

EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 110-234, title VIII, § 8203(b), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1291, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title VIII, § 8203(b), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2052, provided that: “Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act [June 18, 2008], the Secretary of Agriculture shall issue regulations to carry out section 407 of the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 [16 U.S.C. 2206], as added by subsection (a).”

[Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical provisions. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.]

CHAPTER 43—PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS FOR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM AREAS

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§ 2301. Congressional statement of findings and purpose

(a) The Congress hereby finds that—

(1) the purpose of the National Park System is to preserve outstanding natural, scenic, historic, and recreation areas for the enjoyment, education, inspiration, and use of all people;

(2) units of the National Park System have recently been established near major metropolitan areas in order to preserve remaining open space and to provide recreational opportunities for urban residents (many of whom do not have access to personal motor vehicles); and

(3) circumstances which necessarily require people desiring to visit units of the National Park System to rely on personal motor vehicles may diminish the natural and recreational value of such units by causing traffic congestion and environmental damage, and by requiring the provision of roads, parking, and other facilities in ever-increasing numbers and density.

(b) The purpose of this chapter is to make the National Park System more accessible in a manner consistent with the preservation of parks and the conservation of energy by encouraging the use of transportation modes other than personal motor vehicles for access to and within units of the National Park System with minimum disruption to nearby communities through authorization of a pilot transportation program.

(Pub. L. 95-344, title III, § 301, Aug. 15, 1978, 92 Stat. 477.)

§ 2302. Transportation service and facility programs

(a) Formulation and implementation of plans and projects developed pursuant to plans

The Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as “Secretary”) is authorized to formulate transportation plans and implement transportation projects where feasible pursuant to those plans for units of the national park system.

(b) Contracts, acquisitions, etc., for improvement of access to park system units

To carry out the purposes of subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary is authorized to—

(1) contract with public or private agencies or carriers to provide transportation services, capital equipment, or facilities to improve access to units of the national park system;

(2) operate such services directly in the absence of suitable and adequate agencies or carriers;

(3) acquire by purchase, lease, or agreement, capital equipment for such services; and

(4) where necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter, acquire by lease, purchase, donation, exchange, or transfer, lands, waters, and interests therein which are situated outside the boundary of a unit of the national park system, which property shall be administered as part of the unit: *Provided*, That any land or interests in land owned by a State or any of its political subdivisions may be acquired only by donation: *Provided further*, That any land acquisition shall be subject to such statutory limitations, if any, on methods of acquisition and appropriations thereof as may be specifically applicable to such area.

(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 104-333, div. I, title VIII, § 814(d)(1)(A), Nov. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 4195

(d) Appropriation of fees collected and covered into Planning, Development, and Operation of Recreational Facilities appropriation account

All fees directly collected by the National Park Service in the operation of the facilities and services authorized by this chapter shall be covered into the Planning, Development, and Operation of Recreation Facilities appropriation account to be subject to appropriation.

(e) Establishment of information programs

The Secretary shall establish information programs to inform the public of available park access opportunities and to promote the use of transportation modes other than personal motor vehicles for access to and travel within the units of the national park system.

(f) Undertaking of concession facilities or services

Transportation facilities and services provided pursuant to this chapter shall not be considered as concession facilities or services within the meaning of the Act of October 9, 1965 (79 Stat. 969)¹ and may be undertaken by the Secretary directly or by contract without regard to any requirement of local, State, or Federal law re-

¹ See References in Text note below.