

improving maritime domain awareness in the Arctic.

(e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section the term “Arctic” has the meaning given that term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title V, § 502(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3057, § 154; renumbered § 714, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, § 106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 154 of this title as this section.

#### § 715. Oceanographic research

The Coast Guard shall conduct such oceanographic research, use such equipment or instruments, and collect and analyze such oceanographic data, in cooperation with other agencies of the Government, or not, as may be in the national interest.

(Added Pub. L. 87–396, § 1, Oct. 5, 1961, 75 Stat. 827, § 94; renumbered § 715, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, § 106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 94 of this title as this section.

#### § 716. Arctic maritime transportation

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to ensure safe and secure maritime shipping in the Arctic including the availability of aids to navigation, vessel escorts, spill response capability, and maritime search and rescue in the Arctic.

(b) INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION AGREEMENTS.—To carry out the purpose of this section, the Secretary is encouraged to enter into negotiations through the International Maritime Organization to conclude and execute agreements to promote coordinated action among the United States, Russia, Canada, Iceland, Norway, and Denmark and other seafaring and Arctic nations to ensure, in the Arctic—

- (1) placement and maintenance of aids to navigation;
- (2) appropriate marine safety, tug, and salvage capabilities;
- (3) oil spill prevention and response capability;
- (4) maritime domain awareness, including long-range vessel tracking; and
- (5) search and rescue.

(c) COORDINATION BY COMMITTEE ON THE MARITIME TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.—The Committee on the Maritime Transportation System established under section 55501<sup>1</sup> of title 46, United States Code, shall coordinate the establishment of domestic transportation policies in the Arctic necessary to carry out the purpose of this section.

(d) AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACTS.—The Secretary may, subject to the availability of appro-

priations, enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agreements with, or make grants to, individuals and governments to carry out the purpose of this section or any agreements established under subsection (b).

(e) ICEBREAKING.—The Secretary shall promote safe maritime navigation by means of icebreaking where necessary, feasible, and effective to carry out the purposes of this section.

(f) ARCTIC DEFINITION.—In this section, the term “Arctic” has the meaning given such term in section 112 of the Arctic Research and Policy Act of 1984 (15 U.S.C. 4111).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title V, § 501(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3056, § 90; amended Pub. L. 115–232, div. C, title XXXV, § 3533(d), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2321; renumbered § 716, Pub. L. 115–282, title I, § 106(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 55501 of title 46, United States Code, referred to in subsec. (c), was redesignated section 50401 of title 46 by Pub. L. 117–81, div. C, title XXXV, § 3512(a)(3), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2239.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282 renumbered section 90 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 115–232 struck out question mark after “the term ‘Arctic’”.

#### § 717. Agreements

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out section 504(a)(4), the Commandant may—

- (1) enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, and other agreements with—
  - (A) Federal entities;
  - (B) other public or private entities in the United States, including academic entities; and
  - (C) foreign governments with the concurrence of the Secretary of State; and
- (2) impose on and collect from an entity subject to an agreement or contract under paragraph (1) a fee to assist with expenses incurred in carrying out such section.

(b) DEPOSIT AND USE OF FEES.—Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as offsetting receipts. The fees may be used, to the extent provided in advance in an appropriation law, only to carry out activities under section 504(a)(4).

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title II, § 206(b), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3025, § 102; renumbered § 717 and amended Pub. L. 115–282, title I, §§ 106(b), 123(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4203, 4240.)

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##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–282, § 106(b), renumbered section 102 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–282, § 123(b)(2), substituted “section 504(a)(4)” for “section 93(a)(4)” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 115–282, § 123(b)(2), substituted “section 504(a)(4)” for “section 93(a)(4)”.

#### § 718. Training; emergency response providers

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant may, on a reimbursable or a non-reimbursable basis, make

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.