

apply to the taking of the census of governments: *Provided, however,* That for the purpose of securing the statistics required by this Act, employees may be appointed and receive compensation in accordance with section 3 of the Act of June 18, 1929 (46 Stat. 21, 13 U. S. C. 203), as amended: *Provided further,* That section 11 thereof, relating to the confidential treatment of data for particular individuals and establishments, shall not apply to information compiled from or customarily provided in public records: *Provided further,* That the Secretary is authorized to acquire by purchase or otherwise from States, counties, cities, or other units of government or their instrumentalities, or from private persons and agencies such copies of records and such reports and other material as may be required for the efficient and economical conduct of the census of governments.

Sec. 3. The Secretary may promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary in the conduct of the census of governments, and he may delegate authority to perform any functions herein vested in the Secretary to officers and employees under his direction and supervision.

Sec. 4. Section 7 of the Act of March 6, 1902 (32 Stat. 52, 13 U. S. C. 111), as amended, is further amended by deletion of that portion reading: "to social statistics of cities; to public indebtedness, valuation, taxation, and expenditures;".

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 911]

AN ACT

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, with respect to sound-recording materials for use in connection with moving-picture exhibits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1551 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a colon and by adding thereafter the following new proviso: "*Provided further,* That on photographic or magnetic film, tape, wire, or other material of any kind on which sound has been recorded abroad by photography, magnetism, or any means whatsoever, and which is suitable for use in reproducing sound in connection with moving-picture exhibits (not including any of the foregoing which is photographic film on which pictures have been recorded, or any of the foregoing which is provided for in paragraphs 1615 (c) or 1726 of this Act, as amended), the duty shall be 1 cent per linear foot, except that this rate shall not apply to any article so long as a lower duty is in effect therefor pursuant to a proclamation issued under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, to carry out a trade agreement entered into prior to July 1, 1950."

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 912]

AN ACT

To amend and supplement the Federal-Aid Road Act, approved July 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 355), as amended and supplemented, to authorize appropriations for continuing the construction of highways, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Federal-Aid Road Act approved July 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 355), and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and for continuing the construction and reconstruction of highways in accordance with the provisions of the

13 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 203.
46 Stat. 25.
13 U. S. C. § 211.

Acquisition of copies
of records, etc.

Rules and regula-
tions.

13 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 111.

September 7, 1950
[H. R. 7447]
[Public Law 768]

Tariff Act of 1930,
amendment.
46 Stat. 670.
19 U. S. C. § 1001,
par. 1551.

52 Stat. 1092; 46
Stat. 679.
19 U. S. C. § 1201,
pars. 1615 (c), 1726.
Post, p. 798.
48 Stat. 943.
19 U. S. C. § 1351,
Sup. III, § 1351.

September 7, 1950
[H. R. 7941]
[Public Law 769]

Federal-Aid High-
way Act of 1950.
Appropriations
authorized.
23 U. S. C. § 48 and
note.

23 U. S. C. §§ 60-63.
23 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§§ 21-23c note.

Availability for ex-
penditure.

Federal-aid sec-
ondary highway system.

58 Stat. 839.
23 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§§ 21-23c note.

Projects in urban
areas.

Apportionment.

58 Stat. 840.
23 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 21 note.

Availability of sums
to States.

Establishment of
secondary road unit
in State highway de-
partment.

“County.”

Forest highways.
Appropriations au-
thorized.

Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 838), as amended and supplemented by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1105), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$500,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

The sum herein authorized for each fiscal year shall be available for expenditure as follows:

(a) \$225,000,000 for projects on the Federal-aid highway system.
(b) \$150,000,000 for projects on the Federal-aid secondary highway system or as may hereafter be added to such system in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (b) of section 3 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 838), as amended and supplemented by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1105): *Provided*, That such funds shall be expended on the secondary and feeder roads, farm-to-market roads, rural mail routes, public school bus routes, local rural roads, county roads, township roads, and roads of the county-road class, with types of construction that can be maintained at reasonable cost to provide all-weather service, and the projects for construction shall be selected and the specifications with respect thereto shall be determined by the State highway department and the appropriate local officials in cooperation with each other. This provision shall not be construed to modify any of the other provisions of paragraph (b) of section 3 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 838), as amended by the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1105).

