

Public Law 85-635

AN ACT

August 14, 1958
[S. 2115]

To amend the Act of June 7, 1897, as amended, and section 4233 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, with respect to lights for vessels towing or being overtaken.

Vessel lights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That article 3 of section 1 of the Act of June 7, 1897, as amended (30 Stat. 97, as amended; U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 33, sec. 173), is amended to read as follows:

Vessel towing
another.

“ART. 3. (a) A steam vessel when towing another vessel or vessels alongside or by pushing ahead shall, in addition to her side lights, carry two bright white lights in a vertical line, one over the other, not less than three feet apart, and when towing one or more vessels astern, regardless of the length of the tow, shall carry an additional bright white light three feet above or below such lights. Each of these lights shall be of the same construction and character, and shall be carried in the same position as the white light mentioned in article 2 (a) or the after range light mentioned in article 2 (f).

Vessel pushing
another.

“(b) A steam vessel carrying towing lights the same as the white light mentioned in article 2 (a), when pushing another vessel or vessels ahead, shall also carry at or near the stern two bright amber lights in a vertical line, one over the other, not less than three feet apart; each of these lights shall be so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twelve points of the compass, so fixed as to show the light six points from right aft on each side of the vessel, and of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least two miles. A steam vessel carrying towing lights the same as the white light mentioned in article 2 (a) may also carry, irrespective of the position of the tow, the after range light mentioned in article 2 (f); however, if the after range light is carried by such a vessel when pushing another vessel or vessels ahead, the amber lights shall be carried in a vertical line with and at least three feet lower than the after range light. A steam vessel carrying towing lights the same as the white light mentioned in article 2 (a), when towing one or more vessels astern, may also carry, in lieu of the stern light specified in article 10, a small white light abaft the funnel or aftermast for the tow to steer by, but such light shall not be visible forward of the beam.”

SEC. 2. Article 10 of section 1 of the Act of June 7, 1897, as amended (30 Stat. 98; U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 33, sec. 179), is amended to read as follows:

Vessel under-
way.

“ART. 10. (a) A vessel when underway, if not otherwise required by these rules to carry one or more lights visible from aft, shall carry at her stern a white light, so constructed that it shall show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twelve points of the compass, so fixed as to show the light six points from right aft on each side of the vessel, and of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least two miles. Such light shall be carried as nearly as practicable on the same level as the side lights.

Small vessel.

“(b) In a small vessel, if it is not possible on account of bad weather or other sufficient cause for this light to be fixed, an electric torch or a lighted lantern shall be kept at hand ready for use and shall, on the approach of an overtaking vessel, be shown in sufficient time to prevent collision.”

SEC. 3. Section (d) of Rule Numbered 3 of section 4233 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 33, sec. 312), is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 250.

"(d) At or near the stern, where they can best be seen, two amber lights in a vertical line, one over the other, not less than three feet apart, of such a character as to be visible from aft for a distance of at least two miles, and so screened as not to be visible forward of the beam."

SEC. 4. Rule Numbered 10 of section 4233 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 33, sec. 319), is amended to read as follows:

"Rule Numbered 10. (a) A vessel when under way, if not otherwise required by these rules to carry one or more lights visible from aft, shall carry at her stern a white light, so constructed that it shall show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of twelve points of the compass, so fixed as to show the light six points from right aft on each side of the vessel, and of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least two miles. Such light shall be carried as nearly as practicable on the same level as the side lights.

"(b) In a small vessel, if it is not possible on account of bad weather or other sufficient cause for this light to be fixed, an electric torch or a lighted lantern shall be kept at hand ready for use and shall, on the approach of an overtaking vessel, be shown in sufficient time to prevent collision."

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Vessel towing another.

62 Stat. 250.

Vessel under-way.

Small vessel.

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AN ACT

Authorizing the modification of the Crisfield Harbor, Maryland, project in the interest of navigation.

August 14, 1958
[S. 3177]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the project for Crisfield Harbor, Maryland, authorized in the River and Harbor Act of 1954 (Public Law 780, Eighty-third Congress) is hereby modified to provide for construction of the plan of improvement designated as plan numbered 2, substantially as contained in the report of the Chief of Engineers in House Document Numbered 435, Eighty-first Congress, with such additional modifications and changes as may be deemed advisable: *Provided*, That such modifications result in no increased cost to the Federal Government for construction over and above that contemplated and authorized in the River and Harbor Act of 1954: *Provided further*, That in lieu of the local cooperation recommended in House Document Numbered 435 and authorized by Public Law 780, local interests shall: (a) Furnish free of cost to the United States all lands, easements, rights-of-way and suitable spoil disposal areas for the construction and subsequent maintenance, when and as required for construction generally in accordance with the plan of improvement designated as plan numbered 2; (b) remove or cause to be removed the existing drawbridge and piers; and remove or cause to be removed existing structures and wrecks from the area to be dredged; (c) provide and maintain a public access at least twenty-five feet wide approximately normal to the north side of Somers Cove, such public access to consist of a suitable public road to a space at least twenty-five feet wide reserved for public use abutting the periphery of Somers Cove along the north side of the area to be dredged under the plan of improvement designated as plan numbered 2; and (d) hold and save the United States free from damages due to the construction and maintenance of the project.

Approved August 14, 1958.

Crisfield Harbor, Md.
Modification of navigation project.
68 Stat. 1250.