

“employment” shall include any service of whatever nature performed by an individual for an employing unit on or in connection with an American vessel under a contract of service which is entered into within the United States or during the performance of which the vessel touches at a port in the United States if such individual is employed on or in connection with such vessel outside of the United States, and provided such service is performed on or in connection with the operation of an American vessel operating on the navigable waters within or within and without the United States and such operations are ordinarily and regularly supervised, managed, directed and controlled from an operating office managed by an employing unit in this commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Section 1 of said chapter 151A is hereby amended by adding at the end the following subsection: —

(u) “American vessel”, any vessel documented or numbered under the laws of the United States; and includes any vessel which is neither documented or numbered under the laws of the United States nor documented under the laws of any foreign country, if its crew is performing services solely for one or more citizens or residents of the United States or corporations organized under the laws of the United States or of any state.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 151A, § 1, amended.
“American vessel” defined.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty. *Approved August 2, 1949.*

Effective date.

AN ACT RELATING TO BRANCHES OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. *Chap. 640*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to regulate the establishing of branches by certain financial institutions organized under laws other than the laws of the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 167 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 37 the following section: — *Section 37A.* No association, corporation, partnership, or person organized or operating under laws other than the laws of this commonwealth and doing a business similar to any business referred to in section one, shall establish or maintain any branch or depot in this commonwealth unless expressly authorized to operate and maintain a branch or depot by the laws under which it was organized or operates and except in accordance with the same restrictions and limitations as to branches and depots applicable to similar institutions organized or operating under the laws of this commonwealth.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 167, new § 37A, added.
Branch offices of financial institutions, regulated.

Approved August 3, 1949.