

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 11908 to 11917 were omitted in the general amendment of this subtitle by Pub. L. 104-88, § 102(a).

Section 11908, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1459; Pub. L. 99-521, § 13(b)(1), (2), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2998, 2999, related to penalty for abandonment of service by household goods freight forwarders.

Section 11909, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1460; Pub. L. 96-258, § 1(15), June 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 97-424, title IV, § 427(a), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2168; Pub. L. 98-216, § 2(20), Feb. 14, 1984, 98 Stat. 6; Pub. L. 99-521, § 13(c), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2999; Pub. L. 103-180, § 6(c), Dec. 3, 1993, 107 Stat. 2051; Pub. L. 103-272, § 4(j)(35), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1370, related to penalties for record keeping and reporting violations. See sections 11903, 14907, and 16102 of this title.

Section 11910, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1461; Pub. L. 96-448, title III, § 303(b), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1938; Pub. L. 99-521, § 13(d), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2999, related to penalties for unlawful disclosure of information. See sections 11904, 14908, and 16103 of this title.

Section 11911, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1462; Pub. L. 97-261, § 19(c), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1121, related to penalties for violations involving issuance of securities, disposition of funds, and restrictions on ownership.

Section 11912, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1462; Pub. L. 96-258, § 1(13)(C), June 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 427, related to penalties for violations by persons, not carriers, involving consolidations, mergers, and acquisitions of control.

Section 11913, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1463, related to penalty for disobedience to subpoenas. See sections 11905, 14909, and 16104 of this title.

Section 11913a, added Pub. L. 96-448, title III, § 303(a)(1), Oct. 14, 1980, 94 Stat. 1938, related to penalty for accounting principles violations.

Section 11914, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1463; Pub. L. 96-258, § 1(16), June 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 427; Pub. L. 97-424, title IV, § 427(b), Jan. 6, 1983, 96 Stat. 2168; Pub. L. 98-216, § 2(20), Feb. 14, 1984, 98 Stat. 6; Pub. L. 98-554, title II, § 226(c)(7), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2852, related to general criminal penalty when specific penalty not provided. See sections 11906, 14910, and 16105 of this title.

Section 11915, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1464, related to punishment of corporation for violations committed by certain individuals. See sections 11907, 14911, and 16106 of this title.

Section 11916, Pub. L. 95-473, Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1464, related to conclusiveness of rates in certain prosecutions. See section 14913 of this title.

Section 11917, added Pub. L. 96-454, § 9(a), Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2021, related to weight-bumping in household goods transportation. See section 14912 of this title.

PART B—MOTOR CARRIERS, WATER CARRIERS, BROKERS, AND FREIGHT FORWARDERS

AMENDMENTS

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§ 13101. Transportation policy

(a) IN GENERAL.—To ensure the development, coordination, and preservation of a transpor-

tation system that meets the transportation needs of the United States, including the United States Postal Service and national defense, it is the policy of the United States Government to oversee the modes of transportation and—

(1) in overseeing those modes—

(A) to recognize and preserve the inherent advantage of each mode of transportation;

(B) to promote safe, adequate, economical, and efficient transportation;

(C) to encourage sound economic conditions in transportation, including sound economic conditions among carriers;

(D) to encourage the establishment and maintenance of reasonable rates for transportation, without unreasonable discrimination or unfair or destructive competitive practices;

(E) to cooperate with each State and the officials of each State on transportation matters; and

(F) to encourage fair wages and working conditions in the transportation industry;

(2) in overseeing transportation by motor carrier, to promote competitive and efficient transportation services in order to—

(A) encourage fair competition, and reasonable rates for transportation by motor carriers of property;

(B) promote efficiency in the motor carrier transportation system and to require fair and expeditious decisions when required;

(C) meet the needs of shippers, receivers, passengers, and consumers;

(D) allow a variety of quality and price options to meet changing market demands and the diverse requirements of the shipping and traveling public;

(E) allow the most productive use of equipment and energy resources;

(F) enable efficient and well-managed carriers to earn adequate profits, attract capital, and maintain fair wages and working conditions;

(G) provide and maintain service to small communities and small shippers and intrastate bus services;

(H) provide and maintain commuter bus operations;

(I) improve and maintain a sound, safe, and competitive privately owned motor carrier system;

(J) promote greater participation by minorities in the motor carrier system;

(K) promote intermodal transportation;

(3) in overseeing transportation by motor carrier of passengers—

(A) to cooperate with the States on transportation matters for the purpose of encouraging the States to exercise intrastate regulatory jurisdiction in accordance with the objectives of this part;

(B) to provide Federal procedures which ensure that intrastate regulation is exercised in accordance with this part; and

(C) to ensure that Federal reform initiatives enacted by section 31138 and the Bus Regulatory Reform Act of 1982 are not nullified by State regulatory actions; and

(4) in overseeing transportation by water carrier, to encourage and promote service and