

Highway Between the United States and Other American Republics (51 Stat. 152), cooperating with several governments, members of the Organization of American States, in connection with the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway, and for performing engineering service in the other American Republics for and upon the request of any agency or governmental corporation of the United States. To the extent authorized in appropriation acts, administrative funds available in accordance with subsection (a) of section 104 of this title shall be available annually for the purpose of this section.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, §152(5), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Federal Highway Administration” for “Bureau of Public Roads”.

PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY STUDY

Pub. L. 104-59, title III, §359(a), Nov. 28, 1995, 109 Stat. 626, provided that:

“(1) STUDY.—The Secretary shall conduct a study on the adequacy of and the need for improvements to the Pan American Highway.

“(2) ELEMENTS.—The study shall include, at a minimum, the following elements:

“(A) Findings on the benefits of constructing a highway at Darien Gap, Panama and Colombia.

“(B) Recommendations for a self-financing arrangement for completion and maintenance of the Pan American Highway.

“(C) Recommendations for establishing a Pan American highway authority to monitor financing, construction, maintenance, and operations of the Pan American Highway.

“(D) Findings on the benefits to trade and prosperity of a more efficient Pan American Highway.

“(E) Findings on the benefits to United States industry resulting from the use of United States technology and equipment in construction of improvements to the Pan American Highway.

“(F) Findings on environmental considerations, including environmental considerations relating to Darien Gap.

“(3) REPORT.—Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1995], the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a report on the results of the study.”

§ 310. Civil defense

In order to assure that adequate consideration is given to civil defense aspects in the planning and construction of highways constructed or reconstructed with the aid of Federal funds, the Secretary of Transportation is authorized and directed to consult, from time to time, with the Federal Civil Defense Administrator relative to the civil defense aspects of highways so constructed or reconstructed.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 914; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, §152(3), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Secretary of Transportation” for “Secretary of Commerce”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Office of Federal Civil Defense Administrator, referred to in text, abolished and functions thereof transferred to President by Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1958, set out as a note under section 5195 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. The Plan also established a new

agency in the Executive Office of the President, known as the Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization to be headed by a Director. Office redesignated as the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization by act Aug. 26, 1958 (72 Stat. 861; 42 U.S.C. 5195 note). Civil defense functions transferred to Secretary of Defense by Executive Order No. 10952 of July 20, 1961, formerly set out as a note under section 2271 of Title 50, Appendix, War and National Defense, and remaining functions redesignated Office of Emergency Planning by act Sept. 22, 1961 (75 Stat. 630; 42 U.S.C. 5195 note). Office redesignated Office of Emergency Preparedness by act Oct. 21, 1968 (82 Stat. 1194; 42 U.S.C. 5195 note). Office of Emergency Preparedness including office of Director abolished and functions thereof transferred to President by Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1973, set out as a note under section 5195 of Title 42.

§ 311. Highway improvements strategically important to the national defense

Funds made available under subsection (a) of section 104 of this title may be used to pay the entire engineering costs of the surveys, plans, specifications, estimates, and supervision of construction of projects for such urgent improvements of highways strategically important from the standpoint of the national defense as may be undertaken on the order of the Secretary and as the result of request of the Secretary of Defense or such other official as the President may designate. With the consent of a State, funds made available under subsection (b) of section 104 of this title may be used to the extent deemed necessary and advisable by the Secretary to carry out the provisions of this section.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915.)

NATIONAL DEFENSE HIGHWAYS LOCATED OUTSIDE UNITED STATES

Pub. L. 102-240, title I, §1006(h), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 1207, provided that:

“(1) RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.—If the Secretary determines, after consultation with the Secretary of Defense, that a highway, or portion of a highway, located outside the United States is important to the national defense, the Secretary may carry out a project for the reconstruction of such highway or portion of highway.

“(2) FUNDING.—The Secretary may make available, from funds appropriated to construct the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, not to exceed \$20,000,000 per fiscal year for each of fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, and 1996 to carry out this subsection. Such sums shall remain available until expended.”

§ 312. Detail of Army, Navy, and Air Force officers

The Secretary of Defense, upon request of the Secretary, is authorized to make temporary details to the Federal Highway Administration of officers of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, without additional compensation, for technical advice and for consultation regarding highway needs for the national defense. Travel and subsistence expenses of officers so detailed shall be paid from appropriations available to the Department of Transportation on the same basis as authorized by law and by regulations of the Department of Defense for such officers.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, §152(5), (6), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Federal Highway Administration” for “Bureau of Public Roads” and “Department of Transportation” for “Department of Commerce”.

