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55335 .....	46 App.:1241t(a), (c).	Pub. L. 101-624, title XV, §1524(a), (c), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3667.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “construction and purchase” before “agreement” are omitted because the source provision for section 55332(b) of the revised title does not say anything about construction.

In subsection (b), the words “vessels of the United States” are substituted for “United States-flag vessel” for consistency in the revised title.

**§ 55336. Civil penalty**

After notice and an opportunity for a hearing, the Secretary of Transportation may impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000,000 on the owner of an American Great Lakes vessel for any act for which the designation may be revoked under section 55335 of this title.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1650.)

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**[CHAPTER 555—TRANSFERRED]**

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CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 117-81, §3512(a)(1), (3), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2239, renumbered this chapter as chapter 504 and transferred it to appear after chapter 503 of this title and renumbered sections 55501 and 55502 as sections 50401 and 50402 of this title, respectively.

**[§§ 55501, 55502. Renumbered §§ 50401, 50402]**

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 55501, Pub. L. 109-304, §8(c), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1650, related to mobile trade fairs to show and sell United States products at foreign ports and other global commercial centers, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 113-281, title III, §301(1), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3042.

A prior section 55502 was renumbered section 55501 of this title.

**CHAPTER 556—MARINE HIGHWAYS**

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55602.	Cargo and shippers.
[55603.	Repealed.]
55604.	Research on marine highway transportation.
55605.	Marine highway transportation defined.

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXIII [LXXXIII], §8332(d)(1), (2), (7), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4704, 4705, amended chapter heading similarly, substituting “MARINE HIGHWAYS” for “SHORT SEA TRANSPORTATION”, struck out item 55603 “Interagency coordination”, and substituted “Marine highways transportation program” for “Short sea transportation pro-

gram” in item 55601, “Research on marine highway transportation” for “Research on short sea transportation” in item 55604, and “Marine highway transportation defined” for “Short sea transportation defined” in item 55605.

**§ 55601. Marine highways transportation program**

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish a marine highway transportation program to be known as the “America’s Marine highway program” and designate marine highway transportation projects to be conducted under the program to provide a coordinated and capable alternative to landside transportation or to promote marine highway transportation.

(b) PROGRAM ELEMENTS.—The program shall encourage the use of marine highway transportation through the development and expansion of—

- (1) vessels documented under chapter 121 of this title;
- (2) shipper utilization;
- (3) port and landside infrastructure; and
- (4) marine transportation strategies by State and local governments.

(c) MARINE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION ROUTES.—The Secretary shall designate marine highway transportation routes as extensions of the surface transportation system to focus public and private efforts to use the waterways to relieve landside congestion along coastal corridors or to promote marine highway transportation. The Secretary may collect and disseminate data for the designation and delineation of marine highway transportation routes.

(d) PROJECT DESIGNATION.—The Secretary may designate a project to be a marine highway transportation project if the Secretary determines that the project uses documented vessels and—

- (1) mitigates landside congestion; or
- (2) promotes marine highway transportation.

(e) ELEMENTS OF PROGRAM.—For a marine highway transportation project designated under this section, the Secretary may—

- (1) promote the development of marine highway transportation services;
- (2) coordinate, with ports, State departments of transportation, localities, other public agencies, and the private sector and on the development of landside facilities and infrastructure to support marine highway transportation services; and
- (3) develop performance measures for the marine highway transportation program.

(f) MULTISTATE, STATE AND REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.—The Secretary, in consultation with Federal entities and State and local governments, may develop strategies to encourage the use of marine highway transportation for transportation of passengers and cargo. The Secretary may—

- (1) assess the extent to which States and local governments include marine highway transportation and other marine transportation solutions in their transportation planning;
- (2) encourage State departments of transportation to develop strategies, where appro-