(c) \$125,000,000 for projects on the Federal-aid-highway system in urban areas.

The said sums respectively, for any fiscal year, shall be apportioned among the several States in the manner now provided by law and in accordance with the formulas set forth in section 4 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 approved December 20, 1944: *Provided*, That the census figures used in making said apportionments shall be those shown by the latest available Federal census.

Any sums apportioned to any State under the provisions of this section shall be available for expenditure in that State for two fiscal years after the close of the fiscal year for which such sums are authorized, and any amount so apportioned remaining unexpended at the end of such period shall lapse: *Provided*, That such funds for any fiscal year shall be deemed to have been expended if a sum equal to the total of the sums apportioned to the State for such fiscal year is covered by formal agreements with the Commissioner of Public Roads for the improvement of specific projects as provided by this Act.

SEC. 2. Any State desiring to avail itself of the benefits of the funds apportioned for expenditure on the Federal-aid secondary highway system shall establish in its State highway department within six months after the close of the next regular session of its legislature, a secondary road unit and such department shall be suitably organized to discharge to the satisfaction of the Secretary of Commerce, the duties herein required: *Provided*, That any State highway department may arrange with any county or group of counties having competent highway engineering personnel, suitably organized and equipped to the satisfaction of the State highway department, to supervise construction and maintenance on a county-unit or group-unit basis for the construction and maintenance of secondary road projects: *Provided further*, That the term “county” as used in this section shall be construed to include corresponding units of government under any other name in States which do not have county organizations, and likewise in those States in which the county government does not have jurisdiction over highways it may be construed to mean any local governmental unit vested with jurisdiction over local highways.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 23

of the Federal Highway Act (42 Stat. 218), as amended and supplemented, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated (1) for forest highways the sum of \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953; (2) for forest development roads and trails the sum of \$17,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953; and (3) for forest highways within, adjoining, or adjacent to the Tongass National Forest, the additional sum of \$3,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, to provide for the improvement and extension of the highway facilities to serve the present and potential traffic incident to the further development of the timber and other resources of southeastern Alaska: *Provided*, That immediately upon the passage of this Act, the appropriation herein authorized for forest highways for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, shall be apportioned by the Secretary of Commerce for expenditure in the several States, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, according to the area and value of the land owned by the Government within the national forests therein which the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby directed to determine and certify to him from such information, sources, and departments as the Secretary of Agriculture may deem most accurate, and hereafter, on or before January 1 next preceding the commencement of each succeeding fiscal year the Secretary of Commerce shall make like apportionment of the appropriation authorized for such fiscal year: *Provided further*, That the Commissioner of Public Roads may incur obligations, approve projects, and enter into contracts under the apportionment of such authorizations, and his action in so doing shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the Federal Government for the payment of the cost thereof: *Provided further*, That the appropriations made pursuant to authorizations heretofore, herein, and hereafter enacted for forest highways shall be considered available to the Commissioner of Public Roads for the purpose of discharging the obligations created hereunder in any State or Territory: *Provided further*, That the total expenditures on account of any State or Territory shall at no time exceed its authorized apportionment: *And provided further*, That appropriations for forest highways shall be administered in conformity with regulations jointly approved by the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of Agriculture.

SEC. 4. (a) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of roads and trails, inclusive of necessary bridges, in national parks, monuments, and other areas administered by the National Park Service, including areas authorized to be established as national parks and monuments, and national park and monument approach roads authorized by the Act of January 31, 1931 (46 Stat. 1053), as amended, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953: *Provided*, That hereafter appropriations for the construction, reconstruction, and improvement of such park and monument roads shall be administered in conformity with regulations jointly approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce.

