so taken, stolen or embezzled does not exceed \$100, he shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 731.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., § 467 (Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321, § 288, 35 Stat. 1145).

Same language was inserted as in section 661 of this title for the same reason.

Mandatory punishment provision was rephrased in the alternative.

The smaller punishment for an offense involving \$100 or less was added. (See reviser's notes under sections 641 and 645 of this title.)

This accords with the recommendation of United States Attorney P. F. Herrick of Puerto Rico.

Language as to order of trial was omitted and incorporated in section 3435 of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Actions aboard aircraft in flight in violation of this section punishable as provided herein, see section 1472 of Title 49, Appendix, Transportation.

Laws of States adopted for areas within Federal jurisdiction, see section 13 of this title.

Receiving—

Articles stolen from the mails, see section 1708 of this title.

Goods stolen from interstate or foreign shipments, see section 659 of this title.

Special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States defined, see section 7 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 49 App. section 1472.

§ 663. Solicitation or use of gifts

Whoever solicits any gift of money or other property, and represents that such gift is being solicited for the use of the United States, with the intention of embezzling, stealing, or purloining such gift, or converting the same to any other use or purpose, or whoever, having come into possession of any money or property which has been donated by the owner thereof for the use of the United States, embezzles, steals or purloins such money or property, or converts the same to any other use or purpose, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 731.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on section 641e of title 50, App. U.S.C., 1940 ed., War and National Defense (Mar. 27, 1942, 3 p. m., E. W. T., c. 199, Title XI, § 1106, 56 Stat. 184).

This section was taken from the Second War Powers Act of 1942, which was temporary legislation. However, the subject matter was so independent of the war effort as to warrant its inclusion in this title as a permanent provision.

Words "shall be guilty of a felony" were omitted. See Reviser's Note under section 550 of this title.

Words "and upon conviction thereof" were omitted as unnecessary since punishment cannot be imposed until a conviction is secured.

8 664. Theft or embezzlement from employee benefit plan

Any person who embezzles, steals, or unlawfully and willfully abstracts or converts to his own use or to the use of another, any of the moneys, funds, securities, premiums, credits, property, or other assets of any employee welfare benefit plan or employee pension benefit plan, or of any fund connected therewith, shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

As used in this section, the term "any employee welfare benefit plan or employee pension benefit plan" means any employee benefit plan subject to any provision of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(Added Pub. L. 87-420, § 17(a), Mar. 20, 1962, 76 Stat. 41, and amended Pub. L. 93-406, title I, § 111(a)(2)(A), Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 851.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-406, Sept. 2, 1974, 88 Stat. 832, as amended. Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 1001 et seq.) of chapter 18 of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1001 of Title 29 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1974—Pub. L. 93-406 substituted "any employee benefit plan subject to any provision of title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974" for "any such plan subject to the provisions of the Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-406 effective Jan. 1, 1975, except as provided in section 1031(b)(2) of Title 29, Labor, see section 1031(b)(1) of Title 29.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 19 of Pub. L. 87-420 provided that: "The amendments made by this Act (adding sections 664, 1027, and 1954 of this title and sections 308a to 308f of Title 29, Labor, amending sections 302 to 308 and 309 of Title 29, and renumbering sections 10 to 12 of Pub. L. 85-536, classified to section 309 of Title 29 and as notes under section 301 of Title 29) shall take effect ninety days after the enactment of this Act (Mar. 20, 1962), except that section 13 of the Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act (section 308d of Title 29) shall take effect one hundred eighty days after such date of enactment (Mar. 20, 1962)."

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 87-420 provided: "That this Act (enacting sections 664, 1027, and 1954 of this title and sections 308a to 308f of Title 29, Labor, amending sec-

tions 302 to 308 and 309 of Title 29, and renumbering sections 10 to 12 of Pub. L. 85-536, classified to section 309 of Title 29 and as notes under section 301 of Title 29), may be cited as the 'Welfare and Pension Plans Disclosure Act Amendments of 1962'."

CROSS REFERENCES

Wire or oral communications, authorization for interception to provide evidence of offenses under this section, see section 2516 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1961, 2516 of this title; title 29 section 1031.

8 665. Theft or embezzlement from employment and training funds: ² improper inducement: ² obstruction of investigations

(a) Whoever, being an officer, director, agent, or employee of, or connected in any capacity with any agency or organization receiving financial assistance or any funds under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act or the Job Training Partnership Act knowingly enrolls an ineligible participant, embezzles, willfully misappropriates, steals, or obtains by fraud any of the moneys, funds, assets, or property which are the subject of a financial assistance agreement or contract pursuant to such Act shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than 2 years, or both; but if the amount so embezzled, misappropriated, stolen, or obtained by fraud does not exceed \$100, such person shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

(b) Whoever, by threat or procuring dismissal of any person from employment or of refusal to employ or refusal to renew a contract of employment in connection with a financial assistance agreement or contract under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act or the Job Training Partnership Act induces any person to give up any money or thing of any value to any person (including such organization or agency receiving funds) shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