[§ 313. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-564, title I, § 102(a), Sept. 9, 1966, 80 Stat. 734]

Section, Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915, authorized the Secretary to cooperate with State highway departments and other agencies in the promotion of highway safety and authorized the expenditure of \$150,000 out of the administrative funds made available in accordance with section 104(a) of this title for the purposes of this section. See section 401 et seq. of this title.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10858

Ex. Ord. No. 10858, Jan. 13, 1960, 25 F.R. 373, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10968, Oct. 10, 1961, 26 F.R. 9667, which established the President’s Committee for Traffic Safety, was revoked by section 16 of Ex. Ord. No. 11382, Nov. 28, 1967, 32 F.R. 16247, formerly set out as a note under section 1652 of former Title 49, Appendix, Transportation.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10898

Ex. Ord. No. 10898, Dec. 2, 1960, 25 F.R. 12429, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 10986, Jan. 12, 1962, 27 F.R. 439; Ex. Ord. No. 11382, Nov. 28, 1967, 32 F.R. 16247, which established the Interdepartmental Highway Safety Board, was revoked by Ex. Ord. No. 11515, Mar. 13, 1970, 35 F.R. 4543.

§ 314. Relief of employees in hazardous work

The Secretary is authorized in an emergency to use appropriations to the Department of Transportation for carrying out the provisions of this title for medical supplies, services, and other assistance necessary for the immediate relief of employees of the Federal Highway Administration engaged in hazardous work.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915; Pub. L. 93-87, title I, § 152(5), (6), Aug. 13, 1973, 87 Stat. 276.)

AMENDMENTS

1973—Pub. L. 93-87 substituted “Department of Transportation” for “Department of Commerce” and “Federal Highway Administration” for “Bureau of Public Roads”.

§ 315. Rules, regulations, and recommendations

Except as provided in sections 204(f) and 205(a) of this title, the Secretary is authorized to prescribe and promulgate all needful rules and regulations for the carrying out of the provisions of this title. The Secretary may make such recommendations to the Congress and State transportation departments as he deems necessary for preserving and protecting the highways and insuring the safety of traffic thereon.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915; Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 133(b)(18), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 172; Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1212(a)(2)(A)(ii), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 193.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-178 substituted “State transportation departments” for “State highway departments”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-17 which directed that this section be amended by substituting “204(f) and 205(a)” for

“204(d), 205(a), 207(b), and 208(c)” was executed by substituting “204(f) and 205(a)” for “204(d), 205(a), 206(b), 207(b), and 208(c)”, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

§ 316. Consent by United States to conveyance of property

For the purposes of this title the consent of the United States is given to any railroad or canal company to convey to the State transportation department of any State, or its nominee, any part of its right-of-way or other property in that State acquired by grant from the United States.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 915; Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1212(a)(2)(A)(i), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 193.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-178 substituted “State transportation department” for “State highway department”.

§ 317. Appropriation for highway purposes of lands or interests in lands owned by the United States

(a) If the Secretary determines that any part of the lands or interests in lands owned by the United States is reasonably necessary for the right-of-way of any highway, or as a source of materials for the construction or maintenance of any such highway adjacent to such lands or interests in lands, the Secretary shall file with the Secretary of the Department supervising the administration of such lands or interests in lands a map showing the portion of such lands or interests in lands which it is desired to appropriate.

(b) If within a period of four months after such filing, the Secretary of such Department shall not have certified to the Secretary that the proposed appropriation of such land or material is contrary to the public interest or inconsistent with the purposes for which such land or materials have been reserved, or shall have agreed to the appropriation and transfer under conditions which he deems necessary for the adequate protection and utilization of the reserve, then such land and materials may be appropriated and transferred to the State transportation department, or its nominee, for such purposes and subject to the conditions so specified.

(c) If at any time the need for any such lands or materials for such purposes shall no longer exist, notice of the fact shall be given by the State transportation department to the Secretary and such lands or materials shall immediately revert to the control of the Secretary of the Department from which they had been appropriated.

(d) The provisions of this section shall apply only to projects constructed on a Federal-aid system or under the provisions of chapter 2 of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-767, Aug. 27, 1958, 72 Stat. 916; Pub. L. 105-178, title I, § 1212(a)(2)(A)(i), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 193.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 105-178 substituted “State transportation department” for “State highway department”.