

Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §303(a)(20)(C), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4295.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original "this Act", meaning act June 19, 1934, ch. 652, 48 Stat. 1064, known as the Communications Act of 1934, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 609 of this title and Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-414 inserted section catchline.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 1957, see section 4 of act Aug. 6, 1956, set out as a note under section 381 of this title.

### § 384. Authority of Commission; operations, installations, and additional equipment

The Commission shall have authority with respect to any vessel subject to this part—

(1) to specify operating and technical conditions and characteristics including frequencies, emissions, power, communication capability and range, of installations required by reason of this part;

(2) to approve the details as to the location and manner of installation of the equipment required by this part or of equipment necessitated by reason of the purposes and requirements of this part;

(3) to approve installations, apparatus and spare parts necessary to comply with the purposes and requirements of this part;

(4) to prescribe such additional equipment as may be determined to be necessary to supplement that specified herein for the proper functioning of the radio installation installed in accordance with this part or for the proper conduct of radio communication in time of emergency or distress.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, §384, as added Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 973, §1, 70 Stat. 1048; amended Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §303(a)(20)(D), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4295.)

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-414 inserted section catchline.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 1957, see section 4 of act Aug. 6, 1956, set out as a note under section 381 of this title.

### § 385. Inspections

The Commission or an entity designated by the Commission shall make such inspections as may be necessary to insure compliance with the requirements of this part. In accordance with such other provisions of law as apply to Government contracts, the Commission may enter into contracts with any person for the purpose of carrying out such inspections and certifying compliance with those requirements, and may, as part of any such contract, allow any such person to accept reimbursement from the license holder for travel and expense costs of any employee conducting an inspection or certification.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, §385, as added Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 973, §1, 70 Stat. 1048; amended Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §303(a)(20)(E), Oct. 25,

1994, 108 Stat. 4295; Pub. L. 104-104, title IV, §403(o), Feb. 8, 1996, 110 Stat. 132.)

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-104 inserted "or an entity designated by the Commission" after "The Commission" and inserted at end "In accordance with such other provisions of law as apply to Government contracts, the Commission may enter into contracts with any person for the purpose of carrying out such inspections and certifying compliance with those requirements, and may, as part of any such contract, allow any such person to accept reimbursement from the license holder for travel and expense costs of any employee conducting an inspection or certification."

1994—Pub. L. 103-414 inserted section catchline.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 1957, see section 4 of act Aug. 6, 1956, set out as a note under section 381 of this title.

### § 386. Forfeitures

The following forfeitures shall apply to this part in addition to penalties and forfeitures provided by subchapter V of this chapter:

(a) Any vessel of the United States that is navigated in violation of the provisions of this part or of the rules and regulations of the Commission made in pursuance thereof shall forfeit to the United States the sum of \$5,000 recoverable by way of suit or libel. Each day during which such navigation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

(b) Every willful failure on the part of the master of a vessel of the United States to enforce or to comply with the provisions of this part or the rules and regulations of the Commission made in pursuance thereof shall cause him to forfeit to the United States the sum of \$1,000.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, §386, as added Aug. 6, 1956, ch. 973, §1, 70 Stat. 1048; amended Pub. L. 101-239, title III, §3002(h), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2131; Pub. L. 103-414, title III, §303(a)(20)(F), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4295.)

## AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-414 inserted section catchline.

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-239, §3002(h)(1), substituted "\$5,000" for "\$500".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-239, §3002(h)(2), substituted "\$1,000" for "\$100".

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Mar. 1, 1957, see section 4 of act Aug. 6, 1956, set out as a note under section 381 of this title.

## PART IV—ASSISTANCE FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES; TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEMONSTRATIONS; CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING; GENERAL PROVISIONS

### SUBPART A—ASSISTANCE FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

#### § 390. Declaration of purpose

The purpose of this subpart is to assist, through matching grants, in the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities in order to achieve the following objectives: (1) extend delivery of public telecommunications services to as many citizens of the

United States as possible by the most efficient and economical means, including the use of broadcast and nonbroadcast technologies; (2) increase public telecommunications services and facilities available to, operated by, and owned by minorities and women; and (3) strengthen the capability of existing public television and radio stations to provide public telecommunications services to the public.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, § 390, as added Pub. L. 87-447, May 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 64; amended Pub. L. 90-129, title I, § 103(a), title II, § 201(2), Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 365, 367; Pub. L. 94-309, § 2(c), June 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 95-567, title I, § 101, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2405.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-567 expanded scope of section to authorize construction financing for telecommunications facilities other than television and radio broadcasting, and assistance in the planning, as well as the construction, of such facilities, and substituted provisions relating to the objectives of this subpart for former provision relating to the demonstration of the use of telecommunication technologies for the distribution of information.

