

shall consider any possible alternative route that serves the area in which the segment is located.

(B) The Secretary shall make a decision about a specific segment not later than 120 days after the date of receipt of notification from a chief executive officer under paragraph (1) of this subsection or the date on which the Secretary initiates action under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, whichever is applicable. If the Secretary finds the decision will not be made in time, the Secretary immediately shall notify Congress, giving the reasons for the delay, information about the resources assigned, and the projected date for the decision.

(C) Before making a decision, the Secretary shall give an interested person notice and an opportunity for comment. If the Secretary exempts a segment under this subsection before the final regulations under subsection (a) of this section are prescribed, the Secretary shall include the exemption as part of the final regulations. If the Secretary exempts the segment after the final regulations are prescribed, the Secretary shall publish the exemption as an amendment to the final regulations.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 997.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
31113(a) .....	49 App.:2316(a), (f).	Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2097, §416(a), (d), (f); added Apr. 5, 1983, Pub. L. 98-17, §1(a), 97 Stat. 59; Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98-554, §§103(1), 104(d), (e), 105, 98 Stat. 2830, 2831.
31113(b) .....	49 App.:2316(b).	Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2097, §416(b), (c); added Apr. 5, 1983, Pub. L. 98-17, §1(a), 97 Stat. 59.
31113(c) .....	49 App.:2316(c).	
31113(d) .....	49 App.:2316(d).	
31113(e) .....	49 App.:2316(e).	Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, 96 Stat. 2097, §416(e); added Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98-554, §103(2), 98 Stat. 2830.

In this section, the word “commercial” is added before “motor vehicle” for consistency. The words “Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways” are substituted for “National System of Interstate and Defense Highways” because of the Act of October 15, 1990 (Public Law 101-427, 104 Stat. 927).

In subsection (a)(1), before clause (A), the text of 49 App.:2316(f) is omitted as obsolete. The word “prescribe” is substituted for “establish, maintain” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code. The words “a commercial motor vehicle operating on” are added for clarity.

In subsection (b), the words “or energy conservation” are added for consistency with section 31111(d) of the revised title and because of the reference to “efficient operation”.

In subsection (e)(4)(C), the word “amendment” is substituted for “revision” for consistency in the revised title.

**§ 31114. Access to the Interstate System**

(a) PROHIBITION ON DENYING ACCESS.—A State may not enact or enforce a law denying to a commercial motor vehicle subject to this subchapter or subchapter I of this chapter reasonable access between—

- (1) the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways (except a

segment exempted under section 31111(f) or 31113(e) of this title) and other qualifying Federal-aid Primary System highways designated by the Secretary of Transportation; and

- (2) terminals, facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest, and points of loading and unloading for household goods carriers, motor carriers of passengers, or any truck tractor-semitrailer combination in which the semitrailer has a length of not more than 28.5 feet and that generally operates as part of a vehicle combination described in section 31111(c) of this title.

(b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not prevent a State or local government from imposing reasonable restrictions, based on safety considerations, on a truck tractor-semitrailer combination in which the semitrailer has a length of not more than 28.5 feet and that generally operates as part of a vehicle combination described in section 31111(c) of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 999.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
31114(a) .....	49 App.:2312(a).	Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, §412, 96 Stat. 2160; Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98-554, §§104(c), 106, 98 Stat. 2831, 2832; Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, §4006(b)(2), 105 Stat. 2151.
31114(b) .....	49 App.:2312(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways” are substituted for “Interstate and Defense Highway System” for consistency in the revised chapter.

**§ 31115. Enforcement**

On the request of the Secretary of Transportation, the Attorney General shall bring a civil action for appropriate injunctive relief to ensure compliance with this subchapter or subchapter I of this chapter. The action may be brought in a district court of the United States in any State in which the relief is required. On a proper showing, the court shall issue a temporary restraining order or preliminary or permanent injunction. An injunction under this section may order a State or person to comply with this subchapter, subchapter I, or a regulation prescribed under this subchapter or subchapter I.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 999.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
31115 .....	49 App.:2313.	Jan. 6, 1983, Pub. L. 97-424, §413, 96 Stat. 2160; Oct. 30, 1984, Pub. L. 98-554, §214, 98 Stat. 2844.

The words “to assure compliance with the terms of this chapter” and “In any action under this section” are omitted as surplus. The last sentence is substituted for 49 App.:2313 (last sentence) for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

SUBCHAPTER III—SAFETY REGULATION

**§ 31131. Purposes and findings**

(a) PURPOSES.—The purposes of this subchapter are—