

Chap. 457.—AN ACT REGULATING PASSENGERS, SHIPS, AND VESSELS.

SECT. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if the master or other person on board of any ship or vessel, owned in the whole or in part by a citizen or citizens of the United States, or the territories thereof, or by a subject or subjects, citizen or citizens of any foreign country, shall after the 1st day of January next, take on board of such ship or vessel, at any foreign port or place; or shall bring or convey into the United States, or the territories thereof, from any foreign port or place; or shall carry, convey, or transport from the United States, or the territories thereof, to any foreign port or place, a greater number of passengers than two for every five tons of such ship or vessel, according to Custom-house measurement, every such master or other person so offending, and the owner or owners of such ship or vessel, shall severally forfeit and pay to the United States the sum of 750 dollars for each and every passenger so taken on board of such ship or vessel over and above the aforesaid number of two to every five tons of such ship or vessel, to be recovered by suit in any Circuit or District Court of the United States where the said vessel may arrive, or where the owner or owners aforesaid may reside: Provided, nevertheless, that nothing in this Act shall be taken to apply to the complement of men usually and ordinarily employed in navigating such ship or vessel.
