

Government having special knowledge about safety, to conduct scientific and technical research, investigation, and testing when necessary to promote safety of operation and equipment of motor vehicles. The Secretary may reimburse the department, agency, or instrumentality for the services provided.

(Pub. L. 97-449, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2439, § 3103; renumbered § 31503 and amended Pub. L. 103-272, § 1(c), (e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 745, 1030; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, § 308(k)(4), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 948.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 3103(a) | 49:325. 49:1655(e)(6)(B). | Feb. 4, 1887, ch. 104, 24 Stat. 379, § 226; added Aug. 9, 1935, ch. 498, 49 Stat. 566; Sept. 18, 1940, ch. 722, § 26(b), 54 Stat. 929. Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, § 6(e)(6)(B), (C), 80 Stat. 939. |
| 3103(b) | 49:304(a)(5). 49:1655(e)(6)(C). | Feb. 4, 1887, ch. 104, 24 Stat. 379, § 204(a)(5); added Aug. 9, 1935, ch. 498, 49 Stat. 546. |

In subsection (a), the words “subject to subchapter II of chapter 105 of this title” are added for clarity. The word “services” is substituted for “assistance” for consistency. The words “department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government” are substituted for “departments or bureaus of the Government” for consistency.

In subsection (b), the words “In carrying out this chapter” are substituted for “For the purpose of carrying out the provisions pertaining to safety” to eliminate unnecessary words. The words “department . . . or instrumentality” are added for consistency. The word “reimburse” is substituted for “transfer . . . such funds” for consistency. The words “as may be necessary and available to make this provision effective” are omitted as unnecessary because of the restatement.

AMENDMENTS

1995—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-88 substituted “subchapter I of chapter 135” for “subchapter II of chapter 105”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-272 renumbered section 3103 of this title as this section and amended it generally, restating it without substantive change.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1301 of this title.

§ 31504. Identification of motor vehicles

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Transportation may—

- (1) issue and require the display of an identification plate on a motor vehicle used in transportation provided by a motor private carrier and a motor carrier of migrant workers subject to section 31502(c) of this title, except a motor contract carrier; and
- (2) require each of those motor private carriers and motor carriers of migrant workers to pay the reasonable cost of the plate.

(b) LIMITATION.—A motor private carrier or a motor carrier of migrant workers may use an identification plate only as authorized by the Secretary.

(Pub. L. 97-449, Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2439, § 3104; renumbered § 31504 and amended Pub. L. 103-272, § 1(c), (e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 745, 1030.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 3104(a) | 49:304(a)(3) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 324”). 49:304(a)(3a) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 324”). 49:1655(e)(6)(D) (related to “Sec. 324”). | Feb. 4, 1887, ch. 104, 24 Stat. 379, § 204(a)(3) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 224”); added Aug. 9, 1935, ch. 498, 49 Stat. 546. Feb. 4, 1887, ch. 104, 24 Stat. 379, § 204(a)(3a) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 224”); added Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 905, § 2, 70 Stat. 958. Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, § 6(e)(6)(D) (related to “Sec. 224”), 80 Stat. 940. |
| 3104(b) | 49:304(a)(3) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 324”). 49:304(a)(3a) (last sentence) (related to “Sec. 324”). 49:1655(e)(6)(D) (related to “Sec. 324”). | |

The section is included to reflect the text of former 49:324 (related to motor private carriers and motor carriers of migrant workers) which is incorporated in the revised title by cross-reference.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-272 renumbered section 3104 of this title as this section and amended it generally, restating it without substantive change.

CHAPTER 317—PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION PLAN AND INTERNATIONAL FUEL TAX AGREEMENT

- Sec.
- 31701. Definitions.
 - [31702, 31703. Repealed.]
 - 31704. Vehicle registration.
 - 31705. Fuel use tax.
 - 31706. Enforcement.
 - 31707. Limitations on statutory construction.
 - [31708. Repealed.]

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, title IV, § 4013, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 409, struck out items 31702 “Working group”, 31703 “Grants”, and 31708 “Authorization of appropriations”.

§ 31701. Definitions

In this chapter—

- (1) “commercial motor vehicle”, with respect to—

(A) the International Registration Plan, has the same meaning given the term “apportionable vehicle” under the Plan; and

(B) the International Fuel Tax Agreement, has the same meaning given the term “qualified motor vehicle” under the Agreement.

- (2) “fuel use tax” means a tax imposed on or measured by the consumption of fuel in a motor vehicle.

(3) “International Fuel Tax Agreement” means the interstate agreement on collecting and distributing fuel use taxes paid by motor carriers, developed under the auspices of the National Governors’ Association.

- (4) “International Registration Plan” means the interstate agreement on apportioning vehicle registration fees paid by motor carriers,