(c) Any person who ever willfully obstructs or impedes or willfully endeavors to obstruct or impede, an investigation or inquiry under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act or the Job Training Partnership Act, or the regulations thereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(Added Pub. L. 93-203, title VII, § 711(a), formerly title VI, § 611(a), Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 881, renumbered Pub. L. 93-567, title I, § 101, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1845, and amended Pub. L. 95-524, § 3(a), Oct. 27, 1978, 92 Stat. 2017; Pub. L. 97-300, title I, § 182, Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1357.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-203, Dec. 28, 1973, 87 Stat. 839, as amended, which was classified generally to chapter 17 (§ 801 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor, and was

²So in original. The colons probably should be semicolons.

repealed by Pub. L. 97-300, title I, § 184(a)(1), Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1357. For complete classification of this Act to the Code prior to its repeal, see Tables.

The Job Training Partnership Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 97-300, Oct. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1322, which, in addition to repealing the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (see above), enacted sections 49, 49a, 49b, 49e, 49f, 49l, and 49l-1 and chapter 19 (§ 1501 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor, amended this section, sections 49d, 49g, 49h, 49l, and 49j of Title 29, and sections 602, 632, and 633 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacted provisions set out as notes under sections 49 and 801 of Title 29. For complete classification of this Act to the Code see Short Title note set out under section 1501 of Title 29 and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section 711(a) of Pub. L. 93-203, cited as a credit to this section, was omitted in the general revision of Pub. L. 93-203 by Pub. L. 95-524.

AMENDMENTS

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-300 added “or organization” after “any agency”, “or any funds” after “financial assistance”, “or Job Training Partnership Act” after “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act”, substituted “participant” for “individual or individuals”, and “financial assistance agreement or contract” for “grant or contract of assistance”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-300 substituted “financial assistance agreement or contract” for “grant or contract of assistance”, added “or the Job Training Partnership Act” after “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act”, substituted “any person” for “any persons” after “induces”, and substituted “organization or agency receiving funds” for “grantee agency”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-300 added “willfully” before “endeavors to obstruct”, and “or the Job Training Partnership Act” after “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act”.

1978—Catchline. Pub. L. 95-524 substituted “employment and training funds” for “manpower funds” and inserted “; obstruction of investigations” following “improper inducement”.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-524 substituted “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act knowingly hires an ineligible individual or individuals,” for “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-524 substituted “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act” for “Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1973”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-524 added subsec. (c).

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in title 29 section 1592.

CHAPTER 33—EMBLEMHS, INSIGNIA AND NAMES

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AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-258, § 2(d)(1)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1058, struck out item 714 relating to “Johnny Horizon” character or name.

1974—Pub. L. 93-318, § 8, June 22, 1974, 88 Stat. 245, added item 711a.

1973—Pub. L. 93-147, § 1(b), Nov. 3, 1973, 87 Stat. 555, substituted “Misuse of names, words, emblems, or insignia” for “Misuse of names by collecting agencies to indicate Federal agency” in item 712.

1972—Pub. L. 92-347, § 3(c), July 11, 1972, 86 Stat. 462, added item 715.

1971—Pub. L. 91-651, § 2, Jan. 5, 1971, 84 Stat. 1941, added, “and of the seals of the President and Vice President,” following “United States” in item 713.

1970—Pub. L. 91-419, § 4, Sept. 25, 1970, 84 Stat. 871, added item 714.

1968—Pub. L. 90-381, § 2, July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 291, added item 700.

1966—Pub. L. 89-807, § 1(b), Nov. 11, 1966, 80 Stat. 1525, added item 713.

1959—Pub. L. 86-291, § 3, Sept. 21, 1959, 73 Stat. 570, added item 712.

1952—Act May 23, 1952, ch. 327, § 2, 66 Stat. 92, added item 711.

1950—Act Sept. 28, 1950, ch. 1092, § 1(a), 64 Stat. 1077, added item 710.

1949—Act May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 14, 63 Stat. 91, inserted “Uniform of armed forces and Public Health Service” in lieu of enumerating the specific branches in item 702.

§ 700. Desecration of the flag of the United States; penalties

(a) Whoever knowingly casts contempt upon any flag of the United States by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning, or trampling upon it shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(b) The term “flag of the United States” as used in this section, shall include any flag, standard colors, ensign, or any picture or representation of either, or of any part or parts of either, made of any substance or represented on any substance, of any size evidently purporting to be either of said flag, standard, color, or ensign of the United States of America, or a picture or a representation of either, upon which shall be shown the colors, the stars and the stripes, in any number of either thereof, or of any part or parts of either, by which the average person seeing the same without deliberation may believe the same to represent the flag, standards, colors, or ensign of the United States of America.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as indicating an intent on the part of Congress to deprive any State, territory, possession, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico of jurisdiction over any offense over which it would have jurisdiction in the absence of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 90-381, § 1, July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 291.)