(b) For the construction, reconstruction, improvement, and maintenance of parkways, authorized by Acts of Congress, on lands to which title is vested in the United States, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$13,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953: *Provided*, That hereafter appropriations for the construction of parkways shall be administered in conformity with regulations jointly approved by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce: *Provided further*, That \$3,000,000 of the sum authorized

23 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§ 23.

Tongass National
Forest.

Apportionment of
1952 appropriation.

Apportionments for
succeeding fiscal years.

Contractual obliga-
tions.

National parks, etc.
Appropriations au-
thorized.

16 U. S. C. §§ 8a-8c.

Parkways.
Appropriations au-
thorized.

Indian reservation roads, etc.
Appropriations authorized.

25 U. S. C. § 318a.

Payment of Federal funds on bond indebtedness.

42 Stat. 215.
23 U. S. C. § 15.
Maintenance responsibility of State.

Agreements between State highway departments and local officials.

for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, shall be available for contract immediately upon the passage of this Act.

(c) For the construction, improvement, and maintenance of Indian reservation roads and bridges and roads and bridges to provide access to Indian reservations and Indian lands under the provisions of the Act approved May 26, 1928 (45 Stat. 750), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$6,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953: *Provided*, That the location, type, and design of all roads and bridges constructed shall be approved by the Commissioner of Public Roads before any expenditures are made thereon, and all such construction shall be under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Public Roads.

SEC. 5. Any State, county, city, or other political subdivision that shall issue bonds and use the proceeds of such bonds for the construction of toll-free facilities in order to accelerate the improvement of the National System of Interstate Highways, the Federal-aid primary highway system or the Federal-aid highway system in urban areas, may apply any portion of the funds herein, or hereafter, authorized for expenditure on said systems of highways and apportioned to such State under the provisions of section 1 to aid in retirement of annual maturities of the principal indebtedness of such bonds to the extent that the proceeds of such bonds are actually expended in the construction of said systems of highways: *Provided*, That payment of Federal funds on the principal indebtedness of such bonds shall be made only on account of any such facility that is constructed in accordance with plans and specifications approved in advance of construction by the Commissioner of Public Roads: *Provided further*, That payment of Federal funds pursuant to this section shall not exceed the pro rata basis authorized by section 1: *And provided further*, That payments to any State pursuant to this section shall be made exclusively from apportionments to such State from funds authorized by the Congress to be apportioned for expenditure on said systems of highways and this section shall not be construed as a commitment or obligation on the part of the United States to provide such funds.

SEC. 6. That section 14 of the Federal Highway Act, approved November 9, 1921 (42 Stat. 212), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 14. It shall be the duty of the State to maintain any highway within its boundaries after construction under the provisions of this Act. If at any time the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads shall find that any such highway in any State is not being properly maintained he shall call such fact to the attention of the highway department of such State and if within ninety days after receipt of such notice said highway has not been put in a proper condition of maintenance, then the Commissioner of Public Roads shall withhold approval of further projects in such State until such highway has been restored to a proper condition of maintenance: *Provided*, That in any State wherein the highway department is without legal authority to maintain a highway so constructed as a secondary or an urban road project the highway department of such State shall enter into a formal agreement with the appropriate officials of the county or city in which such highway is located for its maintenance, and if at any time the Commissioner of Public Roads shall find that such highway is not being properly maintained he shall call such fact to the attention of the highway department of such State and if within ninety days after receipt of such notice said highway has not been put in proper condition of maintenance then the Commissioner of Public Roads shall withhold approval of further secondary or urban road projects in such county or city until said highway shall have been placed in a proper condition of maintenance."

SEC. 7. That subsection (a) of section 5 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 838), is hereby amended by increasing the Federal share payable on account of the costs of rights-of-way from "one-third" to not to exceed "one-half" of such costs.

Increase of Federal aid.
58 Stat. 840.

