

2012—Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, § 52011(c)(2), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 895, added first item for chapter 63.
 2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title III, § 3002(c), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1545, substituted “Public” for “Mass” in item for chapter 53.
 1998—Pub. L. 105-178, title VII, § 7302(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 482, added item for chapter 61.

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AMENDMENTS

2012—Pub. L. 112-141, div. C, title III, § 33007(b), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 836, added item 5118.
 2005—Pub. L. 109-59, title VII, §§ 7111, 7115(a)(2), (h), 7123(c), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1899, 1901, 1908, struck out item 5111 “Rail tank cars”, substituted “Special permits and exclusions” for “Exemptions and exclusions” in item 5117, struck out item 5118 “Inspectors”, added items 5127 and 5128, and struck out former item 5127 “Authorization of appropriations”.
 2001—Pub. L. 107-56, title X, § 1012(a)(2), Oct. 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 397, added item 5103a.

§ 5101. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to protect against the risks to life, property, and the environment that are inherent in the transportation of hazardous material in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce.

(Pub. L. 103-272, § 1(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 759; Pub. L. 109-59, title VII, § 7101(b), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1891.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5101	49 App.:1801.	Jan. 3, 1975, Pub. L. 93-633, § 102, 88 Stat. 2156.

The words “It is declared to be the policy of Congress”, “the Nation”, and “which are” are omitted as surplus.

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AMENDMENTS

2005—Pub. L. 109-59 substituted “The purpose of this chapter is to protect against the risks to life, property, and the environment that are inherent in the transportation of hazardous material in intrastate, interstate, and foreign commerce” for “The purpose of this chapter is to provide adequate protection against the risks to life and property inherent in the transportation of hazardous material in commerce by improving the regulatory and enforcement authority of the Secretary of Transportation”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE OF 2015 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title III, § 3001, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1446, provided that: “This title [amending sections 5302 to 5304, 5307, 5309 to 5312, 5314, 5315, 5323, 5325, 5327, 5329, 5336 to 5340, and 10501 of this title and sections 5313 and 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, repealing sections 5313, 5319, and 5322 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under 5309, 5310, 5325, 5329, 5338 of this title, section 5313 of Title 5, and section 12143 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, amending provisions set out as a note under sections 5303 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 5309 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Federal Public Transportation Act of 2015’.”

Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title VII, § 7001, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1588, provided that: “This title [amending sections 5103, 5107 to 5109, 5116, 5117, 5121, and 5128 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 5103, 5116, 20103, 20141, 20155, and 31305 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2015’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2012 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-141, div. B, § 20001, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 622, provided that: “This division [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Federal Public Transportation Act of 2012’.”

Pub. L. 112-141, div. C, title III, § 33001, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 832, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety Improvement Act of 2012’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-59, title III, § 3001, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1544, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Federal Public Transportation Act of 2005’.”

Pub. L. 109-59, title VII, § 7001, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1891, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Hazardous Materials Transportation Safety and Security Reauthorization Act of 2005’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-178, title III, § 3001, June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 338, provided that: “This title [amending sections 5302 to 5305, 5307 to 5315, 5317 to 5320, 5323, 5325 to 5328, and 5333 to 5338 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 301, 5301, 5307 to 5310, 5323, 5336, and 5338 of this title and sections 138 and 322 of Title 23, Highways] may be cited as the ‘Federal Transit Act of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-291, title II, § 201, Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3453, provided that: “This title [enacting section 5908 of this title and amending sections 5901 to 5903 and 5905 to