

sec. (d)(5), is Pub. L. 91-646, Jan. 2, 1971, 84 Stat. 1894, which is classified principally to chapter 61 (§4601 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4601 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-314, §4(d)(2), (4)(D), successively renumbered section 70304 of title 49 and section 70304 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 111-314, §4(d)(6)(B), substituted “section 303 of title 49” for “section 303 of this title”.

§ 51105. Authorization of appropriations

Not more than \$10,000,000 may be appropriated to the Secretary of Transportation to make grants under this chapter. Amounts appropriated under this section remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1345, §70305 of title 49; renumbered §70305 then §51105 of title 51, Pub. L. 111-314, §4(d)(2), (4)(E), Dec. 18, 2010, 124 Stat. 3440, 3441.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70305	15:5804(b) (2d, last sentences).	Nov. 4, 1992, Pub. L. 102-588, §505(b) (2d, last sentences), 106 Stat. 5125.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-314 successively renumbered section 70305 of title 49 and section 70305 of this title as this section.

CHAPTER 513—SPACE RESOURCE COMMERCIAL EXPLORATION AND UTILIZATION

Sec.

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AMENDMENTS

2015—Pub. L. 114-90, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 720, added chapter 513 and items 51301 to 51303.

§ 51301. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) **ASTEROID RESOURCE.**—The term “asteroid resource” means a space resource found on or within a single asteroid.

(2) **SPACE RESOURCE.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “space resource” means an abiotic resource in situ in outer space.

(B) **INCLUSIONS.**—The term “space resource” includes water and minerals.

(3) **UNITED STATES CITIZEN.**—The term “United States citizen” has the meaning given the term “citizen of the United States” in section 50902.

(Added Pub. L. 114-90, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 721.)

§ 51302. Commercial exploration and commercial recovery

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The President, acting through appropriate Federal agencies, shall—

(1) facilitate commercial exploration for and commercial recovery of space resources by United States citizens;

(2) discourage government barriers to the development in the United States of economically viable, safe, and stable industries for commercial exploration for and commercial recovery of space resources in manners consistent with the international obligations of the United States; and

(3) promote the right of United States citizens to engage in commercial exploration for and commercial recovery of space resources free from harmful interference, in accordance with the international obligations of the United States and subject to authorization and continuing supervision by the Federal Government.

(b) **REPORT.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, the President shall submit to Congress a report on commercial exploration for and commercial recovery of space resources by United States citizens that specifies—

(1) the authorities necessary to meet the international obligations of the United States, including authorization and continuing supervision by the Federal Government; and

(2) recommendations for the allocation of responsibilities among Federal agencies for the activities described in paragraph (1).

(Added Pub. L. 114-90, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 721.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (b), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-90, which was approved Nov. 25, 2015.

§ 51303. Asteroid resource and space resource rights

A United States citizen engaged in commercial recovery of an asteroid resource or a space resource under this chapter shall be entitled to any asteroid resource or space resource obtained, including to possess, own, transport, use, and sell the asteroid resource or space resource obtained in accordance with applicable law, including the international obligations of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 114-90, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 721.)

CHAPTER 515—OFFICE OF SPACEPORTS

Sec.¹

- 51501.¹ Establishment of Office of Spaceports.¹

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-254, div. B, title V, §580(b)(1), Oct. 5, 2018, 132 Stat. 3395, added chapter 515 and item 51501.

§ 51501. Establishment of Office of Spaceports

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall identify, within the Office of Commercial Space

¹ Editorially supplied. Section added by Pub. L. 115-254 without corresponding amendment of chapter analysis.