

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