

§ 50111. Submission of annual MARAD authorization request

(a) SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which the President submits to Congress a budget for a fiscal year pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, the Secretary of Transportation shall submit to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate the Maritime Administration authorization request for that fiscal year.

(b) MARITIME ADMINISTRATION REQUEST DEFINED.—In this section, the term “Maritime Administration authorization request” means a proposal for legislation that, for a fiscal year—

- (1) recommends authorizations of appropriations for the Maritime Administration for that fiscal year, including with respect to matters described in subsection¹ 109(j) of title 49 or authorized in subtitle V of this title; and
- (2) addresses any other matter with respect to the Maritime Administration that the Secretary determines is appropriate.

(Pub. L. 109–304, § 8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1560; Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title X, § 1074(c)(1), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 996.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50111(a)	46 App.:811 (last sentence).	Sept. 7, 1916, ch. 451, § 12 (last sentence), 39 Stat. 732; Ex. Ord. No. 6166, § 12, eff. June 10, 1933; June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, § 204, title IX, § 904, 49 Stat. 1987, 2016; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(27), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 155.
	46 App.:1118 (related to Secretary).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, § 208 (related to Secretary), 49 Stat. 1988; Pub. L. 94–273, § 36, Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 380; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(65), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 159.
	46 App.:1160(f).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title V, § 510(f), as added Aug. 4, 1939, ch. 417, § 7, 53 Stat. 1184; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(91)(A)–(C), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 161.
	46 App.:1291.	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XII, § 1211, as added Sept. 7, 1950, ch. 906, 64 Stat. 776; Pub. L. 89–348, § 1(7), Nov. 8, 1965, 79 Stat. 1310.
50111(b)	46 App.:1118 note.	Pub. L. 106–398, § 1 [div. C, title XXXV, § 3506], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–494.
50111(c)	46 App.:1122(g).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, § 212(g), 49 Stat. 1990; Pub. L. 90–268, § 1, Mar. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 49; Pub. L. 97–31, § 12(69), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 159; Pub. L. 98–237, § 20(c), Mar. 20, 1984, 98 Stat. 90.

In subsection (a), the words “on or before the 1st day of December in each year” in 46 App. U.S.C. 811 (last sentence) are omitted for consistency with the April 1 date in 46 App.:1118. The words “and of the operations of any corporation in which the United States is a stockholder, and the names and compensation of all persons employed by the Secretary of Transportation” in 46 App. U.S.C. 811 (last sentence) are omitted because the provision originally applied to the United States

¹ So in original. Probably should be “section”.

Shipping Board (which was abolished in 1933) and presumably is not intended to apply to the Secretary.

AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114–92 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section related to annual reports to Congress.

§ 50112. National Maritime Enhancement Institutes

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Transportation may designate National Maritime Enhancement Institutes.

(b) ACTIVITIES.—Activities undertaken by an institute may include—

- (1) conducting research about methods to improve the performance of maritime industries;
- (2) enhancing the competitiveness of domestic maritime industries in international trade;
- (3) forecasting trends in maritime trade;
- (4) assessing technological advancements;
- (5) developing management initiatives and training;
- (6) analyzing economic and operational impacts of regulatory policies and international negotiations or agreements pending before international bodies;
- (7) assessing the compatibility of domestic maritime infrastructure systems with overseas transport systems;
- (8) fostering innovations in maritime transportation pricing; and
- (9) improving maritime economics and finance.

(c) APPLICATION FOR DESIGNATION.—An institution seeking designation as a National Maritime Enhancement Institute shall submit an application under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(d) CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION.—The Secretary shall designate an institute under this section on the basis of the following criteria:

- (1) The demonstrated research and extension resources available to the applicant for carrying out the activities specified in subsection (b).
- (2) The ability of the applicant to provide leadership in making national and regional contributions to the solution of both long-range and immediate problems of the domestic maritime industry.

(3) The existence of an established program of the applicant encompassing research and training directed to enhancing maritime industries.

