

Public Law 104-88
104th Congress

An Act

To abolish the Interstate Commerce Commission, to amend subtitle IV of title 49, United States Code, to reform economic regulation of transportation, and for other purposes.

Dec. 29, 1995
[H.R. 2539]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “ICC Termination Act of 1995”.

(b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
Sec. 2. Effective date.

TITLE I—ABOLITION OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

- Sec. 101. Abolition.
Sec. 102. Rail provisions.
Sec. 103. Motor carrier, water carrier, and freight forwarder provisions.
Sec. 104. Miscellaneous motor carrier provisions.
Sec. 105. Creditability of annual leave for purposes of meeting minimum eligibility requirements for an immediate annuity.
Sec. 106. Pipeline carrier provisions.

TITLE II—SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

- Sec. 201. Title 49 amendment.
Sec. 202. Reorganization.
Sec. 203. Transfer of assets and personnel.
Sec. 204. Saving provisions.
Sec. 205. References.

TITLE III—CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Subtitle A—Amendments to United States Code

- Sec. 301. Title 5 amendments.
Sec. 302. Title 11 amendments.
Sec. 303. Title 18 amendments.
Sec. 304. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 amendments.
Sec. 305. Title 28 amendments.
Sec. 306. Title 31 amendments.
Sec. 307. Title 39 amendments.
Sec. 308. Title 49 amendments.

Subtitle B—Other Amendments

- Sec. 311. Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 amendments.
Sec. 312. Animal Welfare Act amendment.
Sec. 313. Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 amendments.
Sec. 314. Fair Credit Reporting Act amendment.
Sec. 315. Equal Credit Opportunity Act amendment.
Sec. 316. Fair Debt Collection Practices Act amendment.
Sec. 317. National Trails System Act amendments.
Sec. 318. Clayton Act amendments.
Sec. 319. Inspector General Act of 1978 amendment.
Sec. 320. Energy Policy Act of 1992 amendments.

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49 USC 101 note.

[109 Stat. 804–942 omitted (139 pages)]

that function to the official responsible for the performance of the function immediately before the effective date of the transfer of the function under this Act or the amendments made by this Act.

SEC. 205. REFERENCES.

49 USC 701 note.

Any reference to the Interstate Commerce Commission in any other Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or pertaining to the Interstate Commerce Commission or an officer or employee of the Interstate Commerce Commission, is deemed to refer to the Board, a member or employee of the Board, or the Secretary, as appropriate.

TITLE III—CONFORMING AMENDMENTS

Subtitle A—Amendments to United States Code

SEC. 301. TITLE 5 AMENDMENTS.

(a) COMPENSATION FOR POSITIONS AT LEVEL III.—Section 5314 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “Chairman, Interstate Commerce Commission.” and inserting in lieu thereof “Chairman, Surface Transportation Board.”

(b) COMPENSATION FOR POSITIONS AT LEVEL IV.—Section 5315 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “Members, Interstate Commerce Commission.” and inserting in lieu thereof “Members, Surface Transportation Board.”

SEC. 302. TITLE 11 AMENDMENTS.

Subchapter IV of chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking section 1162 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“§ 1162. Definition

“In this subchapter, ‘Board’ means the ‘Surface Transportation Board’; and

(2) by striking “Commission” each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof “Board”.

11 USC 1164,
1170, 1172.

SEC. 303. TITLE 18 AMENDMENTS.

Title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 921(a)(27) by striking “10102” and inserting in lieu thereof “13102”; and

(2) in section 6001(1) by striking “Interstate Commerce Commission” and inserting in lieu thereof “Surface Transportation Board”.

SEC. 304. INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986 AMENDMENTS.

(a) SECTION 168.—Section 168(g)(4)(B)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “domestic railroad corporation providing transportation subject to subchapter I of chapter 105” and inserting in lieu thereof “rail carrier subject to part A of subtitle IV”.

26 USC 168.

(b) SECTION 281.—Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of section 281(d)(1) of such Code are each amended by striking “domestic

26 USC 281.

[109 Stat. 944–958 omitted (15 pages)]

(b) RULEMAKING.—The Federal Highway Administration shall issue a notice of proposed rulemaking dealing with such issues within 1 year after issuance of the advance notice under subsection (a) is published and shall issue a final rule dealing with those issues within 2 years after the last day of such 1-year period.

Approved December 29, 1995.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2539 (S. 1396):

HOUSE REPORTS: Nos. 104-311 (Comm. on Transportation and Infrastructure) and 104-422 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 104-176 accompanying S. 1396 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).

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Nov. 14, considered and passed House.

Nov. 28, considered and passed Senate, amended, in lieu of S. 1396.

Dec. 21, Senate agreed to conference report.

Dec. 22, House agreed to conference report.

WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 31 (1995):

Dec. 29, Presidential statement.