

Section 11504, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1446; Pub. L. 97-261, §29(d), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1128; Pub. L. 101-322, §7, July 6, 1990, 104 Stat. 296; Pub. L. 103-272, §5(m)(33), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1378, related to withholding State and local income tax by certain carriers. See sections 11502 and 14503 of this title.

Section 11505, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1448; Pub. L. 99-521, §11(b), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2998, related to State action to enjoin rail carriers from certain actions.

Section 11506, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1448; Pub. L. 102-240, title IV, §4005, Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2146, related to registration of motor carriers by a State.

Section 11507, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1449; Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §233, Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2031, related to prison-made property governed by State law.

#### CHAPTER 117—ENFORCEMENT: INVESTIGATIONS, RIGHTS, AND REMEDIES

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#### § 11701. General authority

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this part, the Board may begin an investigation under this part only on complaint. If the Board finds that a rail carrier is violating this part, the Board shall take appropriate action to compel compliance with this part.

(b) A person, including a governmental authority, may file with the Board a complaint about a violation of this part by a rail carrier providing transportation or service subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under this part. The complaint must state the facts that are the subject of the violation. The Board may dismiss a complaint if it determines does not state reasonable grounds for investigation and action. However, the Board may not dismiss a complaint made against a rail carrier providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under this part because of the absence of direct damage to the complainant.

(c) A formal investigative proceeding begun by the Board under subsection (a) of this section is dismissed automatically unless it is concluded by the Board with administrative finality by the end of the third year after the date on which it was begun.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §102(a), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 845.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11701, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1449; Pub. L. 96-296, §26(a), July 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 818; Pub. L. 98-554, title II, §226(c)(4), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2851; Pub. L. 99-521, §12(a), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2998; Pub. L. 100-690, title IX, §9111(i), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4534; Pub. L. 103-272, §5(m)(34), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1378, related to general authority of Interstate Commerce Commission to enforce this subtitle, prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L.

104-88, §102(a). See sections 11701, 14701, and 15901 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Chapter effective Jan. 1, 1996, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 104-88, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 701 of this title.

#### § 11702. Enforcement by the Board

The Board may bring a civil action—

(1) to enjoin a rail carrier from violating sections 10901 through 10906 of this title, or a regulation prescribed or order or certificate issued under any of those sections;

(2) to enforce subchapter II of chapter 113 of this title and to compel compliance with an order of the Board under that subchapter; and

(3) to enforce an order of the Board, except a civil action to enforce an order for the payment of money, when it is violated by a rail carrier providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under this part.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §102(a), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 845.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11702, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1450; Pub. L. 96-296, §§15(c), 16(c), July 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 809, 810; Pub. L. 97-261, §25(e), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1125; Pub. L. 98-554, title II, §226(c)(5), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2851; Pub. L. 100-690, title IX, §9111(j), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4534, related to authority of Interstate Commerce Commission to bring a civil action to enforce various provisions of this subtitle, prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, §102(a). See sections 11702, 14702, and 15902 of this title.

#### § 11703. Enforcement by the Attorney General

(a) The Attorney General may, and on request of the Board shall, bring court proceedings to enforce this part, or a regulation or order of the Board or certificate issued under this part, and to prosecute a person violating this part or a regulation or order of the Board or certificate issued under this part.

(b) The United States Government may bring a civil action on behalf of a person to compel a rail carrier providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under this part to provide that transportation to that person in compliance with this part at the same rate charged, or on conditions as favorable as those given by the rail carrier, for like traffic under similar conditions to another person.

(Added Pub. L. 104-88, title I, §102(a), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 845.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 11703, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1450, related to authority of Attorney General and United States Government to bring civil actions to enforce this subtitle, prior to the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, §102(a). See sections 11703, 14703, and 15903 of this title.

#### § 11704. Rights and remedies of persons injured by rail carriers

(a) A person injured because a rail carrier providing transportation or service subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under this part does not obey an order of the Board, except an order