

“(c) EXPANSION OF MARINE VIEW SYSTEM.—To accomplish the purposes of this section, the Secretary of Transportation shall expand the Marine View system so that such system is able to identify, collect, integrate, secure, protect, store, and securely distribute throughout the marine transportation system information that—

- “(1) provides access to many disparate marine transportation system data sources;
- “(2) enables a system-wide view of the marine transportation system;
- “(3) fosters partnerships between the Government of the United States and private entities;
- “(4) facilitates accurate and efficient modeling of the entire marine transportation system environment;
- “(5) monitors and tracks threats to the marine transportation system, including areas of severe weather or reported piracy; and
- “(6) provides vessel tracking and rerouting, as appropriate, to ensure that the economic viability of the United States waterways is maintained.”

**§ 110. Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation**

(a) The Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation established under section 1 of the Act of May 13, 1954 (33 U.S.C. 981), is subject to the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) The Administrator of the Corporation appointed under section 2 of the Act of May 13, 1954 (33 U.S.C. 982), reports directly to the Secretary. (Pub. L. 97-449, §1(b), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2418; Pub. L. 103-272, §4(j)(5)(A), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1366; Pub. L. 116-260, div. AA, title V, §512(c)(7)(A)(i), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2757.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
110(a) .....	(no source).	
110(b) .....	33:981 (note).	Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-670, §8(g)(2), 80 Stat. 943.

Subsection (a) is included to provide in chapter 1 of the revised title a complete list of the organizational units established by law that are in the Department of Transportation or are subject to the direction and supervision of the Secretary of Transportation.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2020—Pub. L. 116-260, §512(c)(7)(A)(i)(I), substituted “Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation” for “Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 116-260, §512(c)(7)(A)(i)(II), substituted “Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation” for “Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation”.

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-272 substituted “Saint Lawrence” for “St. Lawrence”.

**[§ 111. Repealed. Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, § 52011(c)(1), July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 895]**

Section, added Pub. L. 102-240, title VI, §6006(a), Dec. 18, 1991, 105 Stat. 2172; amended Pub. L. 104-287, §5(2), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3389; Pub. L. 104-324, title XI, §1131, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3985; Pub. L. 105-130, §4(b)(1), Dec. 1, 1997, 111 Stat. 2556; Pub. L. 105-178, title V, §5109(a), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 437; Pub. L. 108-426, §3(a), (b), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2424, 2425; Pub. L. 109-59, title V, §5601(a), Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1833, es-

tablished the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. See chapter 63 of this title.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 2012, see section 3(a) of Pub. L. 112-141, set out as an Effective and Termination Dates of 2012 Amendment note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

**[§ 112. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title VI, § 6012(a), Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1570]**

Section, added Pub. L. 102-508, title IV, §401(a), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3310; amended Pub. L. 103-429, §6(1), Oct. 31, 1994, 108 Stat. 4378; Pub. L. 108-426, §4(a), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2425; Pub. L. 109-59, title VII, §7301, Aug. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 1914; Pub. L. 112-141, div. E, title II, §52012, July 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 896; Pub. L. 113-76, div. L, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 574, related to establishment of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, whose functions were subsequently transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation. See Transfer of Duties and Powers note below.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 2015, see section 1003 of Pub. L. 114-94, set out as an Effective Date of 2015 Amendment note under section 5313 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

TRANSFER OF DUTIES AND POWERS

Pub. L. 113-76, div. L, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 574, provided in part: “That notwithstanding any other provision of law, the powers and duties, functions, authorities and personnel of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration are hereby transferred to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology in the Office of the Secretary: *Provided further*, That notwithstanding section 102 of title 49 and section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, there shall be an Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology within the Office of the Secretary, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, to lead such office: *Provided further*, That any reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation.”

[Pub. L. 117-328, div. L, title I, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5094, provided in part: “That any reference in law, regulation, judicial proceedings, or elsewhere to the Research and Innovative Technology Administration shall continue to be deemed to be a reference to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Technology of the Department of Transportation.”]

[Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriations acts:

[Pub. L. 117-103, div. L, title I, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 684.]

[Pub. L. 116-260, div. L, title I, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1824.]

[Pub. L. 116-94, div. H, title I, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 2934.]

[Pub. L. 116-6, div. G, title I, Feb. 15, 2019, 133 Stat. 396.]

[Pub. L. 115-141, div. L, title I, Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 972.]

[Pub. L. 115-31, div. K, title I, May 5, 2017, 131 Stat. 725.]

[Pub. L. 114-113, div. L, title I, Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2835.]

[Pub. L. 113-235, div. K, title I, Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2696.]

