

Public Law 98-464
98th Congress

An Act

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1985 to carry out the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 and the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979, and for other purposes.

Oct. 11, 1984
[S. 2688]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 17(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1684(a)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);
- (2) striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and
- (3) adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:
“(3) \$3,472,000, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.”

(b) Section 17(b) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1684(b)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);
- (2) striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and
- (3) adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:
“(3) \$3,728,000, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.”

SEC. 2. (a) Section 214(a) of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. App. 2013(a)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);
- (2) striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and
- (3) adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:
“(3) \$900,000, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.”

(b) Section 214(b) of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. App. 2013(b)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “and” at the end of paragraph (1);
- (2) striking the period at the end of paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”; and
- (3) adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:
“(3) \$500,000, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1985.”

SEC. 3. (a) Section 16(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1683(a)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “to the President for transmittal”; and
- (2) striking “June 15” and inserting in lieu thereof “April 15”.

(b) Section 213(a) of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. App. 2012(a)) is amended by—

- (1) striking “to the President for transmittal”; and
- (2) striking “June 15” and inserting in lieu thereof “April 15”.

SEC. 4. (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall study issues relating to the transportation of methanol through the interstate liquid pipeline system in the United States and shall make recommendations for the safe and efficient transportation of methanol through such pipeline system.

Study.

(b) Such study shall include an examination of—

- (1) the feasibility of such transportation;
- (2) the economics and engineering of such transportation; and
- (3) any environmental, health and safety problems associated with such transportation.

Report.

(c) The Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report detailing the results of such study and setting forth the Secretary's recommendations no later than one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act.

SEC. 5. Section 210 of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. App. 2009) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

Study.

“(c)(1) The Secretary shall study the feasibility of and costs connected with requiring various methods of testing and inspecting hazardous liquid pipeline facilities subject to the provisions of this title. In carrying out such study, the Secretary shall evaluate any new technologies available for monitoring, from the outside or the inside, the condition of such facilities.

“(2) The Secretary shall make recommendations, based on the study undertaken under this subsection and on consultations between the Secretary and the Technical Hazardous-Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee established under section 204 of this title, as to the frequency and type of testing and inspection of pipeline facilities which should be required, taking into account—

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“(A) the location of the pipeline facilities;

“(B) the type, age, manufacturer, method of construction, and condition of the pipeline facilities;

“(C) the nature of the materials transported through the pipeline facilities, the sequence in which such materials are transported, and the pressure at which they are transported;

“(D) the climatic, geologic, and seismic characteristics of, and conditions (including soil characteristics) associated with the areas in which the pipeline facilities are located, and the existing and projected population and demographic characteristics associated with such areas;

“(E) the frequency of leaks, if any;

“(F) the costs of the various available methods; and

“(G) any other factors the Secretary determines to be relevant to the safety of the pipeline facilities.

Report.

“(3) The Secretary shall submit to the Congress a report detailing the results of the study undertaken under this subsection and setting forth the recommendations made under paragraph (2) no later than one year after the date of enactment of this subsection.”.

Reports.

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note.

SEC. 6. (a) Each person who owns or operates interstate transmission facilities shall, within one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this section, submit a report to the Secretary of Transportation which—

(1) identifies the location and condition of all such pipeline facilities owned or operated by such person, the construction of which was completed before January 1, 1940; and

(2) includes the most recent leak survey information compiled by such owner or operator with respect to the pipeline facilities so identified.

(b) The Secretary shall, within ninety days after the expiration of the one hundred and eighty-day period referred to in subsection (a) of this section—

(1) identify, on the basis of information contained in reports submitted under subsection (a) of this section, any pipeline facilities which may be hazardous to life and property within the meaning of section 12(b) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1679b(b)); and

(2) inspect the pipeline facilities so identified.

(c) The Secretary shall, within one hundred and twenty days after the expiration of the one hundred and eighty-day period referred to in subsection (a) of this section, report to the Congress on—

Report.

(1) any actions taken under subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) the recommendations of the Secretary for any additional action the Secretary considers necessary with respect to the pipeline facilities referred to in subsection (a)(1) of this section, together with an estimate of the time and resources necessary for undertaking such actions.

(d) As used in this section, the term—

(1) "interstate transmission facilities" shall have the meaning given to such term in section 2(8) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1671(8));

(2) "person" shall have the meaning given to such term in section 2(1) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1671(1)); and

(3) "pipeline facilities" shall have the meaning given to such term in section 2(4) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1671(4)).

SEC. 7. (a) Section 14(a) of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act of 1968 (49 U.S.C. App. 1681(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "In conducting training activities for State or local government personnel in the enforcement of regulations issued under this Act, the Secretary may not assess any charge or fee in the nature of tuition."

(b) Section 211(a) of the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Act of 1979 (49 U.S.C. App. 2010(a)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "In conducting training activities for State or local government personnel in the enforcement of regulations issued under this Act, the Secretary may not assess any charge or fee in the nature of tuition."

Approved October 11, 1984.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 2688 (H.R. 5313):

HOUSE REPORTS No. 98-780, Pt. 1 (Comm. on Public Works and Transportation) and Pt. 2 (Comm. on Energy and Commerce) both accompanying H.R. 5313.

SENATE REPORT No. 98-456 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).
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June 21, considered and passed Senate.

June 25, H.R. 5313 considered and passed House; S. 2688, amended, passed in lieu.

Sept. 21, Senate concurred in House amendment with an amendment.

Sept. 26, House concurred in Senate amendment.