

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
31707	49:11506 (note).	Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, § 4008(i), 105 Stat. 2155.

[§ 31708. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-178, title IV, § 4013, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 409]

Section, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1033, related to authorization of appropriations for working group under section 31702 of this title and for grants under section 31703 of this title.

PART C—INFORMATION, STANDARDS, AND REQUIREMENTS

CHAPTER 321—GENERAL

Sec. 32101.	Definitions.
32102.	Authorization of appropriations.

§ 32101. Definitions

In this part (except chapter 329 and except as provided in section 33101)—

(1) “bumper standard” means a minimum performance standard that substantially reduces—

- (A) the damage to the front or rear end of a passenger motor vehicle from a low-speed collision (including a collision with a fixed barrier) or from towing the vehicle; or
- (B) the cost of repairing the damage.

(2) “insurer” means a person in the business of issuing, or reinsuring any part of, a passenger motor vehicle insurance policy.

(3) “interstate commerce” means commerce between a place in a State and—

- (A) a place in another State; or
- (B) another place in the same State through another State.

(4) “make”, when describing a passenger motor vehicle, means the trade name of the manufacturer of the vehicle.

(5) “manufacturer” means a person—

- (A) manufacturing or assembling passenger motor vehicles or passenger motor vehicle equipment; or
- (B) importing motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment for resale.

(6) “model”, when describing a passenger motor vehicle, means a category of passenger motor vehicles based on the size, style, and type of a make of vehicle.

(7) “motor vehicle” means a vehicle driven or drawn by mechanical power and manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads, and highways, but does not include a vehicle operated only on a rail line.

(8) “motor vehicle accident” means an accident resulting from the maintenance or operation of a passenger motor vehicle or passenger motor vehicle equipment.

(9) “multipurpose passenger vehicle” means a passenger motor vehicle constructed on a truck chassis or with special features for occasional off-road operation.

(10) “passenger motor vehicle” means a motor vehicle with motive power designed to carry not more than 12 individuals, but does not include—

- (A) a motorcycle; or
- (B) a truck not designed primarily to carry its operator or passengers.

(11) “passenger motor vehicle equipment” means—

- (A) a system, part, or component of a passenger motor vehicle as originally made;
- (B) a similar part or component made or sold for replacement or improvement of a system, part, or component, or as an accessory or addition to a passenger motor vehicle; or
- (C) a device made or sold for use in towing a passenger motor vehicle.

(12) “State” means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.

(13) “United States district court” means a district court of the United States, a United States court for Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, and the district court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 103-429, §6(27), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4380.)

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PUB. L. 103-272

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
32101(1)	15:1901(5), (6) (words before semicolon), (11).	Oct. 20, 1972, Pub. L. 92-513, §2(1)-(6) (words before semicolon), (7)-(12), (15)-(18), 86 Stat. 947, 948; Dec. 22, 1975, Pub. L. 94-163, §301, 89 Stat. 901; Oct. 10, 1980, Pub. L. 96-425, §8(a)(2), 94 Stat. 1828; Oct. 25, 1984, Pub. L. 98-547, §101(b), 98 Stat. 2767.
32101(2)	15:1901(12).	
32101(3)	15:1901(17).	
32101(4)	15:1901(8).	
32101(5)	15:1901(7).	
32101(6)	15:1901(9).	
32101(7)	15:1901(15).	
32101(8)	15:1901(10).	
32101(9)	15:1901(2).	
32101(10)	15:1901(1).	
32101(11)	15:1901(3), (4).	
32101(12)	15:1901(16).	
32101(13)	15:1901(18).	

In clause (1), the text of 15:1901(11) is omitted as surplus because the complete title of the Secretary of Transportation is used the first time the term appears in a section. The definition of “property loss reduction standard” is combined with the definition of “bumper standard” because the former term is used only in the definition of the latter term. Before subclause (A), the words “the purpose of which is” and “eliminate” are omitted as surplus. In subclauses (A) and (B), the words “(or both)” are omitted as surplus. In subclause (A), the word “physical” is omitted as surplus.

In clause (2), the words “of passenger motor vehicles” and “engaged” are omitted as surplus.

In clause (5)(A), the words “manufacturing or assembling” are substituted for “engaged in the manufacturing or assembling of” to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (8), the words “maintenance or operation” are substituted for “operation, maintenance, or use” to eliminate an unnecessary word.

In clauses (12) and (13), the words “the Northern Mariana Islands” are added because of section 502(a)(2) of the Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, as enacted by the Act of March 24, 1976 (Public Law 94-241, 90 Stat. 268), and as

proclaimed to be in effect by the President on January 9, 1978 (Proc. No. 4534, Oct. 24, 1977, 42 F.R. 56593). The words “the Canal Zone” are omitted because of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977.

In clause (12), the word “means” is substituted for “includes” as being more appropriate. The words “a State of the United States” are substituted for “each of the several States” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In clause (13), the words “of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico” are omitted as surplus because the district court of Puerto Rico is a district court of the United States under 28:119.

PUB. L. 103-429

This makes a conforming amendment to 49:32101 necessary because of the amendment to 49:32304(a)(11) made by section 6(29) of the bill and to clarify the restatement of 15:1901 by section 1 of the Act of July 5, 1994 (Public Law 103-272, 108 Stat. 1034).

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-429 amended introductory provisions generally. Prior to amendment, introductory provisions read as follows: “In this part (except section 32304 and chapter 329)—”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-429 effective July 5, 1994, see section 9 of Pub. L. 103-429, set out as a note under section 321 of this title.

§ 32102. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary \$9,562,500 for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out this part in each fiscal year beginning in fiscal year 1999 and ending in fiscal year 2001.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, §7102(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 465; Pub. L. 106-39, §1(b), July 28, 1999, 113 Stat. 206.)

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Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row 1: 32102, 15:1392 (note), Dec. 18, 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, §2501(b), 105 Stat. 2081.

The reference to fiscal year 1992 is omitted as obsolete.

AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-39 substituted “\$9,562,500” for “\$6,200,000”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-178 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The following amounts may be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to carry out this part:

- “(1) \$6,731,430 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1993.
“(2) \$6,987,224 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1994.
“(3) \$7,252,739 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1995.”

CHAPTER 323—CONSUMER INFORMATION

Table with 2 columns: Sec., Description. Rows: 32301. Definitions. 32302. Passenger motor vehicle information. 32303. Insurance information. 32304. Passenger motor vehicle country of origin labeling.

Table with 2 columns: Sec., Description. Rows: 32304A. Consumer tire information. 32305. Information and assistance from other departments, agencies, and instrumentalities. 32306. Personnel. 32307. Investigative powers. 32308. General prohibitions, civil penalty, and enforcement. 32309. Civil penalty for labeling violations.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110-140, title I, §111(c), Dec. 19, 2007, 121 Stat. 1507, added item 32304A.

1994—Pub. L. 103-429, §6(28), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4380, substituted “Civil” for “Criminal” in item 32309.

§ 32301. Definitions

In this chapter—

- (1) “crash avoidance” means preventing or mitigating a crash;
(2) “crashworthiness” means the protection a passenger motor vehicle gives its passengers against personal injury or death from a motor vehicle accident; and
(3) “damage susceptibility” means the susceptibility of a passenger motor vehicle to damage in a motor vehicle accident.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1035; Pub. L. 112-141, div. C, title I, §31305(a), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 765.)

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AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-141 added par. (1), redesignated former pars. (1) and (2) as (2) and (3), respectively, and, in par. (2), substituted “; and” for period at end.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-141 effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

§ 32302. Passenger motor vehicle information

(a) INFORMATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Transportation shall maintain a program for developing the following information on passenger motor vehicles:

- (1) damage susceptibility.
(2) crashworthiness, crash avoidance, and any other areas the Secretary determines will improve the safety of passenger motor vehicles.
(3) the degree of difficulty of diagnosis and repair of damage to, or failure of, mechanical and electrical systems.

(b) MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION.—To assist a consumer in buying a passenger motor vehicle, the Secretary shall provide to the public infor-

1 Section catchline amended by Pub. L. 114-94 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.