

§ 797j. Preemption

No State may adopt or continue in force any law, rule, regulation, order, or standard requiring the Corporation to employ any specified number of persons to perform any particular task, function, or operation, or requiring the Corporation to pay protective benefits to employees, and no State in the Region may adopt or continue in force any such law, rule, regulation, order, or standard with respect to any railroad in the Region.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title VII, §711, as added Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1143(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 667; amended Pub. L. 103-272, §7(b), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1379.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-272 struck out “, the National Railroad Passenger Corporation, or the Amtrak Commuter Services Corporation” before “to employ any”.

§ 797k. Factfinding panel**(a) Purpose**

The Corporation shall enter into collective bargaining agreements with its employees which provide for the establishment of one or more advisory factfinding panels, chaired by a neutral expert in industrial relations, for purposes of recommending changes in operating practices and procedures which result in greater productivity to the maximum extent practicable.

(b) National Mediation Board

The National Mediation Board shall appoint public members to any panel established by an agreement entered into under this subparagraph, and shall perform such functions contained in the agreement as are consistent with the duties of such Board under the Railway Labor Act [45 U.S.C. 151 et seq.].

(c) Other functions

The factfinding panel may, before making its report to the parties, provide mediation, conciliation, and other assistance to the parties.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title VII, §712, as added Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1143(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 668.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Railway Labor Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is act May 20, 1926, ch. 347, 44 Stat. 577, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 8 (§151 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 151 of this title and Tables.

§ 797l. Class II railroads receiving Federal assistance

The Surface Transportation Board shall impose no labor protection conditions in approving an application under section 10902 of title 49 when the application involves a Class II rail carrier which—

(1) is headquartered in a State, and operates in at least one State, with a population of less than 1,000,000 persons, as determined by the 1990 census; and

(2) has, as of January 1, 1996, been a recipient of repayable Federal Railroad Administration assistance in excess of \$5,000,000.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title VII, §713, as added Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §327(5)(A), formerly §327(5), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 952, renumbered Pub. L. 104-287, §6(f)(4)(B), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3399.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 797l, Pub. L. 93-236, title VII, §713, as added Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1143(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 668, authorized appropriations to carry out activities for protection of employees of Consolidated Rail Corporation, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4033(a)(2), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1908.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as a note under section 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

§ 797m. Arbitration

Any dispute or controversy with respect to the interpretation, application, or enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter, except sections 797b, 797c, 797g, and 797l¹ of this title, or section 1144 of the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981, and except those matters subject to judicial review under section 1152 of the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981 [45 U.S.C. 1105], which have not been resolved within 90 days, may be submitted by either party to an Adjustment Board for a final and binding decision thereon as provided in section 153 of this title, in which event the burden of proof on all issues so presented shall be on the Corporation, or the Association, where appropriate.

(Pub. L. 93-236, title VII, §714, as added Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, §1143(a), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 668.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 797l of this title, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 99-509, title IV, §4033(a)(2), Oct. 21, 1986, 100 Stat. 1908, and a new section 797l of this title was subsequently added by Pub. L. 104-88, §327(5).

Section 1144 of the Northeast Rail Service Act of 1981, referred to in text, is section 1144 of Pub. L. 97-35, title XI, Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 669, which repealed subchapter V (§771 et seq.) of this chapter and sections 910 and 1006 of this title and enacted provisions set out as a note under section 771 of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

ABOLITION OF UNITED STATES RAILWAY ASSOCIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS AND SECURITIES

See section 1341 of this title.

CHAPTER 17—RAILROAD REVITALIZATION AND REGULATORY REFORM

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Sec.

801. Declaration of policy.

¹ See References in Text note below.