

Public Law 89-564

AN ACT

September 9, 1966
[S. 3052]

To provide for a coordinated national highway safety program through financial assistance to the States to accelerate highway traffic safety programs, and for other purposes.

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

TITLE I—HIGHWAY SAFETY

Highway Safety
Act of 1966.

72 Stat. 885.

SEC. 101. Title 23, United States Code, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new chapter:

"Chapter 4.—HIGHWAY SAFETY

"Sec.

"401. Authority of the Secretary.

"402. Highway safety programs.

"403. Highway safety research and development.

"404. National Highway Safety Advisory Committee.

"§ 401. Authority of the Secretary

"The Secretary is authorized and directed to assist and cooperate with other Federal departments and agencies, State and local governments, private industry, and other interested parties, to increase highway safety.

"§ 402. Highway safety programs

"(a) Each State shall have a highway safety program approved by the Secretary, designed to reduce traffic accidents and deaths, injuries, and property damage resulting therefrom. Such programs shall be in accordance with uniform standards promulgated by the Secretary. Such uniform standards shall be expressed in terms of performance criteria. Such uniform standards shall be promulgated by the Secretary so as to improve driver performance (including, but not limited to, driver education, driver testing to determine proficiency to operate motor vehicles, driver examinations (both physical and mental) and driver licensing) and to improve pedestrian performance. In addition such uniform standards shall include, but not be limited to, provisions for an effective record system of accidents (including injuries and deaths resulting therefrom), accident investigations to determine the probable causes of accidents, injuries, and deaths, vehicle registration, operation, and inspection, highway design and maintenance (including lighting, markings, and surface treatment), traffic control, vehicle codes and laws, surveillance of traffic for detection and correction of high or potentially high accident locations, and emergency services. Such standards as are applicable to State highway safety programs shall, to the extent determined appropriate by the Secretary, be applicable to federally administered areas where a Federal department or agency controls the highways or supervises traffic operations. The Secretary shall be authorized to amend or waive standards on a temporary basis for the purpose of evaluating new or different highway safety programs instituted on an experimental, pilot, or demonstration basis by one or more States, where the Secretary finds that the public interest would be served by such amendment or waiver.

Uniform stand-
ards.

"(b) (1) The Secretary shall not approve any State highway safety program under this section which does not—

"(A) provide that the Governor of the State shall be responsible for the administration of the program.

"(B) authorize political subdivisions of such State to carry out local highway safety programs within their jurisdictions as a

part of the State highway safety program if such local highway safety programs are approved by the Governor and are in accordance with the uniform standards of the Secretary promulgated under this section.

“(C) provide that at least 40 per centum of all Federal funds apportioned under this section to such State for any fiscal year will be expended by the political subdivisions of such State in carrying out local highway safety programs authorized in accordance with subparagraph (B) of this paragraph.

“(D) provide that the aggregate expenditure of funds of the State and political subdivisions thereof, exclusive of Federal funds, for highway safety programs will be maintained at a level which does not fall below the average level of such expenditures for its last two full fiscal years preceding the date of enactment of this section.

“(E) provide for comprehensive driver training programs, including (1) the initiation of a State program for driver education in the school systems or for a significant expansion and improvement of such a program already in existence, to be administered by appropriate school officials under the supervision of the Governor as set forth in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph; (2) the training of qualified school instructors and their certification; (3) appropriate regulation of other driver training schools, including licensing of the schools and certification of their instructors; (4) adult driver training programs, and programs for the retraining of selected drivers; and (5) adequate research, development and procurement of practice driving facilities, simulators, and other similar teaching aids for both school and other driver training use.

“(2) The Secretary is authorized to waive the requirement of subparagraph (C) of paragraph (1) of this subsection, in whole or in part, for a fiscal year for any State whenever he determines that there is an insufficient number of local highway safety programs to justify the expenditure in such State of such percentage of Federal funds during such fiscal year.

Use of funds.

“(c) Funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section shall be used to aid the States to conduct the highway safety programs approved in accordance with subsection (a), shall be subject to a deduction not to exceed 5 per centum for the necessary costs of administering the provisions of this section, and the remainder shall be apportioned among the several States. For the fiscal years ending June 30, 1967, June 30, 1968, and June 30, 1969, such funds shall be apportioned 75 per centum on the basis of population and 25 per centum as the Secretary in his administrative discretion may deem appropriate and thereafter such funds shall be apportioned as Congress, by law enacted hereafter, shall provide. On or before January 1, 1969, the Secretary shall report to Congress his recommendations with respect to a nondiscretionary formula for apportionment of funds authorized to carry out this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and fiscal years thereafter. After December 31, 1968, the Secretary shall not apportion any funds under this subsection to any State which is not implementing a highway safety program approved by the Secretary in accordance with this section. Federal aid highway funds apportioned on or after January 1, 1969, to any State which is not implementing a highway safety program approved by the Secretary in accordance with this section shall be reduced by amounts equal to 10 per centum of the amounts which would otherwise be apportioned to such State under section 104 of this title, until

such time as such State is implementing an approved highway safety program. Whenever he determines it to be in the public interest, the Secretary may suspend, for such periods as he deems necessary, the application of the preceding sentence to a State. Any amount which is withheld from apportionment to any State under this section shall be reapportioned to the other States in accordance with the applicable provisions of law.