SEC. 8. Section 3a of the Federal Highway Act of November 9, 1921, as amended by the Act of February 20, 1931 (46 Stat. 1173), is hereby amended to read as follows:

23 U. S. C. § 3a.

"SEC. 3a. That the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to cooperate with the State highway departments and with the Department of the Interior in the construction of public highways within Indian reservations and national parks and monuments under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, and to pay the amount assumed therefor from the funds allotted or apportioned under this Act to the State wherein the reservations and national parks and monuments are located."

Construction in Indian reservations, etc.; agency cooperation.

SEC. 9. Not to exceed \$5,000,000 of any money heretofore or hereafter appropriated for expenditure in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, shall be available for expenditure by the Commissioner of Public Roads, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Highway Act, as amended and supplemented, as an emergency relief fund, after receipt of an application therefor from the highway department of any State, in the repair or reconstruction of highways and bridges on the primary or secondary Federal-aid highway systems, which he shall find have suffered serious damage as the result of disaster over a wide area, such as by floods, hurricanes, tidal waves, earthquakes, severe storms, landslides, or other catastrophes in any part of the United States, and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated any sum or sums necessary to reimburse the funds so expended from time to time under the authority of this section: *Provided*, That no expenditures shall be made with respect to any such catastrophe in any State unless an emergency has been declared by the Governor of such State and concurred in by the Secretary of Commerce: *Provided further*, That the Federal share payable on account of any repair or reconstruction project provided for by funds made available under this section shall not exceed 50 per centum of the cost thereof.

Emergency relief fund.
42 Stat. 212.
23 U. S. C. § 1 note.
Sup. III, § 2 *et seq.*
Ante, p. 788, *supra*.

SEC. 10. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 3 of the Federal Highway Act (42 Stat. 212), as amended by the Act of June 24, 1930 (46 Stat. 805), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the survey, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of main roads through unappropriated or unreserved public lands, nontaxable Indian lands, or other Federal reservations the sum of \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That such funds shall be available for expenditure in the lands hereinbefore described on the basis of need in such States, respectively, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Roads upon application of the highway departments of the respective States and without regard to any law for the apportionment of such funds among said States: *Provided further*, That \$2,500,000 of the sum authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, shall be available for contract immediately upon the passage of this Act.

Federal reservations.
Appropriations authorized.
23 U. S. C. § 3.

SEC. 11. (a) Section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for cooperation with Central American Republics in the construction of the Inter-American Highway", approved December 26, 1941 (55 Stat. 860), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Inter-American Highway.

"(b) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, in addition to the sums heretofore authorized, the sum of \$4,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and a like sum for the fiscal year ending

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 1225.

June 30, 1952, to be available until expended, to enable the United States to cooperate with the Governments of the American Republics situated in Central America—that is, with the Governments of the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama—in the survey and construction of the Inter-American Highway within the borders of the aforesaid Republics, respectively. Not to exceed \$2,000,000 of the appropriation hereinabove authorized for each fiscal year may be expended without requiring the country or countries in which such sums may be expended to match any part thereof, if the Secretary of State shall find that the cost of constructing said highway in such country or countries will be beyond their reasonable capacity to bear. The remainder of such authorized appropriations shall be available for expenditure only when matched to the extent required by this Act by the country in which such expenditure may be made. Expenditures from the sums available on a matching basis shall not be made for the survey and construction of any portion of said highway within the borders of any country named herein unless such country shall provide and make available for expenditure in conjunction therewith a sum equal to at least one-third of the expenditures that may be incurred by that Government and the United States on such portion of the highway. All expenditures by the United States under the provisions of this Act for material, equipment, and supplies shall, whenever practicable, be made for products of the United States or of the country in which such survey or construction work is being carried on. Construction work to be performed under contract shall be advertised for a reasonable period by the Minister of Public Works, or other similar official, of the government concerned in each of the participating countries and contracts shall be awarded pursuant to such advertisements with the approval of the Secretary of Commerce of the United States. No part of the appropriations herein authorized shall be available for obligation or expenditure for work on said highway in any cooperating country unless the government of said country shall have assented to the provisions of this Act; shall have furnished satisfactory assurances that it has an organization adequately qualified to administer the functions required of such country under the provisions hereof; and then only as such country may submit requests, from time to time, for the construction of any portion of the highway to standards adequate to meet present and future traffic needs: *Provided*, That no part of said appropriations shall be available for obligation or expenditure in any such country until the government of that country shall have entered into an agreement with the United States which shall provide, in part, that said country—

Agreement with
United States.

