

**[§§ 24703 to 24705. Repealed. Pub. L. 105-134, title I, §§ 103-105(a), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2572, 2573]**

Section 24703, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 924, provided route and service criteria for modifying or discontinuing routes.

Section 24704, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 925, related to application by States, regional or local authorities, or other persons requesting Amtrak to provide passenger rail service and criteria for decision.

Section 24705, Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 926; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §308(i), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 947, related to providing service on routes recommended to be discontinued, criteria for deferring Secretary's recommendation, and providing short haul demonstration routes.

**§ 24706. Discontinuance**

(a) NOTICE OF DISCONTINUANCE.—(1) Except as provided in subsection (c), not later than 180 days before discontinuing service over a route, Amtrak shall give notice of the discontinuance in the way Amtrak decides will give a State, a regional or local authority, or another person the opportunity to agree to share or assume the cost of any part of the train, route, or service to be discontinued.

(2) Notice of the discontinuance under paragraph (1) shall be posted in all stations served by the train to be discontinued at least 14 days before the discontinuance.

(b) DISCONTINUANCE OR SUBSTANTIAL ALTERATION OF LONG-DISTANCE ROUTES.—Except as provided in subsection (c), in an emergency, or during maintenance or construction outages impacting Amtrak routes, Amtrak may not discontinue, reduce the frequency of, suspend, or substantially alter the route of rail service on any segment of any long-distance route in any fiscal year in which Amtrak receives adequate Federal funding for such route on the National Network.

(c) DISCONTINUANCE FOR LACK OF APPROPRIATIONS.—(1) Amtrak may discontinue service under subsection (a)(1) during—

(A) the first month of a fiscal year if the authorization of appropriations and the appropriations for Amtrak are not enacted at least 90 days before the beginning of the fiscal year; and

(B) the 30 days following enactment of an appropriation for Amtrak or a rescission of an appropriation.

(2) Amtrak shall notify each affected State or regional or local transportation authority of a discontinuance under this subsection as soon as possible after Amtrak decides to discontinue the service.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION OF DISCONTINUANCE.—Except as provided in subsection (c), not later than 210 days before discontinuing service over a route, Amtrak shall give written notice of such discontinuance to all of the members of Congress representing any State or district in which the discontinuance would occur.

(e) APPLICABILITY.—This section applies to all service over routes provided by Amtrak, notwithstanding any provision of section 24701 of this title or any other provision of this title except section 24702(b).

(Pub. L. 103-272, §1(e), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 927; Pub. L. 105-134, title I, §§101(c), 142(a), Dec. 2, 1997, 111 Stat. 2572, 2576; Pub. L. 110-432, div. B, title II, §201(d), Oct. 16, 2008, 122 Stat. 4910; Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title XI, §11316(n)(1), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1678; Pub. L. 117-58, div. B, title II, §22210, Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 708.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
24706(a)(1) ..	45:564(c)(4)(F)(ii).	Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, 84 Stat. 1327, §404(c)(4)(F); added Sept. 29, 1979, Pub. L. 96-73, §117, 93 Stat. 545; restated Aug. 13, 1981, Pub. L. 97-35, §1183(b), 95 Stat. 696.
24706(a)(2) ..	45:564(c)(4)(F)(i).	Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, §405(a) (1st, 2d sentences), 84 Stat. 1337; restated June 22, 1972, Pub. L. 92-316, §7(a), 86 Stat. 230. Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, 84 Stat. 1327, §405(a) (last sentence); added Apr. 7, 1986, Pub. L. 99-272, §4016, 100 Stat. 110.
24706(b) .....	45:564(c)(4)(F)(iii).	
24706(c)(1) ..	45:565(a) (2d sentence).	
	45:565(a) (last sentence).	
24706(c)(2) ..	45:565(a) (1st sentence).	Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, §405(b) (1st-3d sentences), 84 Stat. 1337. Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, §405(c), 84 Stat. 1337; restated June 22, 1972, Pub. L. 92-316, §7(c), 86 Stat. 230.
	45:565(b) (1st sentence).	
	45:565(c) (1st sentence words before 2d comma).	
24706(c)(3) ..	45:565(b) (2d sentence).	
24706(c)(4) ..	45:565(b) (3d sentence).	
24706(c)(5) ..	45:565(c) (1st sentence words after 2d comma, last sentence).	
24706(c)(6) ..	45:565(g).	Oct. 30, 1970, Pub. L. 91-518, 84 Stat. 1327, §405(g); added Aug. 13, 1981, Pub. L. 97-35, §1188(d), 95 Stat. 699.

In subsection (a)(1), the words “Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section” are added for clarity. The word “authority” is substituted for “agency” for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

In subsection (b)(1), before clause (A), the words “Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (ii)” are omitted as surplus. In clauses (A) and (B), the words “the benefit of” are omitted as surplus. In clause (A), the words “for such fiscal year” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(1), before clause (A), the words “Amtrak or” are substituted for 45:565(c) (1st sentence words before 2d comma) to eliminate unnecessary words because operations in the basic system have begun. The words “whether occurring before, on, or after January 1, 1975” and “without being limited to, such provisions as may be necessary for” are omitted as surplus. In clause (A), the words “to such employees” are omitted as surplus.

In subsection (c)(3), the words “section 11347 of this title” are substituted for and coextensive with “section 5(2)(f) of the Interstate Commerce Act” in section 405(b) of the Rail Passenger Service Act (Public Law 91-518, 84 Stat. 1337) on authority of section 3(b) of the Act of October 17, 1978 (Public Law 95-473, 92 Stat. 1466).

In subsection (c)(5), the words “be construed to” are omitted as surplus. The text of 45:565(c) (last sentence) is omitted as executed.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 117-58, §22210(1), substituted “subsection (c), not later than 180 days” for “subsection (b) of this section, at least 180 days”.