

Public Law 94-56  
94th Congress

An Act

To amend the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 and the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act to authorize additional appropriations, and for other purposes.

July 19, 1975

[S. 1462]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Railroad Safety Authorization Act of 1975".

SEC. 2. Section 211(c) of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 440(c)), relating to a comprehensive railroad safety report, is amended—

- (1) by striking out "and" at the end of paragraph (9); and
- (2) by redesignating paragraph (10) as paragraph (11), and by inserting immediately after paragraph (9) the following new paragraph:

"(10) contain a description of the regulations and handling criteria established by the Secretary under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act specifically applicable to the transportation of radioactive materials by railroad (as of June 30, 1975), together with annual projections of the amounts of radioactive materials reasonably expected to be transported by railroad during each fiscal year from 1976 through 1980 and an evaluation of the need for additional regulations and handling criteria applicable to the transportation of radioactive materials by railroad during each such fiscal year; and".

SEC. 3. Section 212 of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 441) is amended to read as follows:

**"SEC. 212. AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS.**

"(a) There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this title not to exceed \$35,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; and not to exceed \$8,750,000 for the transition period of July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976 (hereafter in this section referred to as the 'transition period').

"(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) of this section amounts appropriated under subsection (a) of this section shall be available for expenditure as follows:

"(1) For the Office of Safety, including salaries and expenses for up to 500 safety inspectors and up to 110 clerical personnel, not to exceed \$18,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; and not to exceed \$4,500,000 for the transition period.

"(2) To carry out the provisions of section 206(d) of this title, not to exceed \$3,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; and not to exceed \$875,000 for the transition period.

"(3) For the Federal Railroad Administration, for salaries and expenses not otherwise provided for, not to exceed \$3,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; and not to exceed \$875,000 for the transition period.

"(4) For conducting research and development activities under this title, not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; and not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the transition period.

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Safety  
Authorization Act  
of 1975.  
45 USC 440 note.

49 USC 1801  
note.

45 USC 435.

“(c) The aggregate of the amounts obligated and expended for research and development under this title in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and in the transition period, shall not exceed the aggregate of the amounts expended for rail inspection and for the investigation and enforcement of railroad safety rules, regulations, orders, and standards under this title in such fiscal year, and in the transition period, respectively.”

SEC. 4. Section 115 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1812) is amended to read as follows:

“AUTHORIZATION FOR APPROPRIATIONS

“SEC. 115. There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out the provisions of this title not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and not to exceed \$1,750,000 for the transition period of July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976.”

Approved July 19, 1975.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 94-240 accompanying H.R. 5358 (Comm. on Interstate and Foreign Commerce).

SENATE REPORT No. 94-136 (Comm. on Commerce).

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May 16, considered and passed Senate.

June 23, considered and passed House, amended, in lieu of H.R. 5358.

July 8, Senate concurred in House amendment.