

Public Law 87-221

AN ACT

September 13, 1961  
[H. R. 2429]

To prohibit destruction of, or injury to, certain property moving in interstate or foreign commerce, and for other purposes.

Property moving  
in interstate com-  
merce.  
Destruction or  
injury prohibited.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) it shall be unlawful for any person willfully to destroy or injure any property moving in interstate or foreign commerce in the possession of a common or contract carrier by railroad, motor vehicle, or aircraft, or willfully to attempt to destroy or injure any such property.

(b) Whoever violates any provision of subsection (a) of this section shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(c) To establish the interstate or foreign commerce character of any property involved in any prosecution under this section, the waybill or similar shipping document of such property shall be prima facie evidence of the place from which and to which such property was moving.

SEC. 2. A judgment of conviction or acquittal on the merits under the laws of any State or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, shall be a bar to any prosecution under this Act for the same act or acts.

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To amend title V of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, in order to clarify the construction subsidy provisions with respect to reconstruction, reconditioning and conversion, and for other purposes.

Vessels.  
Construction  
subsidies.  
46 USC 1152  
note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 2 of the Act of July 7, 1960 (Public Law 86-607, 74 Stat. 362), is amended to read as follows:

“The amendment made by this Act shall be effective only with respect to any contract entered into not later than two years after the date of enactment of this Act under the provisions of section 502 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, with respect to (a) the construction of a vessel the keel of which was laid, or (b) the reconstruction or reconditioning of a vessel the shipyard contract for which was entered into after June 30, 1959, and the Federal Maritime Board may, with the consent of the parties thereto, modify any such contract entered into prior to the date of enactment of the first amendment to Public Law 86-607 (74 Stat. 362), to the extent authorized by the amendment made by this Act, as amended.”

49 Stat. 1996.  
46 USC 1152.

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