Public Law 92-401

August 22, 1972
[H. R. 5065]

AN ACT

To amend the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, and for other purposes.

Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968, amendment.
82 Stat. 722.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of section 5(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. 1674(a)) is amended by striking out "two years" and inserting in lieu thereof "five years".

SEC. 2. Section 5(c)(1) of such Act (49 U.S.C. 1674(c)(1)) is amended by striking out the first sentence thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Except as otherwise provided in this section, if an application is submitted not later than September 30 in any calendar year, the Secretary shall pay out of funds appropriated or otherwise made available up to 50 per centum of the cost of the personnel, equipment, and activities of a State agency reasonably required, during the following calendar year to carry out a safety program under a certification under subsection (a) or an agreement under subsection (b) of this section; or to act as agent of the Secretary with respect to interstate transmission facilities. The Secretary may, after notice and consultation with a State agency, withhold all or any part of the funds for a particular State agency if he determines that such State agency (A) is not satisfactorily carrying out a safety program under a certification under subsection (a) or an agreement under subsection (b) of this section, or (B) is not satisfactorily acting as agent of the Secretary with respect to interstate transmission facilities.".

SEC. 3. Section 13 of such Act (49 U.S.C. 1682) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(d) The Secretary is authorized to consult with, and make recommendations to, other Federal departments and agencies, State and local governments, and other public and private agencies or persons, for the purpose of developing and encouraging activities, including the enactment of legislation, to assist in the implementation of this Act and to improve State and local pipeline safety programs.".

SEC. 4. Section 15 of such Act (49 U.S.C. 1684) is amended to read as follows:

"APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORIZED

"SEC. 15. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act over a period of three fiscal years, beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972, there is authorized to be appropriated not to exceed $3,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1972; not to exceed $3,800,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1973; and not to exceed $5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974.".

Report to President, transmittal to Congress.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of Transportation shall prepare and submit to the President for transmittal to the Congress on March 17, 1973, a report which shall contain—

(1) a description of the pipeline safety program being conducted in each State;

(2) annual projections of each State agency's needs for personnel, equipment, and activities reasonably required to carry out such State's program during each calendar year from 1973 through 1978 and estimates of the annual costs thereof;

(3) the source or sources of State funds to finance such programs;

(4) the amount of Federal assistance needed annually;

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(5) an evaluation of alternative methods of allotting Federal funds among the States that desire Federal assistance, including recommendations, if needed for a statutory formula for apportioning Federal funds; and

(6) a discussion of other problems affecting cooperation among the States that relate to effective participation of State agencies in the national pipeline safety program.

The report shall be prepared by the Secretary after consultation with the cooperating State agencies and the national organization of State commissions.

SEC. 6. Section 6(f)(3)(A) of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1655(f)(3)(A)) is amended by striking out "and pipeline". 80 Stat. 940.

Approved August 22, 1972.

Public Law 92-402

AN ACT

August 22, 1972
[H. R. 13324]

To authorize appropriations for the fiscal year 1973 for certain maritime programs of the Department of Commerce, and for related purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated without fiscal year limitation as the appropriation Act may provide for the use of the Department of Commerce, for the fiscal year 1973, as follows:

Commerce Department maritime programs.
Appropriation authorization.

(a) acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of vessels and construction-differential subsidy and cost of national defense features incident to the construction, reconstruction, or reconditioning of ships, $280,000,000, of which $30,000,000 is for the purchase of modern or reconstructed United States-flag vessels for lay-up in the National Defense Reserve Fleet;

(b) payment of obligations incurred for ship operation subsidies, $232,000,000;

(c) expenses necessary for research and development activities (including reimbursement of the Vessel Operations Revolving Fund for losses resulting from expenses of experimental ship operation), $30,000,000;

(d) reserve fleet expenses, $3,900,000;

(e) maritime training at the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York, $7,854,000; and

(f) financial assistance to State marine schools, $2,290,000.

SEC. 2. Section 905(a) of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936, is amended as follows: 52 Stat. 964; 84 Stat. 1034. 46 USC 1244.

(1) By inserting after the words "except that" the words "in the context of section 607 of this Act concerning capital construction funds and". 84 Stat. 1026. 46 USC 1177.

(2) By striking out the words "to the extent provided in uniform regulations promulgated by the Secretary of Commerce".

(3) By inserting before the period at the end thereof the words "in their operation or in competing for charters, subject to rules and