

## Public Law 88-659

## AN ACT

October 13, 1964  
[S. 646]

To regulate the location of chanceries and other business offices of foreign governments in the District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act providing for the zoning of the District of Columbia and the regulation of the location, height, bulk, and uses of buildings and other structures and the uses of land in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved June 20, 1938, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 5-418), is amended by inserting "(a)" after "SEC. 6." and by adding at the end of such section the following new subsections:

D.C. zoning regulations.  
Buildings of foreign governments.

52 Stat. 798.

"(b) After the date of enactment of this subsection a foreign government shall be permitted to construct, alter, repair, convert, or occupy a building anywhere in the District of Columbia, other than a district or zone restricted in accordance with this Act to use for industrial purposes, for use by such government as an embassy.

"(c) After the date of enactment of this subsection, except as otherwise provided in subsection (d) of this section, no foreign government shall be permitted to construct, alter, repair, convert, or occupy a building for use as a chancery where official business of such government is to be conducted on any land, regardless of the date such land was acquired, within any district or zone restricted in accordance with this Act to use for residential purposes.

"(d) After the date of enactment of this subsection a foreign government shall be permitted to construct, alter, repair, convert, or occupy a building for use as a chancery within any district or zone restricted in accordance with this Act to use for medium-high density apartments or high density apartments if the Board of Zoning Adjustment shall determine after a public hearing that the proposed use and the building in which the use is to be conducted are compatible with the present and proposed development of the neighborhood. In determining compatibility the Board of Zoning Adjustment must find that—

"(1) in districts or zones restricted in accordance with this Act to use for medium-high density apartments, that off-street parking spaces will be provided at a ratio of not less than one such space for each twelve hundred square feet of gross floor area; and

"(2) in districts or zones restricted in accordance with this Act to use for high density apartments, that off-street parking spaces will be provided at a ratio of not less than one such space for each one thousand eight hundred square feet of gross floor area; and

"(3) the height of the building does not exceed the maximum permitted in the district or zone in which it is located; and

"(4) the architectural design and the arrangement of all structures and off-street parking spaces are in keeping with the character of the neighborhood.

"(e) As used in this section, the term—

"(1) 'embassy' means a building used as the official residence of the chief of a diplomatic mission of a foreign government.

"(2) 'chancery' means a building containing business offices of the chief of a diplomatic mission of a foreign government where official business of such government is conducted, and such term shall include any chancery annex, and the business offices of attachés of a foreign government who are under the personal direction and superintendence of the chief of mission of such government. Such term shall not include business offices of non-

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diplomatic missions of foreign governments such as purchasing, financial, educational, or other missions of comparable nondiplomatic nature.

"(3) 'person' means any individual who is subject to direction by the chief of mission of a foreign government and is engaged in diplomatic activities recognized as such by the Secretary of State."

SEC. 2. Nothing in the amendments made by the first section of this Act shall prohibit—

(1) the future or continued use of a building as a chancery or the making of ordinary repairs to any such building for which lawful use as a chancery existed on the date of enactment of this Act, or

(2) the construction, reconstruction, expansion, or alteration in accordance with any permit issued by the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia on or before February 18, 1964, of any building used or to be used as a chancery.

SEC. 3. The amendments made by the first section of this Act shall apply only to applications for special exemptions to the zoning regulations filed with the Board of Zoning Adjustment after May 1, 1964.

SEC. 4. After the date of enactment of this Act, no building or chancery being used by a foreign government in the District of Columbia shall be transferred to or used by another foreign government unless such use is in accordance with section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1938, as amended (D.C. Code, sec. 5-418), or unless such use was in accordance with applicable law at the time of this enactment.

SEC. 5. This Act and the amendments made thereby shall not be administered in such a way as to discriminate against any foreign government on the basis of the race, color, or creed of any of its citizens.

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Transfer of  
property between  
foreign govern-  
ments.

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### AN ACT

October 13, 1964  
[S. 1593]

To amend section 14 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954 concerning the interstate planning and coordination of the Great River Road.

Federal-Aid  
Highway Act of  
1954, amendment.  
Great River  
Road.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 14 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1954 (68 Stat. 70), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"For the purpose of expediting the interstate planning and coordination of a continuous Great River Road and appurtenances thereto traversing the Mississippi Valley from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico in general conformity with the provisions of title 23, United States Code, and with the recommended plan set forth in the joint report submitted to the Congress November 28, 1951, by the Secretaries of Commerce and Interior pursuant to the Act of August 24, 1949 (Public Law 262, Eighty-first Congress), there is hereby authorized to be expended by the Secretary of Commerce from general administrative funds not to exceed \$500,000; the amount expended under this section shall be apportioned among the ten States bordering the Mississippi River on the basis of their relative needs as determined by the Secretary of Commerce."

Approved October 13, 1964.

63 Stat. 626.  
Appropriation.