“(d) All provisions of chapter 1 of this title that are applicable to Federal-aid primary highway funds other than provisions relating to the apportionment formula and provisions limiting the expenditure of such funds to the Federal-aid systems, shall apply to the highway safety funds authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, except as determined by the Secretary to be inconsistent with this section. In applying such provisions of chapter 1 in carrying out this section the term ‘State highway department’ as used in such provisions shall mean the Governor of a State for the purposes of this section.

“(e) Uniform standards promulgated by the Secretary to carry out this section shall be developed in cooperation with the States, their political subdivisions, appropriate Federal departments and agencies, and such other public and private organizations as the Secretary deems appropriate.

“(f) The Secretary may make arrangements with other Federal departments and agencies for assistance in the preparation of uniform standards for the highway safety programs contemplated by subsection (a) and in the administration of such programs. Such departments and agencies are directed to cooperate in such preparation and administration, on a reimbursable basis.

“(g) Nothing in this section authorizes the appropriation or expenditure of funds for (1) highway construction, maintenance, or design (other than design of safety features of highways to be incorporated into standards) or (2) any purpose for which funds are authorized by section 403 of this title.

“§ 403. Highway safety research and development

“The Secretary is authorized to use funds appropriated to carry out this section to carry out safety research which he is authorized to conduct by subsection (a) of section 307 of this title. In addition, the Secretary may use the funds appropriated to carry out this section, either independently or in cooperation with other Federal departments or agencies, for (1) grants to State or local agencies, institutions, and individuals for training or education of highway safety personnel, (2) research fellowships in highway safety, (3) development of improved accident investigation procedures, (4) emergency service plans, (5) demonstration projects, and (6) related activities which are deemed by the Secretary to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

“§ 404. National Highway Safety Advisory Committee

“(a) (1) There is established in the Department of Commerce a National Highway Safety Advisory Committee, composed of the Secretary or an officer of the Department appointed by him, who shall be chairman, the Federal Highway Administrator, and twenty-nine members appointed by the President, no more than four of whom shall be Federal officers or employees. The appointed members, having due regard for the purposes of this chapter, shall be selected from among representatives of various State and local governments, including State legislatures, of public and private interests contributing to,

affected by, or concerned with highway safety, and of other public and private agencies, organizations, or groups demonstrating an active interest in highway safety, as well as research scientists and other individuals who are expert in this field.

“(2) (A) Each member appointed by the President shall hold office for a term of three years, except that (i) any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which his predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term, and (ii) the terms of office of members first taking office after the date of enactment of this section shall expire as follows: ten at the end of one year after such date, ten at the end of two years after such date, and nine at the end of three years after such date, as designated by the President at the time of appointment, and (iii) the term of any member shall be extended until the date on which the successor's appointment is effective. None of the members appointed by the President other than Federal officers or employees shall be eligible for reappointment within one year following the end of his preceding term.

Pay.

“(B) Members of the Committee who are not officers or employees of the United States shall, while attending meetings or conferences of such Committee or otherwise engaged in the business of such Committee, be entitled to receive compensation at a rate fixed by the Secretary, but not exceeding \$100 per diem, including traveltime, and while away from their homes or regular places of business they may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized in section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946 (5 U.S.C. 73b-2) for persons in the Government service employed intermittently. Payments under this section shall not render members of the Committee employees or officials of the United States for any purpose.

60 Stat. 808;
75 Stat. 339, 340.

“(b) The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to, the Secretary on matters relating to the activities and functions of the Department in the field of highway safety. The Committee is authorized (1) to review research projects or programs submitted to or recommended by it in the field of highway safety and recommend to the Secretary, for prosecution under this title, any such projects which it believes show promise of making valuable contributions to human knowledge with respect to the cause and prevention of highway accidents; and (2) to review, prior to issuance, standards proposed to be issued by order of the Secretary under the provisions of section 402(a) of this title and to make recommendations thereon. Such recommendations shall be published in connection with the Secretary's determination or order.

“(c) The National Highway Safety Advisory Committee shall meet from time to time as the Secretary shall direct, but at least once each year.

“(d) The Secretary shall provide to the National Highway Safety Committee from among the personnel and facilities of the Department of Commerce such staff and facilities as are necessary to carry out the functions of such Committee.”

Repeal.

SEC. 102. (a) Sections 135 and 313 of title 23 of the United States Code are hereby repealed.

(b) (1) The analysis of chapter 1 of title 23, United States Code, is hereby amended by deleting:

“135. Highway safety programs.”

