

visions set out as a note under section 53101 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 1187 of the former Appendix to this title] and the amendments made by this subtitle. For this purpose, the Secretaries are excepted from compliance with the notice and comment requirements of section 553 of title 5, United States Code. All interim rules prescribed under the authority of this section that are not earlier superseded by final rules shall expire no later than 270 days after the effective date of this subtitle [see Effective Date note set out under section 53101 of this title].”

§ 53111. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for payments under section 53106, to remain available until expended—

- (1) \$300,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2018, 2019, and 2020;
- (2) \$494,008,000 for fiscal year 2021;
- (3) \$318,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025;
- (4) \$348,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028;
- (5) \$378,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2029, 2030, and 2031; and
- (6) \$408,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2032, 2033, 2034, and 2035.

(Added Pub. L. 108–136, div. C, title XXXV, § 3531(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1817; amended Pub. L. 111–383, div. C, title XXXV, § 3502(3), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4518; Pub. L. 112–239, div. C, title XXXV, § 3508(i), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2225; Pub. L. 114–92, div. C, title XXXV, § 3504(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1219; Pub. L. 114–113, div. O, title I, § 101(e)(2), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2988; Pub. L. 115–232, div. C, title XXXV, § 3546(p), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2327; Pub. L. 116–92, div. C, title XXXV, § 3502(d), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1969; Pub. L. 116–283, div. C, title XXXV, § 3501(c)(1), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4397.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Par. (2). Pub. L. 116–283 substituted “\$494,008,000” for “\$314,007,780”.

2019—Pars. (3) to (6). Pub. L. 116–92 substituted “\$318,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025;” for “\$222,000,000 for each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2025.” in par. (3) and added pars. (4) to (6).

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 redesignated pars. (5) to (7) as (1) to (3), respectively, and struck out former pars. (1) to (4) which set out authorized amounts for fiscal years 2006 to 2017.

2015—Par. (3). Pub. L. 114–113, § 101(e)(2)(A), substituted “and 2015” for “2015, 2017, and 2018;”.

Pub. L. 114–92 struck out “2016,” after “2015;”.

Pars. (4) to (7). Pub. L. 114–113, § 101(e)(2)(B), (C), added pars. (4) to (6), redesignated former par. (5) as (7), and struck out former par. (4) which read as follows: “\$210,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021; and”.

2013—Par. (2). Pub. L. 112–239, § 3508(i)(1), struck out “and” at end.

Pars. (3) to (5). Pub. L. 112–239, § 3508(i)(2), which directed amendment of par. (3) “to read as follows” and then set out pars. (3) to (5), was executed by amending par. (3) generally and adding pars. (4) and (5) to reflect the probable intent of Congress. Prior to amendment, par. (3) read as follows: “\$186,000,000 for each fiscal year thereafter through fiscal year 2025.”

2011—Par. (3). Pub. L. 111–383 substituted “2025” for “2015”.

CHAPTER 532—CABLE SECURITY FLEET

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§ 53201. Definitions

In this chapter:

(1) **CABLE SERVICES.**—The term “cable services” means the installation, maintenance, or repair of submarine cables and related equipment, and related cable vessel operations.

(2) **CABLE VESSEL.**—The term “cable vessel” means a vessel—

(A) classed as a cable ship or cable vessel by, and designed in accordance with the rules of, the American Bureau of Shipping, or another classification society accepted by the Secretary; and

(B) capable of installing, maintaining, and repairing submarine cables.

(3) **CABLE FLEET.**—The term “Cable Fleet” means the Cable Security Fleet established under section 53202(a).

(4) **CONTINGENCY AGREEMENT.**—The term “Contingency Agreement” means the agreement required by section 53207.

(5) **CONTRACTOR.**—The term “Contractor” means an owner or operator of a vessel that enters into an Operating Agreement for a cable vessel with the Secretary under section 53203.

(6) **FISCAL YEAR.**—The term “fiscal year” means any annual period beginning on October 1 and ending on September 30.

(7) **OPERATING AGENCY.**—The term “Operating Agency” means that agency or component of the Department of Defense so designated by the Secretary of Defense under this chapter.

(8) **OPERATING AGREEMENT OR AGREEMENT.**—The terms “Operating Agreement” or “Agreement” mean the agreement required by section 53203.

(9) **PERSON.**—The term “person” includes corporations, partnerships, and associations existing under or authorized by the laws of the United States, or any State, Territory, District, or possession thereof, or of any foreign country.

(10) **SECRETARY.**—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(11) **UNITED STATES.**—The term “United States” includes the States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Virgin Islands.

(12) **UNITED STATES CITIZEN TRUST.**—

(A) Subject to paragraph (C), the term “United States citizen trust” means a trust that is qualified under this paragraph.

(B) A trust is qualified under this paragraph with respect to a vessel only if—

(i) it was created under the laws of a state of the United States;