(4) The demonstrated ability of the applicant to assemble and evaluate pertinent information from national and international sources and to disseminate results of maritime industry research and educational programs through a continuing education program.

(5) The qualification of the applicant as a nonprofit institution of higher learning.

(e) FINANCIAL AWARDS.—The Secretary may make awards on an equal matching basis to an institute designated under subsection (a) from amounts appropriated. The aggregate annual amount of the Federal share of the awards by the Secretary may not exceed \$500,000.

(f) UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH FUNDS.—The Secretary may make a grant under section 5505 of title 49 to an institute designated under subsection (a) for maritime and maritime intermodal research under that section as if the institute were a university transportation center. In making a grant, the Secretary, through the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation, shall advise the Maritime Administration on the availability of funds for the grants and consult with the Administration on making the grants.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1561; Pub. L. 113-76, div. L, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 574.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50112	46 App.:1121-2.	Pub. L. 101-115, §8, Oct. 13, 1989, 103 Stat. 694; Pub. L. 101-595, title VII, §702, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2994; Pub. L. 102-241, §47, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2227; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [div. C, title XXXV, §3504], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-493; Pub. L. 108-426, Nov. 30, 2004, §2(c)(4), 118 Stat. 2424.

CHANGE OF NAME

“Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation” substituted for “Research and Innovative Technology Administration” in subsec. (f) on authority of title I of div. L of Pub. L. 113-76, set out in part as a note under former section 112 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 50113. Use and performance reports by operators of vessels

(a) FILING REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation by regulation may require the operator of a vessel in the waterborne foreign commerce of the United States to file such report, account, record, or memorandum on the use and performance of the vessel as the Secretary considers desirable to assist in carrying out this subtitle. The report, account, record, or memorandum shall be signed and verified, and be filed at the times and in the manner, as provided by regulation.

(b) CIVIL PENALTY.—An operator not filing a report, account, record, or memorandum required by the Secretary under this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of \$50 for each day of the violation. A penalty imposed under this section on the operator of a vessel constitutes a lien on the vessel involved in the violation. A civil action in rem to enforce the lien may be brought in the district court of the United States for any district in which the vessel is found. The Secretary may remit or mitigate any penalty imposed under this section.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1562.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
50113	46 App.:1122a.	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, §212(A), as added June 25, 1956, ch. 437, 70 Stat. 332; Aug. 6, 1981, Pub. L. 97-31, §12(70), 95 Stat. 159.

CHAPTER 503—ADMINISTRATIVE

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AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-213, title IV, §403(b), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1570, added item 50307.

§ 50301. Vessel Operations Revolving Fund

(a) IN GENERAL.—There is a “Vessel Operations Revolving Fund” for use by the Secretary of Transportation in carrying out duties and powers related to vessel operations, including charter, operation, maintenance, repair, reconditioning, and improvement of merchant vessels under the jurisdiction of the Secretary. The Fund has a working capital of \$20,000,000, to remain available until expended.

(b) RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.—Notwithstanding any other law, rates for shipping services provided under the Fund shall be prescribed by the Secretary and the Fund shall be credited with receipts from vessel operations conducted under the Fund. Sections 1(a) and (c), 3(c), and 4 of the Act of March 24, 1943 (50 App. U.S.C. 1291(a), (c), 1293(c), 1294),¹ apply to those operations and to seamen employed through general agents as employees of the United States Government. Notwithstanding any other law on the employment of persons by the Government, the seamen may be employed in accordance with customary commercial practices in the maritime industry.

(c) ADVANCEMENTS.—With the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, the Secretary may advance amounts the Secretary considers necessary, but not more than 2 percent of vessel operating expenses, from the Fund to the appropriation “Salaries and Expenses” in carrying out duties and powers related to vessel operations, without regard to the limitations on amounts stated in that appropriation.

(d) TRANSFERS.—The unexpended balances of working funds or of allocation accounts established after January 1, 1951, for the activities provided for in subsection (a), and receipts received from those activities, may be transferred to the Fund, which shall be available for the purposes of those working funds or allocation accounts.

¹ See References in Text note below.