Pub. L. 108-426, §4(d), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2426, provided that: “The authority of the Research and Special Programs Administration, other than authority exercised under chapters 51, 57, 61, 601, and 603 of title 49, United States Code, is transferred to the Administrator of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration.”

For transfer of authority of the Research and Special Programs Administration exercised under chapters 51, 57, 61, 601, and 603 of this title to the Administrator of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 108-426, set out as a note under section 108 of this title.

### § 113. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall be an administration of the Department of Transportation.

(b) **SAFETY AS HIGHEST PRIORITY.**—In carrying out its duties, the Administration shall consider the assignment and maintenance of safety as the highest priority, recognizing the clear intent, encouragement, and dedication of Congress to the furtherance of the highest degree of safety in motor carrier transportation.

(c) **ADMINISTRATOR.**—The head of the Administration shall be the Administrator who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall be an individual with professional experience in motor carrier safety. The Administrator shall report directly to the Secretary of Transportation.

(d) **DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.**—The Administration shall have a Deputy Administrator appointed by the Secretary, with the approval of the President. The Deputy Administrator shall carry out duties and powers prescribed by the Administrator.

(e) **CHIEF SAFETY OFFICER.**—The Administration shall have an Assistant Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administrator appointed in the competitive service by the Secretary, with the approval of the President. The Assistant Administrator shall be the Chief Safety Officer of the Administration. The Assistant Administrator shall carry out the duties and powers prescribed by the Administrator.

(f) **POWERS AND DUTIES.**—The Administrator shall carry out—

(1) duties and powers related to motor carriers or motor carrier safety vested in the Secretary by chapters 5, 51, 55, 57, 59, 133 through 149, 311, 313, 315, and 317 and by section 18 of the Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4917; 86 Stat. 1249-1250); except as otherwise delegated by the Secretary to any agency of the Department of Transportation other than the Federal Highway Administration, as of October 8, 1999; and

(2) additional duties and powers prescribed by the Secretary.

(g) **LIMITATION ON TRANSFER OF POWERS AND DUTIES.**—A duty or power specified in subsection (f)(1) may only be transferred to another part of the Department when specifically provided by law.

(h) **EFFECT OF CERTAIN DECISIONS.**—A decision of the Administrator involving a duty or power specified in subsection (f)(1) and involving notice and hearing required by law is administratively final.

(i) **CONSULTATION.**—The Administrator shall consult with the Federal Highway Administrator and with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator on matters related to highway and motor carrier safety.

(Added Pub. L. 106-159, title I, §101(a), Dec. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1750.)

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 2000, see section 107(a) of Pub. L. 106-159, set out as an Effective Date of 1999 Amendment note under section 104 of this title.

#### GUIDANCE

Pub. L. 114-94, div. A, title V, §5203, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1535, provided that:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

“(1) **DATE OF ISSUANCE AND POINT OF CONTACT.**—Each guidance document issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall have a date of issuance or a date of revision, as applicable, and shall include the name and contact information of a point of contact at the Administration who can respond to questions regarding the guidance.

“(2) **PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—Each guidance document issued or revised by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall be published on a publicly accessible Internet Web site of the Department [of Transportation] on the date of issuance or revision.

“(B) **REDACTION.**—The Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration may redact from a guidance document published under subparagraph (A) any information that would reveal investigative techniques that would compromise Administration enforcement efforts.

“(3) **INCORPORATION INTO REGULATIONS.**—Not later than 5 years after the date on which a guidance document is published under paragraph (2) or during an applicable review under subsection (c), whichever is earlier, the Secretary [of Transportation] shall revise regulations to incorporate the guidance document to the extent practicable.

“(4) **REISSUANCE.**—If a guidance document is not incorporated into regulations in accordance with paragraph (3), the Administrator shall—

“(A) reissue an updated version of the guidance document; and

“(B) review and reissue an updated version of the guidance document every 5 years until the date on which the guidance document is removed or incorporated into applicable regulations.

“(b) **INITIAL REVIEW.**—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 4, 2015], the Administrator shall review all guidance documents issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration and in effect on such date of enactment to ensure that such documents are current, are readily accessible to the public, and meet the standards specified in subparagraphs (A), (B), and (C) of subsection (c)(1).

“(c) **REGULAR REVIEW.**—

“(1) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to paragraph (2), not less than once every 5 years, the Administrator shall conduct a comprehensive review of the guidance documents issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to determine whether such documents are—

“(A) consistent and clear;

“(B) uniformly and consistently enforced; and

“(C) still necessary.

“(2) **NOTICE AND COMMENT.**—Prior to beginning a review under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall publish in the Federal Register a notice and request for comment that solicits input from stakeholders on which guidance documents should be updated or eliminated.