1976—Pub. L. 94-309 designated existing phrase relating to assistance in the construction of noncommercial educational broadcasting facilities as cl. (1) and added cl. (2).

1967—Pub. L. 90-129 inserted “noncommercial” and “or radio” and substituted “subpart” for “part”, respectively.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-567, title IV, § 403, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2424, provided that: “The provisions of this Act [enacting section 395 of this title, amending this section and sections 391, 392, 393, 394, and 396 to 398 of this title, repealing sections 392a and 395 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section, sections 392 and 396 of this title, and section 5316 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees], and the amendments made by this Act, shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 2, 1978].”

#### GRANTS

Pub. L. 100-584, § 3, Nov. 3, 1988, 102 Stat. 2970, provided that: “The Administrator [of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration] shall enter into discussions with the Federal Communications Commission for the purposes of determining the feasibility of awarding public telecommunications facilities program grants for low-power television stations and television translator stations on a conditional basis pending the award by the Commission of licenses for such stations. The Administrator shall also work with the Commission to establish a schedule for the expedited and coordinated consideration, on a regular basis, of future grant requests and license applications for low-power television stations and television translator stations. The Administrator shall, within ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 3, 1988], report to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate and the Committee on Energy and Commerce of the House of Representatives on the progress made in carrying out the requirements of this section.”

#### STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL AND INSTRUCTIONAL BROADCASTING

Pub. L. 90-129, title III, §§ 301-303, Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 373, authorized the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare to conduct, directly or by contract, and in consultation with other interested Federal agencies, a comprehensive study of instructional television and

radio (including broadcast, closed circuit, community antenna television, and instructional television fixed services and two-way communication of data links and computers) and their relationship to each other and to instructional materials such as videotapes, films, discs, computers, and other educational materials or devices, and such other aspects thereof as may be of assistance in determining whether and what Federal aid should be provided for instructional radio and television and the form that aid should take, and which may aid communities, institutions, or agencies in determining whether and to what extent such activities should be used. The study was required to be submitted to the President for transmittal to the Congress on or before June 30, 1969.

#### § 391. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated \$42,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, and 1994, to be used by the Secretary of Commerce to assist in the planning and construction of public telecommunications facilities as provided in this subpart. Sums appropriated under this subpart for any fiscal year shall remain available until expended for payment of grants for projects for which applications approved by the Secretary pursuant to this subpart have been submitted within such fiscal year. Sums appropriated under this subpart may be used by the Secretary to cover the cost of administering the provisions of this subpart.

(June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title III, § 391, as added Pub. L. 87-447, May 1, 1962, 76 Stat. 65; amended Pub. L. 90-129, title I, § 101, Nov. 7, 1967, 81 Stat. 365; Pub. L. 91-97, § 2, Oct. 27, 1969, 83 Stat. 146; Pub. L. 92-411, § 2, Aug. 29, 1972, 86 Stat. 643; Pub. L. 93-84, § 1(c), Aug. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 219; Pub. L. 94-309, § 3, June 5, 1976, 90 Stat. 683; Pub. L. 95-567, title I, § 102, Nov. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 2405; Pub. L. 97-35, title XII, § 1222, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 725; Pub. L. 99-272, title V, § 5001(a), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 100-626, § 2, Nov. 7, 1988, 102 Stat. 3207; Pub. L. 102-356, § 2, Aug. 26, 1992, 106 Stat. 949.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-356 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$42,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1992, 1993, and 1994 for provisions authorizing appropriations of \$40,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1979, 1980, and 1981, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1982, \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 1983, \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1984, \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 1988, \$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1989, \$39,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, and \$42,000,000 for fiscal year 1991.

1988—Pub. L. 100-626 struck out “and” after “fiscal year 1987,” and inserted “\$36,000,000 for fiscal year 1989, \$39,000,000 for fiscal year 1990, and \$42,000,000 for fiscal year 1991,” after “fiscal year 1988.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-272 struck out “and” after “1983,” and inserted “, \$24,000,000 for fiscal year 1986, \$28,000,000 for fiscal year 1987, and \$32,000,000 for fiscal year 1988,” after “1984.”

1981—Pub. L. 97-35 inserted provisions authorizing appropriations for fiscal years 1982, 1983, and 1984 of \$20,000,000, \$15,000,000, and \$12,000,000, respectively.

1978—Pub. L. 95-567 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of \$40,000,000 for fiscal years 1979 to 1981 for provisions authorizing appropriations of \$7,500,000 for July 1, 1976 through September 30, 1976 and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, provision that such funds would remain available until expended for provision that such funds would remain available for one year after the last day of the fiscal year, and also made allowance for the funds to be used for the cost of administering this section.