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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 1992

An Act making appropriations for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Department of Transportation and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1992, and for other purposes, namely:

**TITLE I--DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Immediate Office of the Secretary**

For necessary expenses of the Immediate Office of the Secretary, \$1,435,000.

Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary

For necessary expenses of the Immediate Office of the Deputy Secretary, \$550,000.

Office of the General Counsel

For necessary expenses of the Office of the General Counsel, \$7,000,000.

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs

"(d) Procedures.

"(e) Effect on other laws and regulations.

"(f) Definition."

<< 45 USCA § 431 >>

TESTING TO ENHANCE RAILROAD SAFETY

Sec. 4. Section 202 of the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970 (45 U.S.C. 431) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(r)(1) In the interest of safety, the Secretary shall, within twelve months after the date of enactment of this subsection, issue rules, regulations, standards, and orders relating to alcohol and drug use in railroad operations. Such regulations shall establish a program which--

"(A) requires railroads to conduct preemployment, reasonable suspicion, random, and post-accident testing of all railroad employees responsible for safety-sensitive functions (as determined by the Secretary) for use, in violation of law or Federal regulation, of alcohol or a controlled substance;

"(B) requires, as the Secretary considers appropriate, disqualification for an established period of time or dismissal of any employee determined to have used or to have been impaired by alcohol while on duty; and

"(C) requires, as the Secretary considers appropriate, disqualification for an established period of time or dismissal of any employee determined to have used a controlled substance, whether on duty or not on duty, except as permitted for medical purposes by law and any rules, regulations, standards, or orders issued under this title.

The Secretary may also issue rules, regulations, standards, and orders, as the Secretary considers appropriate in the interest of safety, requiring railroads to conduct periodic recurring testing of railroad employees responsible for such safety sensitive functions, for use of alcohol or a controlled substance in violation of law or Federal regulation. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to restrict the discretion of the Secretary to continue in force, amend, or further supplement any rules, regulations, standards, and orders governing the use of alcohol and controlled substances in railroad operations issued before the date of enactment of this subsection.

"(2) In carrying out the provisions of this subsection, the Secretary shall develop requirements

which shall--

"(A) promote, to the maximum extent practicable, individual privacy in the collection of specimen samples;

"(B) with respect to laboratories and testing procedures for controlled substances, incorporate the Department of Health and Human Services scientific and technical guidelines dated April 11, 1988, and any subsequent amendments thereto, including mandatory guidelines which--

"(i) establish comprehensive standards for all aspects of laboratory controlled substances testing and laboratory procedures to be applied in carrying out this subsection, including standards which require the use of the best available technology for ensuring the full reliability and accuracy of controlled substances tests and strict procedures governing the chain of custody of specimen samples collected for controlled substances testing;

"(ii) establish the minimum list of controlled substances for which individuals may be tested; and

"(iii) establish appropriate standards and procedures for periodic review of laboratories and criteria for certification and revocation of certification of laboratories to perform controlled substances testing in carrying out this subsection;

"(C) require that all laboratories involved in the controlled substances testing of any employee under this subsection shall have the capability and facility, at such laboratory, of performing screening and confirmation tests;

"(D) provide that all tests which indicate the use, in violation of law or Federal regulation, of alcohol or a controlled substance by any employee shall be confirmed by a scientifically recognized method of testing capable of providing quantitative data regarding alcohol or a controlled substance;

"(E) provide that each specimen sample be subdivided, secured, and labelled in the presence of the tested individual and that a portion thereof be retained in a secure manner to prevent the possibility of tampering, so that in the event the individual's confirmation test results are positive the individual has an opportunity to have the retained portion assayed by a confirmation test done independently at a second certified laboratory if the individual requests the independent test within 3 days after being advised of the results of the confirmation test;

"(F) ensure appropriate safeguards for testing to detect and quantify alcohol in breath and body fluid samples, including urine and blood, through the development of regulations as may be necessary and in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services;

"(G) provide for the confidentiality of test results and medical information (other than information relating to alcohol or a controlled substance) of employees, except that the

provisions of this subparagraph shall not preclude the use of test results for the orderly imposition of appropriate sanctions under this subsection; and

"(H) ensure that employees are selected for tests by nondiscriminatory and impartial methods, so that no employee is harassed by being treated differently from other employees in similar circumstances.

"(3) The Secretary shall issue rules, regulations, standards, or orders setting forth requirements for rehabilitation programs which at a minimum provide for the identification and opportunity for treatment of railroad employees responsible for safety-sensitive functions (as determined by the Secretary) in need of assistance in resolving problems with the use, in violation of law or Federal regulation, of alcohol or a controlled substance. Each railroad is encouraged to make such a program available to all of its employees in addition to those employees responsible for safety sensitive functions. The Secretary shall determine the circumstances under which such employees shall be required to participate in such program. Nothing in this paragraph shall preclude a railroad from establishing a program under this paragraph in cooperation with any other railroad.

"(4) In carrying out the provisions of this subsection, the Secretary shall only establish requirements that are consistent with the international obligations of the United States, and the Secretary shall take into consideration any applicable laws and regulations of foreign countries.

"(5) For the purposes of this subsection, the term 'controlled substance' means any substance under section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802(6)) specified by the Secretary."

<< 49 App. USCA § 2717 >>

TESTING TO ENHANCE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY

Sec. 5. (a)(1) The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (49 App. U.S.C. 2701 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"SEC. 12020. ALCOHOL AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TESTING.

"(a) Regulations.--The Secretary shall, in the interest of commercial motor vehicle safety, issue regulations within twelve months after the date of enactment of this section. Such regulations shall establish a program which requires motor carriers to conduct preemployment, reasonable suspicion, random, and post-accident testing of the operators of commercial motor vehicles for use, in violation of law or Federal regulation, of alcohol or a controlled substance. The Secretary may also issue regulations, as the Secretary considers appropriate in the interest of safety, for the

conduct of periodic recurring testing of such operators for such use in violation of law or Federal regulation.

"(b) Testing.--

"(1) Post-accident testing.--In issuing such regulations, the Secretary shall require that post-accident testing of the operator of a commercial motor vehicle be conducted in the case of any accident involving a commercial motor vehicle in which occurs loss of human life, or, as determined by the Secretary, other serious accidents involving bodily injury or significant property damage.

"(2) Testing as part of medical examination.--Nothing in subsection (a) of this section shall preclude the Secretary from providing in such regulations that such testing be conducted as part of the medical examination required by subpart E of part 391 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, with respect to those operators of commercial motor vehicles to whom such part is applicable.