

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 50305 | 46 App.:1247. | June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title IX, §908, as added Pub. L. 95-598, title III, §334, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2680; Pub. L. 97-31, §12(134), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 165. |

In subsection (a)(1), before subparagraph (A), the words “Notwithstanding any other provision of law” and “bankruptcy, equity, or admiralty” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(2), the words “but the Secretary may demand a hearing” are substituted for “unless the Secretary shall deem a hearing necessary” for clarity.

In subsection (b)(1), the words “subject to the orders of the court” and “comply with the terms imposed by the court” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(2), the words “operating losses paid by the Secretary” are substituted for “the amount of such payments” for clarity.

In subsection (b)(3), the words “vessel operated by the United States” are substituted for “vessel of the United States” for clarity and consistency with chapter 309.

§ 50306. Requiring testimony and records in investigations

(a) IN GENERAL.—In conducting an investigation that the Secretary of Transportation considers necessary and proper to carry out this subtitle, the Secretary may administer oaths, take evidence, and subpoena persons to testify and produce documents relevant to the matter under investigation. Persons may be required to attend or produce documents from any place in the United States at any designated place of hearing.

(b) FEES AND MILEAGE.—Persons subpoenaed by the Secretary under subsection (a) shall be paid the same fees and mileage paid to witnesses in the courts of the United States.

(c) ENFORCEMENT OF SUBPOENAS.—If a person disobeys a subpoena issued under subsection (a), the Secretary may seek an order enforcing the subpoena from the district court of the United States for the district in which the person resides or does business. Process may be served in the judicial district in which the person resides or is found. The court may issue an order to obey the subpoena and punish a refusal to obey as a contempt of court.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1566.)

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| 50306 | 46 App.:1124. | June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title II, §214, 49 Stat. 1991; June 23, 1938, ch. 600, §3, 52 Stat. 954; Pub. L. 91-452, title II, §241, Oct. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 930; Pub. L. 97-31, §12(72), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 159; Pub. L. 98-237, §20(a), Mar. 20, 1984, 98 Stat. 89; Pub. L. 98-595, §2, Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 3132. |

In subsection (a), the word “affirmations” is omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “oath” in 1 U.S.C. 1. The words “or any territory, district, or possession thereof” are omitted as unnecessary because of the definition of “United States” in chapter 1 of the revised title.

Subsection (c) is substituted for the source provision to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 50307. Maritime environmental and technical assistance program

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Maritime Administrator, shall engage in the study, research, development, assessment, and deployment of emerging marine technologies and practices related to the maritime transportation system through the use of public vessels under the control of the Maritime Administration or private vessels under United States registry, and through partnerships and cooperative efforts with academic, public, private, and nongovernmental entities and facilities.

(b) COMPONENTS.—Under this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall identify, study, evaluate, test, demonstrate, or improve emerging marine technologies and practices to improve—

(1) environmental performance to meet United States Federal and international standards and guidelines, including—

- (A) reducing air emissions, water emissions, or other ship discharges;
 - (B) increasing fuel economy or the use of alternative fuels and alternative energy (including the use of shore power); or
 - (C) controlling aquatic invasive species; or
 - (D) reducing propeller cavitation; and
- (2) the efficiency and safety of domestic maritime industries.

(c) COORDINATION.—Coordination under subsection (b)(2) may include—

- (1) activities that are associated with the development or approval of validation and testing regimes; and
- (2) certification or validation of emerging technologies or practices that demonstrate significant environmental or other benefits to domestic maritime industries.

(d) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation may accept gifts, or enter into cooperative agreements, contracts, or other agreements with academic, public, private, and nongovernmental entities and facilities to carry out the activities authorized under subsection (a).

(e) USES.—The results of activities conducted under subsection (b)(1) shall be used to inform—

- (1) the policy decisions of the United States related to domestic regulations; and
- (2) the position of the United States on matters before the International Maritime Organization.

(f) LIMITATIONS ON THE USE OF FUNDS.—Not more than three percent of the funds appropriated to carry out this section may be used for administrative purposes.

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