

- (3) a place in the United States to an adjacent foreign country; or
- (4) a place in the United States through a foreign country to any other place in the United States.

(b) APPLICATION.—Subsection (a) of this section—

- (1) does not apply to—
 - (A) an independently owned and operated railroad not exceeding one hundred miles in length;
 - (B) an electric street railroad; and
 - (C) an electric interurban railroad; but
- (2) does apply to an independently owned and operated railroad less than one hundred miles in length—
 - (A) whose principal business is leasing or providing terminal or transfer facilities to other railroads; or
 - (B) engaged in transfers of freight between railroads or between railroads and industrial plants.

(Added Pub. L. 104-287, § 5(56)(A), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3394.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
28301	45:65. (uncodified).	Sept. 3, 5, 1916, ch. 436, § 1, 39 Stat. 721. Sept. 3, 5, 1916, ch. 436, §§ 2, 3, 39 Stat. 721.

In subsection (a), the word “determining” is substituted for “reckoning” for clarity. The words “who are not or may hereafter be employed” are omitted as surplus. In clause (1), the words “or territory” are omitted because the existing territories of the United States are now connected to the United States by rail. In clause (2), the words “or possession of the United States” are added for consistency in the revised title and with other titles of the United States Code.

The text of sections 2 and 3 of the Act of September 3, 5, 1916 (ch. 436, 39 Stat. 721), is omitted to eliminate executed provisions.

§ 28302. Penalties

A person violating section 28301 of this title shall be fined under title 18, imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Added Pub. L. 104-287, § 5(56)(A), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3394.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
28302	45:66.	Sept. 3, 5, 1916, ch. 436, § 4, 39 Stat. 722.

The words “shall be guilty of a misdemeanor” are omitted, and the words “shall be fined under title 18” are substituted for “shall be fined not less than \$100 and not more than \$1,000”, for consistency with title 18. The words “upon conviction” are omitted as surplus.

CHAPTER 285—COMMUTER RAIL MEDIATION

- Sec. 28501. Definitions¹
- 28502. Surface Transportation Board mediation of trackage use requests.

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a period.

- Sec. 28503. Surface Transportation Board mediation of rights-of-way use requests.
- 28504. Applicability of other laws.
- 28505. Rules and regulations.

§ 28501. Definitions

In this chapter—

- (1) the term “Board” means the Surface Transportation Board;
- (2) the term “capital work” means maintenance, restoration, reconstruction, capacity enhancement, or rehabilitation work on trackage that would be treated, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, as a capital item rather than an expense;
- (3) the term “commuter rail passenger transportation” has the meaning given that term in section 24102;
- (4) the term “public transportation authority” means a local governmental authority (as defined in section 5302) established to provide, or make a contract providing for, commuter rail passenger transportation;
- (5) the term “rail carrier” means a person, other than a governmental authority, providing common carrier railroad transportation for compensation subject to the jurisdiction of the Board under chapter 105;
- (6) the term “segregated fixed guideway facility” means a fixed guideway facility constructed within the railroad right-of-way of a rail carrier but physically separate from trackage, including relocated trackage, within the right-of-way used by a rail carrier for freight transportation purposes; and
- (7) the term “trackage” means a railroad line of a rail carrier, including a spur, industrial, team, switching, side, yard, or station track, and a facility of a rail carrier.

(Added Pub. L. 110-432, div. B, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 16, 2008, 122 Stat. 4955; amended Pub. L. 117-58, div. C, § 30001(b)(4), Nov. 15, 2021, 135 Stat. 890.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Par. (4). Pub. L. 117-58 substituted “section 5302” for “section 5302(a)(6)”.

§ 28502. Surface Transportation Board mediation of trackage use requests

If, after a reasonable period of negotiation, a public transportation authority cannot reach agreement with a rail carrier to use trackage of, and have related services provided by, the rail carrier for purposes of commuter rail passenger transportation, the public transportation authority or the rail carrier may apply to the Board for nonbinding mediation. The Board shall conduct the nonbinding mediation in accordance with the mediation process of section 1109.4 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date of enactment of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 110-432, div. B, title IV, § 401(a), Oct. 16, 2008, 122 Stat. 4955.)