

**§ 3. “Vessel” as including all means of water transportation**

The word “vessel” includes every description of watercraft or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on water.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

**§ 4. “Vehicle” as including all means of land transportation**

The word “vehicle” includes every description of carriage or other artificial contrivance used, or capable of being used, as a means of transportation on land.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

**§ 5. “Company” or “association” as including successors and assigns**

The word “company” or “association”, when used in reference to a corporation, shall be deemed to embrace the words “successors and assigns of such company or association”, in like manner as if these last-named words, or words of similar import, were expressed.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 633.)

**§ 6. Limitation of term “products of American fisheries”**

Wherever, in the statutes of the United States or in the rulings, regulations, or interpretations of various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States there appears or may appear the term “products of American fisheries” said term shall not include fresh or frozen fish fillets, fresh or frozen fish steaks, or fresh or frozen slices of fish substantially free of bone (including any of the foregoing divided into sections), produced in a foreign country or its territorial waters, in whole or in part with the use of the labor of persons who are not residents of the United States.

(July 30, 1947, ch. 388, 61 Stat. 634.)

**§ 7. Definition of “marriage” and “spouse”**

In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or interpretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the word “marriage” means only a legal union between one man and one woman as husband and wife, and the word “spouse” refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife.

(Added Pub. L. 104-199, §3(a), Sept. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2419.)

CONSTITUTIONALITY

For information regarding constitutionality of this section, as added by section 3(a) of Pub. L. 104-199, see Congressional Research Service, *The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation*, Appendix 1, Acts of Congress Held Unconstitutional in Whole or in Part by the Supreme Court of the United States.

**§ 8. “Person”, “human being”, “child”, and “individual” as including born-alive infant**

(a) In determining the meaning of any Act of Congress, or of any ruling, regulation, or inter-

pretation of the various administrative bureaus and agencies of the United States, the words “person”, “human being”, “child”, and “individual”, shall include every infant member of the species homo sapiens who is born alive at any stage of development.

(b) As used in this section, the term “born alive”, with respect to a member of the species homo sapiens, means the complete expulsion or extraction from his or her mother of that member, at any stage of development, who after such expulsion or extraction breathes or has a beating heart, pulsation of the umbilical cord, or definite movement of voluntary muscles, regardless of whether the umbilical cord has been cut, and regardless of whether the expulsion or extraction occurs as a result of natural or induced labor, cesarean section, or induced abortion.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affirm, deny, expand, or contract any legal status or legal right applicable to any member of the species homo sapiens at any point prior to being “born alive” as defined in this section.

(Added Pub. L. 107-207, §2(a), Aug. 5, 2002, 116 Stat. 926.)

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AMENDMENTS

1972—Pub. L. 92-403, §2, Aug. 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 619, added item 112b.

1966—Pub. L. 89-497, §2, July 8, 1966, 80 Stat. 271, inserted “slip laws; Treaties and Other International Acts Series;” in item 113.

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 655, §2(a), 65 Stat. 710, added items 106a and 106b.

1950—Act Sept. 23, 1950, ch. 1001, §3, 64 Stat. 980, added item 112a.

**§ 101. Enacting clause**

The enacting clause of all Acts of Congress shall be in the following form: “Be it enacted by

<sup>1</sup> So in original. Does not conform to section catchline.