

(2) files his contract for service with the Postal Service; and

(3) files satisfactory evidence of performance with the Postal Service;

shall have a lien on money due the contractor or subcontractor for the service.

(b) The Postal Service may pay the person establishing a lien under subsection (a) of this section the sum due him, when the contractor or subcontractor fails to pay the person the amount of his lien within 2 months after the expiration of the month in which the service was performed. It shall charge the amount so paid to the contract. The payments may not exceed the annual rate of pay of the contractor or subcontractor.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 767.)

**§ 5007. Free transportation of postal employees**

(a) Each person or carrier engaged in the transportation of mail shall carry on any vessel, train, motor vehicle, or aircraft he operates, upon exhibiting their credentials and without extra charge therefor, persons on duty in charge of the mails or when traveling to and from such duty.

(b)(1) In this subsection, "air carrier" and "aircraft" have the same meanings given those terms in section 40102(a) of title 49.

(2) An air carrier engaged in transporting mail shall carry without charge on any plane it operates those agents and officers of the Postal Service traveling on official business related to transporting mail by aircraft, as prescribed by regulations of the Secretary of Transportation, on exhibiting credentials.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 103-272, §4(g)(1), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1364.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-272 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

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AMENDMENTS

1995—Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(15), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946, substituted "Surface Transportation Board" for "Interstate Commerce Commission" in item 5207.

**§ 5201. Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter—

(1) "Board" means the Surface Transportation Board;

(2) "carrier" and "regulated surface carrier" mean a railroad, a freight forwarder, or a motor carrier;

(3) "railroad" means a railway common carrier, including an electric urban and inter-urban railway common carrier;

(4) "freight forwarder" means any regulated freight forwarder which holds itself out to the general public as a carrier to transport or provide transportation of property as authorized by a registration issued by the Board;

(5) "motor carrier" means a motor carrier, except a passenger-carrying motor vehicle of such a carrier, within the meaning of section 13102(12) of title 49, that holds a registration issued by the Board;

(6) "person" includes any person other than a carrier holding a certificate or registration issued by the Board; and

(7) "mail" includes equipment and supplies of the Postal Service.

(Pub. L. 91-375, Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 768; Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(A)-(C), Oct. 17, 1978, 92 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 96-454, §3(b)(2), Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2012; Pub. L. 97-261, §6(d)(4), Sept. 20, 1982, 96 Stat. 1107; Pub. L. 99-521, §4(3), Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2993; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §307(3)-(9), (14), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 946.)

AMENDMENTS

1995—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(3), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: "'Commission' means the Interstate Commerce Commission;".

Par. (2). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(4), substituted "or a motor carrier" for "a motor common carrier, or express carrier".

Par. (4). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(5), (14), substituted "carrier" for "common carrier", "registration" for "permit", and "Board" for "Commission".

Par. (5). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(6), (14), substituted "motor carrier" for "motor common carrier" in two places, "13102(12)" for "10102(14)", "registration" for "certificate of public convenience and necessity", and "Board" for "Commission".

Par. (6). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(7)-(9), (14), redesignated par. (7) as (6), substituted "certificate or registration" for "certificate of public convenience and necessity" and "Board" for "Commission", and struck out former par. (6) which read as follows: "'express carrier' means any express carrier engaged in transportation as a common carrier for hire under section 10102(8) of title 49;".

Pars. (7), (8). Pub. L. 104-88, §307(8), redesignated pars. (7) and (8) as (6) and (7), respectively.

1986—Par. (5). Pub. L. 99-521 substituted reference to section 10102(14) of title 49 for reference to section 10102(13) of title 49.

1982—Par. (5). Pub. L. 97-261, §6(d)(4)(A), substituted "10102(13)" for "10102(12)".

Par. (6). Pub. L. 97-261, §6(d)(4)(B), substituted "10102(8) of title 49" for "10102(7)".

1980—Par. (5). Pub. L. 96-454 substituted "10102(12)" for "10102(11)".

1978—Par. (2). Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(A), substituted "motor common carrier, or express carrier" for "motor carrier, or an express company".

Par. (5). Pub. L. 95-473, §2(a)(4)(B), substituted "motor common carrier" means a motor common carrier, except a passenger-carrying motor vehicle of such a carrier, within the meaning of section 10102(11) of title 49, that holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission" for "motor carrier" means any common carrier by motor vehicle, except a passenger-carrying motor vehicle, within the meaning of section 303(a)(14) of title 49, which holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission".