duties, and examinations of locomotive inspectors and provided that provisions of sections 22 to 29 and 31 to 34 of this title were applicable to all parts of locomotives and tenders. See sections 20701 to 20703 and 21302 of Title 49.

Section 31, acts Feb. 17, 1911, ch. 103, §7, 36 Stat. 916; Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 124, §1, 54 Stat. 148; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89–670, §6(e)(1)(E), 80 Stat. 939, related to annual report of director of locomotive inspection to Secretary of Transportation.

Section 32, acts Feb. 17, 1911, ch. 103, §8, 36 Stat. 916; Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 124, §1, 54 Stat. 148; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100-342, §14(6), 102 Stat. 633, required railroad to report accidents resulting from failure of locomotive boilers or appurtenances to director of locomotive inspection and to preserve disabled parts for inspection, investigation, and report by director. See section 20703 of Title 49, Transportation.

Section 33, acts Feb. 17, 1911, ch. 103, §8, 36 Stat. 916; Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 124, §1, 54 Stat. 148; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §6(e)(1)(E), 80 Stat. 939; Jan. 3, 1975, Pub. L. 93-633, title III, §304, 88 Stat. 2168, related to reports by Secretary of Transportation of accident investigations conducted pursuant to section 32 of this title. See section 20703 of Title 49.

Section 34, acts Feb. 17, 1911, ch. 103,  $\S9$ , 36 Stat. 916; Apr. 22, 1940, ch. 124,  $\S1$ , 54 Stat. 148; Aug. 14, 1957, Pub. L. 85–135,  $\S3$ , 71 Stat. 352; July 8, 1976, Pub. L. 94–348,  $\S3$ (c), 90 Stat. 818; Nov. 2, 1978, Pub. L. 95–574,  $\S7$ (c), 92 Stat. 2461; Oct. 10, 1980, Pub. L. 96–423,  $\S8$ (c), 94 Stat. 1814; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100–342,  $\S14$ (7), 102 Stat. 633; Sept. 3, 1992, Pub. L. 102–365,  $\S\S4$ (a)(1), (c)(7), 9(a)(8), 106 Stat. 973, 975, 978, related to penalty for willful violations of sections 22 to 29 and 31 to 34 of this title, or rules or regulations made thereunder, or any lawful order of any inspector, duty of United States attorney to sue for such violations, and duty of director of locomotive inspection to inform proper United States attorney of violations coming to his knowledge. See sections 21302 and 21304 of Title 49.

Section 35, acts June 30, 1906, No. 46, 34 Stat. 838; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89–670, §6(e)(1)(H), 80 Stat. 939, directed Secretary of Transportation to investigate and report on block-signal systems and appliances for automatic control of trains and empowered Secretary to obtain evidence to carry out and give effect to this provision. Section 36, acts May 27, 1908, ch. 200, §1, 35 Stat. 325;

Section 36, acts May 27, 1908, ch. 200, §1, 35 Stat. 325; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §6(e)(1)(I), 80 Stat. 939, related to investigation and testing by Secretary of Transportation of appliances or systems to promote safety of railway operation. See section 20504 of Title 49. Transportation.

Section 37, acts May 27, 1908, ch. 200, §1, 35 Stat. 325; Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 299, §1, 35 Stat. 965; Aug. 12, 1970, Pub. L. 91–375, §4(a), 84 Stat. 773, related to inspection of mail cars. See section 20305 of Title 49.

Section 38, acts May 6, 1910, ch. 208, §1, 36 Stat. 350; Sept. 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86–762, §1, 74 Stat. 903; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89–670, §6(e)(1)(K), 80 Stat. 939; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100–342, §15(1), 102 Stat. 633, related to duty of railroad to make monthly reports of railroad accidents to Secretary of Transportation and defined "railroad" for purposes of sections 38 to 43 of this title. See sections 20102 and 20901 of Title 49.

Section 39, acts May 6, 1910, ch. 208, §2, 36 Stat. 351; Jan. 3, 1975, Pub. L. 93–633, title II, §204(b), 88 Stat. 2166; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100–342, §15(2), 102 Stat. 634; Sept. 3, 1992, Pub. L. 102–365, §4(a)(3), 106 Stat. 973, related to penalty for failure of railroad to make report provided for in section 38 of this title. See sections 20901 and 21311 of Title 49.

Section 40, acts May 6, 1910, ch. 208, §3, 36 Stat. 351; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89–670, §6(e)(1)(K), 80 Stat. 939; Jan. 3, 1975, Pub. L. 93–633, title III, §304, 88 Stat. 2168; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100–342, §15(3), 102 Stat. 634, authorized Secretary of Transportation to investigate railroad accidents, with proviso that Secretary cooperate with State commissions in such investigations if convenient and make reports of such investigations when in the public interest. See section 20902 of Title 49.

Section 41, act May 6, 1910, ch. 208, §4, 36 Stat. 351, provided that reports required by sections 38 and 40 of this title were not admissible as evidence in suits for damages. See section 20903 of Title 49.

Section 42, acts May 6, 1910, ch. 208, §5, 36 Stat. 351; Sept. 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86–762, §2, 74 Stat. 904; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89–670, §6(e)(1)(K), 80 Stat. 939, authorized Secretary of Transportation to prescribe rules, regulations, and forms for making reports as necessary to implement and effectuate purposes of sections 38 to 43 of this title

Section 43, acts May 6, 1910, ch. 208,  $\S7$ , 36 Stat. 351; Sept. 13, 1960, Pub. L. 86–762,  $\S3$ , 74 Stat. 904; June 22, 1988, Pub. L. 100–342,  $\S15(4)$ , 102 Stat. 634; Sept. 3, 1992, Pub. L. 102–365,  $\S4(a)(1)$ , (c)(5), 9(a)(6), 106 Stat. 973, 974, 978, related to penalty for willful violations by any person of sections 38 to 43 of this title or any rule, regulation, order, or standard issued under such sections or the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (formerly 45 U.S.C.  $\S431$  et seq.) and duty of United States attorney to sue for such violations. See sections 21302 and 21304 of Title 49, Transportation.

Section 43a, Pub. L. 100-342, §24, June 22, 1988, 102 Stat. 639, related to accident reports in which railroads assign human error as cause of accident or incident and provision that such reports contain an explanatory statement by employees involved. See section 20901 of Title 49.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### SHORT TITLE

Act May 6, 1910, ch. 208, 36 Stat. 350, as amended, popularly known as the "Accident Reports Act", was classified to sections 38 to 43 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103–272, §7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379.

### §§ 44 to 46. Transferred

### **Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Sections 44 to 46 were transferred to sections 1201 to 1203, respectively, of former Title 49, Transportation, and were subsequently repealed and restated in section 80504 of Title 49, Transportation, by Pub. L. 103–272, §§1(e), 7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1358, 1379.

Section 44, acts Feb. 23, 1905, ch. 744, §1, 33 Stat. 743; June 13, 1957, Pub. L. 85–50, §1(1), 71 Stat. 69, related to awards for acts of heroism involving railroads or motor vehicles.

Section 45, act Feb. 23, 1905, ch. 744, §2, 33 Stat. 743, related to issuance of rosettes and ribbons.

Section 46, acts Feb. 23, 1905, ch. 744, §3, 33 Stat. 743; June 13, 1957, Pub. L. 85–50, §1(2), 71 Stat. 69, related to authorization of appropriations for carrying out sections 44 and 45 of this title.

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