

(Added Pub. L. 115-282, title VI, §601(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4286; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], §§8331(b), 8335(a)(2), title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(b)(14), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4703, 4707, 4752.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §8331(b), inserted “or to which this chapter applies” after “committee established under this chapter” wherever appearing. The phrase “committee established under this chapter” in subsec. (k) was added subsequent to this amendment, and therefore the inserted phrase does not appear there. See subsec. (k) Amendment note below.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(A), designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted heading, substituted “Except as provided in paragraph (2), each” for “Each”, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (f)(8). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(B), designated existing provisions as subpar. (A), inserted heading, and added subpar. (B).

Subsec. (i)(2). Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(b)(14), substituted “additional individuals” for “additional persons”.

Subsec. (j)(3)(D). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(C), added subpar. (D).

Subsec. (k). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(D), amended subsec. (k) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “Any Federal agency with matters under such agency’s administrative jurisdiction related to the function of a committee established under this chapter or to which this chapter applies may designate a representative to—

- “(1) attend any meeting of such committee; and
“(2) participate as an observer at meetings of such committee that relate to such a matter.”

Subsec. (l). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(G), added subsec. (l). Former subsec. (l) redesignated (m).

Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(E), substituted “2029” for “2027”.

Subsec. (m). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(F), redesignated subsec. (l) as (m).

Subsec. (n). Pub. L. 116-283, §8335(a)(2)(H), added subsec. (n).

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-304, §6(a), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1509, amended subtitle analysis generally, substituting “General Liability Provisions” for “General” in item for chapter 301, striking out “[Chapters 303-311—Reserved]” after item for chapter 301, adding items for chapters 303, 305, 307, 309, and 311, and striking out “[Chapter 315—Reserved]” after item for chapter 313.

CHAPTER 301—GENERAL LIABILITY PROVISIONS

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 301, consisting of section 30101, provided definitions for purposes of this subtitle, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-304, §6(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1509.

§ 30101. Extension of jurisdiction to cases of damage or injury on land

(a) IN GENERAL.—The admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States extends to and includes cases of injury or damage, to person or property, caused by a vessel on navigable waters, even though the injury or damage is done or consummated on land.

(b) PROCEDURE.—A civil action in a case under subsection (a) may be brought in rem or in personam according to the principles of law and the rules of practice applicable in cases where the injury or damage has been done and consummated on navigable waters.

(c) ACTIONS AGAINST UNITED STATES.—

(1) EXCLUSIVE REMEDY.—In a civil action against the United States for injury or damage done or consummated on land by a vessel on navigable waters, chapter 309 or 311 of this title, as appropriate, provides the exclusive remedy.

(2) ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM.—A civil action described in paragraph (1) may not be brought until the expiration of the 6-month period after the claim has been presented in writing to the agency owning or operating the vessel causing the injury or damage.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §6(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1509.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised Section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large)
30101 46 App.:740. June 19, 1948, ch. 526, 62 Stat. 496.

In subsections (b) and (c), the words “civil action” are substituted for “suit” for consistency with rule 2 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure (28 App. U.S.C.).

In subsection (c)(1), the words “for all causes of action arising after June 19, 1948, and for all causes of action where suit has not been hitherto filed under the Federal Tort Claims Act” are omitted as obsolete.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 30101, Pub. L. 100-710, title I, §102(c), Nov. 23, 1988, 102 Stat. 4738, provided definitions for purposes of this subtitle, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 109-304, §6(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1509.

SHORT TITLE

This section is popularly known as the Admiralty Extension Act.

§ 30102. Liability to passengers

(a) LIABILITY.—The owner and master of a vessel, and the vessel, are liable for personal injury