

mulgate such reasonable rules and regulations as are necessary to implement the provisions of this chapter and the International Regulations proclaimed hereunder.

(Pub. L. 95-75, § 8, July 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 310.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

§ 1608. Civil penalties

(a) Liability of vessel operator for violations

Whoever operates a vessel, subject to the provisions of this chapter, in violation of this chapter or of any regulation promulgated pursuant to section 1607 of this title, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such violation.

(b) Liability of vessel for violations; seizure of vessel

Every vessel subject to the provisions of this chapter, other than a public vessel being used for noncommercial purposes, which is operated in violation of this chapter or of any regulation promulgated pursuant to section 1607 of this title, shall be liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each such violation, for which penalty the vessel may be seized and proceeded against in the district court of the United States of any district within which such vessel may be found.

(c) Assessment of penalties; notice; opportunity for hearing; remission, mitigation, and compromise of penalty; action for collection

The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may assess any civil penalty authorized by this section. No such penalty may be assessed until the person charged, or the owner of the vessel charged, as appropriate, shall have been given notice of the violation involved and an opportunity for a hearing. For good cause shown, the Secretary may remit, mitigate, or compromise any penalty assessed. Upon the failure of the person charged, or the owner of the vessel charged, to pay an assessed penalty, as it may have been mitigated or compromised, the Secretary may request the Attorney General to commence an action in the appropriate district court of the United States for collection of the penalty as assessed, without regard to the amount involved, together with such other relief as may be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 95-75, § 9, July 27, 1977, 91 Stat. 310; Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(3), (4), Dec. 24, 1980, 94 Stat. 3435.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(3), substituted “\$5,000” for “\$500”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-591, § 6(4), substituted “not more than \$5,000” for “\$500”.

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

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CHAPTER 31—OCEAN POLLUTION RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING PLANNING

§§ 1701 to 1709. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-567, title II, § 204, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4282

Section 1701, Pub. L. 95-273, § 2, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 228; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6071, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133, provided findings and purposes for chapter.

Section 1702, Pub. L. 95-273, § 3, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 228; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6072(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(1)-(4), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided definitions for chapter.

Section 1702a, Pub. L. 95-273, § 3A, as added Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6072(2), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 133; amended Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5)-(7), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a National Ocean Pollution Program Office and a National Ocean Pollution Policy Board.

Section 1703, Pub. L. 95-273, § 4, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 229; Pub. L. 96-255, § 2, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 97-375, title II, § 202(c), Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1822; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6073, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 134; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a comprehensive Federal Plan relating to ocean pollution.

Section 1704, Pub. L. 95-273, § 5, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 230; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for a comprehensive ocean pollution program in NOAA.

Section 1705, Pub. L. 95-273, § 6, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 231; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for Federal financial assistance for programs under this chapter.

Section 1706, Pub. L. 95-273, § 7, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for interagency cooperation in carrying out this chapter.

Section 1707, Pub. L. 95-273, § 8, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6074, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 135; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(5), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, provided for dissemination of information on ocean and Great Lakes pollution research activities.

Section 1708, Pub. L. 95-273, § 9, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232, related to effect of this chapter on other laws.

Section 1709, Pub. L. 95-273, § 10, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 232; Pub. L. 96-17, June 4, 1979, 93 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 96-255, § 1, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420; Pub. L. 99-272, title VI, § 6075, Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 135; Pub. L. 100-636, § 1(8), Nov. 8, 1988, 102 Stat. 3324, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 95-273, § 1, May 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 228, as amended by Pub. L. 96-255, § 3, May 30, 1980, 94 Stat. 420, which provided that this chapter could be cited as the “National Ocean Pollution Planning Act of 1978”, was repealed by Pub. L. 102-567, title II, § 204, Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4282.