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6 and characteristics including frequencies, emissions,  
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12 poses and requirements of this part;

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14 parts necessary to comply with the purposes and require-  
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18 fied herein for the proper functioning of the radio in-  
19 stallation installed in accordance with this part or for  
20 the proper conduct of radio communication in time of  
21 emergency or distress.

22 "SEC. 385. The Commission shall make such inspections  
23 as may be necessary to insure compliance with the require-  
24 ments of this part.

25 "SEC. 386. The following forfeitures shall apply to this

1 part in addition to penalties and forfeitures provided by title  
2 V of this Act:

3 “(a) Any vessel of the United States that is navigated  
4 in violation of the provisions of this part or of the rules and  
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6 shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$500 recover-  
7 able by way of suit or libel. Each day during which such  
8 navigation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

9 “(b) Every willful failure on the part of the master of  
10 a vessel of the United States to enforce or to comply with  
11 the provisions of this part or the rules and regulations of  
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15 1934, as amended, is amended by deleting “part II of title  
16 III and section 507”, and inserting in lieu thereof “parts II  
17 and III of title III and section 507”.

18 SEC. 3. Section 3 (y) (2) is amended by deleting “part  
19 II of title III” and inserting in lieu thereof “parts II and III  
20 of title III”.

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22 June 1, 1956.

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