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Harbors and Navigation Code § 510 – Compiled February, 2010

Our review of the annotated history of this statute reveals the following legislative history (every “c.” below represents a separate legislative bill):

Prior History:

Former uncodified § 10, added 1850, c. 70

Former Political Code § 2403, enacted in 1872 Codification

Current: added 1937, c. 368

In 1850, in *an act concerning wrecks and wrecked property*, the language of former uncodified § 10 read as follows:

§ 10. It shall be the duty of the Sheriffs in the several counties to give all possible aid and assistance to all vessels stranded on the caosts of their respective counties, and to the persons on board the same, and to use their utmost endeavors to save and preserve such vessels and their cargoes, and all goods an merchandise which may be cast by the sea upon the land, and in the performance of these duties they shall employ such and so many men as they may respectively think proper.

When this 1850 act was codified in the former Political Code in 1872, it read as follows:

§ 2403: The sheriff in each county must give all possible aid and assistance to vessels stranded on its coast and to the persons on board the same, and exert himself to save and preserve such persons, vessels, and their cargoes, and all goods and merchandise which may be cast by the sea upon the land, and to this end may employ as many persons as he may think proper. All citizens must aid the sheriff when required.

The 1937 enactment of current § 510 was part of a codification of the Harbors and Navigation Code. We generally find that such codification bills are nonsubstantive as to the specific sections being affected.

You can compare the above language against the current version of § 510 to determine when your specific language of interest first appeared or was substantively affected.

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