

Government of the District of Columbia whose notarial duties are confined solely to government official business, any bond covering such officer or employee for the faithful performance of such notarial duties obtained by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia pursuant to the authority conferred on them by law shall be in lieu of the bond required by the first sentence of this section."

Approved July 7, 1955.

## Public Law 135

## CHAPTER 281

## AN ACT

To increase criminal penalties under the Sherman Antitrust Act.

July 7, 1955  
[H. R. 3659]

26 Stat. 209.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act of July 2, 1890 (15 U. S. C. 1 ff.), as amended, are hereby further amended by striking out in each section where it appears, the phrase "fine not exceeding five thousand dollars" or the phrase "fine not exceeding \$5,000" and substituting in lieu thereof in each case the phrase "fine not exceeding fifty thousand dollars".

Approved July 7, 1955.

## Public Law 136

## CHAPTER 282

## AN ACT

To amend section 4004, title 18, United States Code, relating to administering oaths and taking acknowledgments by officials of Federal penal and correctional institutions.

July 7, 1955  
[H. R. 4221]

62 Stat. 848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 4004, title 18, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"§ 4004. Oaths and acknowledgments

"The wardens and superintendents, associate wardens and superintendents, chief clerks, record clerks, and parole officers, of Federal penal or correctional institutions, may administer oaths to and take acknowledgments of officers, employees, and inmates of such institutions, but shall not demand or accept any fee or compensation therefor."

Approved July 7, 1955.

## Public Law 137

## CHAPTER 283

## AN ACT

To amend the Clayton Act by granting a right of action to the United States to recover damages under the antitrust laws, establishing a uniform statute of limitations, and for other purposes.

July 7, 1955  
[H. R. 4954]

Clayton Act,  
amendments.

15 USC 12 *et seq.*

Suit by U. S. for  
damages.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes", approved October 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 730), as amended, is amended by inserting at the end of section 4 the following new sections:

"SEC. 4A. Whenever the United States is hereafter injured in its business or property by reason of anything forbidden in the antitrust

laws it may sue therefor in the United States district court for the district in which the defendant resides or is found or has an agent, without respect to the amount in controversy, and shall recover actual damages by it sustained and the cost of suit.

"SEC. 4B. Any action to enforce any cause of action under sections 4 or 4A shall be forever barred unless commenced within four years after the cause of action accrued. No cause of action barred under existing law on the effective date of this Act shall be revived by this Act."

SEC. 2. Section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act to supplement existing laws against unlawful restraints and monopolies, and for other purposes", approved October 15, 1914 (38 Stat. 731; 15 U. S. C. 16), is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 5. (a) A final judgment or decree heretofore or hereafter rendered in any civil or criminal proceeding brought by or on behalf of the United States under the antitrust laws to the effect that a defendant has violated said laws shall be prima facie evidence against such defendant in any action or proceeding brought by any other party against such defendant under said laws or by the United States under section 4A, as to all matters respecting which said judgment or decree would be an estoppel as between the parties thereto: *Provided*, That this section shall not apply to consent judgments or decrees entered before any testimony has been taken or to judgments or decrees entered in actions under section 4A.

"(b) Whenever any civil or criminal proceeding is instituted by the United States to prevent, restrain, or punish violations of any of the antitrust laws, but not including an action under section 4A, the running of the statute of limitations in respect of every private right of action arising under said laws and based in whole or in part on any matter complained of in said proceeding shall be suspended during the pendency thereof and for one year thereafter: *Provided, however*, That whenever the running of the statute of limitations in respect of a cause of action arising under section 4 is suspended hereunder, any action to enforce such cause of action shall be forever barred unless commenced either within the period of suspension or within four years after the cause of action accrued."

SEC. 3. Section 7 of the Act approved July 2, 1890 (26 Stat. 210), is repealed.

SEC. 4. This Act shall take effect six months after its enactment.

Approved July 7, 1955.

Time limitation.

Final judgments or decrees.

Suspension of statute of limitations.

Repeal.

Effective date.

## Public Law 138

## CHAPTER 301

### AN ACT

To amend the Mutual Security Act of 1954, and for other purposes.

July 8, 1955  
[S. 2090]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That this Act may be cited as the "Mutual Security Act of 1955".

SEC. 2. Title I, chapter 1, of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, which relates to military assistance, is amended as follows:

(a) In section 103 (a), which relates to authorizations, add "(1)" after "(a)", and add the following new paragraph:

"(2) In addition, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated to the President to carry out the purposes of this chapter not to exceed \$1,133,000,000, to remain available until expended."

(b) In section 103 (b), after the word "chapter", insert "and of section 124".

Mutual Security Act of 1955.

58 Stat. 833.  
22 USC 1813.