“(1) will provide, without participation of funds herein authorized, all necessary right-of-way for the construction of said highway, which right-of-way shall be of a minimum width where practicable of one hundred meters in rural areas and fifty meters in municipalities and shall forever be held inviolate as a part of the highway for public use;

“(2) will not impose any highway toll, or permit any such toll to be charged, for use by vehicles or persons of any portion of said highway constructed under the provisions of this Act;

“(3) will not levy or assess, directly or indirectly, any fee, tax, or other charge for the use of said highway by vehicles or persons from the United States that does not apply equally to vehicles or persons of such country;

“(4) will continue to grant reciprocal recognition of vehicle registration and drivers' licenses in accordance with the provisions of the Convention for the Regulation of Inter-American Automobi-

tive Traffic, which was opened for signature at the Pan American Union in Washington on December 15, 1943, and to which such country and the United States are parties, or of any other treaty or international convention establishing similar reciprocal recognition; and

“(5) will provide for the maintenance of said highway after its completion in condition adequately to serve the needs of present and future traffic.”

SEC. 12. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of section 6 of the Defense Highway Act of 1941 (55 Stat. 765) as amended, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$10,000,000, to remain available until expended: *Provided*, That \$2,000,000 of the sum authorized by this section shall be available for contract immediately upon the passage of this Act: *Provided further*, That the roads authorized to be constructed under this section shall be certified to the Secretary of Commerce as important to the national defense by the Secretary of Defense or such other official as the President may designate.

SEC. 13. Any State highway department which submits plans for a Federal-aid highway project involving the bypassing of any city or town shall certify to the Commissioner of Public Roads that it has had public hearings and considered the economic effects of such a location.

SEC. 14. The Commissioner of Public Roads is authorized and directed to assist in carrying out the action program of the President's Highway Safety Conference and to cooperate with the State highway departments and other agencies in this program to advance the cause of safety on the streets and highways: *Provided*, That not to exceed \$75,000 shall be expended annually for the purposes of this section.

SEC. 15. All provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 838), and the provisions of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1948, approved June 29, 1948 (62 Stat. 1105), not inconsistent with this Act, shall remain in full force and effect.

SEC. 16. The Secretary is authorized to delegate to the Commissioner of Public Roads any authority vested in him by this Act.

SEC. 17. If any section, subsection, or other provisions of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of such section, subsection, or other provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 18. That all Acts or parts of Acts in any way inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed, and this Act shall take effect on its passage.

SEC. 19. This Act may be cited as the “Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1950”.

Approved September 7, 1950.

[CHAPTER 921]

AN ACT

To amend title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as amended, so as to provide for the issuance of dealers' identification tags for use on trailers, to provide for the revocation and suspension of dealers' registration and identification tags, to change the fee for dealers' identification tags, to provide for the issuance of special use identification tags, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (e) of section 1 of title IV of the District of Columbia Revenue Act of 1937, as amended, is amended to read:

“(e) The term ‘dealer’ means any person engaged in the business

61 Stat. 1129.

Access roads.
Appropriation au-
thorized.
55 Stat. 766.
23 U. S. C. § 106.

Plans involving by-
passing of city, etc.

Program of Presi-
dent's Highway Safe-
ty Conference.

23 U. S. C. §§ 60-63.

23 U. S. C., Sup. III,
§§ 21-23c note.

Separability.

Effective date.

Short title.

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[Public Law 770]

D. C. Revenue Act
of 1937, amendments.
50 Stat. 679.
D. C. Code § 40-101
(e).