Public Law 86-507

AN ACT

To authorize the use of certified mail for the transmission or service of matter required by certain Federal laws to be transmitted or served by registered mail and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (1) section 12 (b) of the Act of August 2, 1939, as added by section 4 of the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 767; 5 U.S.C. 118k), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.

- (2) Section 6(b) of the Commodity Exchange Act (42 Stat. 1001, 1002; 7 U.S.C. 9) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (3) Section 3 of the Act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1373; 7 U.S.C. 473), is amended (A) by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" and (B) by inserting "or receipt for certified mail" immediately following the words "registry receipt".
- (4) Section 6(c) of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, 1930 (46 State. 534; 7 U.S.C. 499f), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (5) Section 365 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 (52 Stat. 63; 7 U.S.C. 1365) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (6) The proviso in the last sentence of section 373(a) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as added by section 6 of the Act of June 13, 1940 (54 Stat. 394; 7 U.S.C. 1373), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (7) Section 409(d) of the Federal Seed Act (53 Stat. 1287; 7 U.S.C. 1599) is amended (A) by striking out the words "registering and mailing a copy thereof" in clause (3) of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailing a copy thereof by registered mail or by certified mail" and (B) by striking out the words "registered and mailed" in the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailed by registered mail or by certified mail".
- (8) Section 107(d) of the Soil Bank Act (70 Stat. 193; 7 U.S.C. 1831) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear therein.
- (9) Section 301 of the Act of March 9, 1933 (48 Stat. 5), as amended (12 U.S.C. 51a), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" in the first sentence thereof.
- (10) The last sentence of section 2(a) of the Act of August 17, 1950 (64 Stat. 456; 12 U.S.C. 214a), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (11) The last sentence in section 5(d) (1) of the Home Owners' Loan Act of 1933, as added by section 503 of the Housing Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 635; 12 U.S.C. 1464), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,":
- (12) Section 402(c) (4) of the National Housing Act, as amended by section 501 of the Housing Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 633; 12 U.S.C. 1725), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following "registered mail".
- (13) Section 5(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended (52 Stat. 113; 15 U.S.C. 45), is amended (A) by striking out the words "registering and mailing a copy thereof" in clause (c) of the

first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailing a copy thereof by registered mail or by certified mail" and (B) by striking out the words "registered and mailed" in the last sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "mailed by registered mail or by certified mail".

- (14) The first sentence of section 8(e) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 805; 15 U.S.C. 80a-8) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (15) The second sentence of section 40(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 842; 15 U.S.C. 80a-39) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (16) The second sentence of section 211(c) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (54 Stat. 855; 15 U.S.C. 80b-11) is amended by inserting "or certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (17) The first sentence of section 5 of the Act of March 29, 1944 (58 Stat. 133; 16 U.S.C. 583d), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (18) Clause (2) of section 505(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (52 Stat. 1053; 21 U.S.C. 355) is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (19) Section 2284 of title 28, United States Code, is amended by striking out "Such notice shall be given by registered mail by the clerk, and shall be complete on the mailing thereof." and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Such notice shall be given by registered mail or by certified mail by the clerk and shall be complete on the mailing thereof."

- (20) The second sentence of section 2410(b) of title 28, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".
- (21) The third sentence in the third paragraph of section 17 of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of February 25, 1920, as amended by the Act of July 29, 1954 (68 Stat. 584; 30 U.S.C. 226), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail," immediately following "registered mail,".
- (22) The last sentence of section 207(b) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 700; 30 U.S.C. 477), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (23) The third sentence of section 207(i) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 702; 30 U.S.C. 477), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (24) The first sentence of section 208(b) of the Federal Coal Mine Safety Act, as added by the first section of the Act of July 16, 1952 (66 Stat. 702; 30 U.S.C. 478), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail".
- (25) Clause (1) of the last paragraph of section 7(a) of the Act of August 13, 1954 (68 Stat. 713; 30 U.S.C. 527), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear in such clause.
- (26) Clause (1) of the last paragraph of section 5(a) of the Act of July 23, 1955 (69 Stat. 370; 30 U.S.C. 613), is amended by inserting "or by certified mail" immediately following the words "registered mail" wherever such words appear in such clause.