(2) The analysis of chapter 3 of title 23, United States Code, is hereby amended by deleting:

“313. Highway safety conference.”

(3) There is hereby added at the end of the table of chapters at the beginning of title 23, United States Code, the following:

“4. Highway safety----- 401”.

SEC. 103. Section 307 of title 23, United States Code, is amended (1) by inserting in subsection (a) thereof immediately after “section 104 of this title” the following: “, funds authorized to carry out section 403 of this title,” and (2) by adding at the end of such section the following new subsection:

“(d) As used in this section the term ‘safety’ includes, but is not limited to, highway safety systems, research, and development relating to vehicle, highway, and driver characteristics, accident investigations, communications, emergency medical care, and transportation of the injured.”

“Safety.”

SEC. 104. For the purpose of carrying out section 402 of title 23, United States Code, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$67,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967; \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968; and \$100,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969.

Appropriations.

SEC. 105. For the purpose of carrying out sections 307(a) and 403 of title 23, United States Code, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the additional sum of \$10,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967; \$20,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968; and \$25,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969.

SEC. 106. All facts contained in any report of any Federal department or agency or any officer, employee, or agent thereof, relating to any highway traffic accident or the investigation thereof conducted pursuant to chapter 4 of title 23 of the United States Code shall be available for use in any civil, criminal, or other judicial proceeding arising out of such accident, and any such officer, employee, or agent may be required to testify in such proceedings as to the facts developed in such investigation. Any such report shall be made available to the public in a manner which does not identify individuals. All completed reports on research projects, demonstration projects, and other related activities conducted under sections 307 and 403 of title 23, United States Code, shall be made available to the public in a manner which does not identify individuals.

Reports of highway traffic accidents.

TITLE II—ADMINISTRATION AND REPORTING

SEC. 201. The Secretary shall carry out the provisions of the Highway Safety Act of 1966 (including chapter 4 of title 23 of the United States Code) through a National Highway Safety Agency (hereinafter referred to as the “Agency”), which he shall establish in the Department of Commerce. The Agency shall be headed by an Administrator who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be compensated at the rate prescribed for level V of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule established by the Federal Executive Salary Act of 1964. The Administrator shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall be appointed with due regard for his fitness to discharge efficiently the powers and the duties delegated to him. The Administrator shall have

National Highway Safety Agency.

78 Stat. 419.
5 USC 2211.

no pecuniary interest in or own any stock in or bonds of any enterprise involved in (1) manufacturing motor vehicles or motor vehicle equipment, or (2) constructing highways, nor shall he engage in any other business, vocation, or employment. The Administrator shall perform such duties as are delegated to him by the Secretary. On highway matters the Administrator shall consult with the Federal Highway Administrator. The President is authorized to carry out the provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 through the Agency and Administrator authorized by this section.

Ante, p. 718.

Report to President and Congress.

SEC. 202. (a) The Secretary shall prepare and submit to the President for transmittal to the Congress on March 1 of each year a comprehensive report on the administration of the Highway Safety Act of 1966 (including chapter 4 of title 23 of the United States Code) for the preceding calendar year. Such report should include but not be restricted to (1) a thorough statistical compilation of the accidents and injuries occurring in such year; (2) a list of all safety standards issued or in effect in such year; (3) the scope of observance of applicable Federal standards; (4) a statement of enforcement actions including judicial decisions, settlements, or pending litigation during the year; (5) a summary of all current research grants and contracts together with a description of the problems to be considered by such grants and contracts; (6) an analysis and evaluation of completed research activities and technological progress achieved during such year together with the relevant policy recommendations flowing therefrom; (7) the effectiveness of State highway safety programs (including local highway safety programs) and (8) the extent to which technical information was being disseminated to the scientific community and consumer-oriented material was made available to the motoring public.

Recommendations for additional legislation.

(b) The annual report shall also contain such recommendations for additional legislation as the Secretary deems necessary to promote cooperation among the several States in the improvement of highway safety and to strengthen the national highway safety program.

Report to Congress.

SEC. 203. The Secretary of Commerce shall report to Congress, not later than July 1, 1967, all standards to be initially applied in carrying out section 402 of title 23 of the United States Code.

Effect of alcohol on highway safety and drivers, study.

SEC. 204. The Secretary of Commerce shall make a thorough and complete study of the relationship between the consumption of alcohol and its effect upon highway safety and drivers of motor vehicles, in consultation with such other government and private agencies as may be necessary. Such study shall cover review and evaluation of State and local laws and enforcement methods and procedures relating to driving under the influence of alcohol, State and local programs for the treatment of alcoholism, and such other aspects of this overall problem as may be useful. The results of this study shall be reported to the Congress by the Secretary on or before July 1, 1967, and shall include recommendations for legislation if warranted.

SEC. 205. The Federal Highway Administrator and any other officer who may subsequent to the date of enactment of this Act become the operating head of the Bureau of Public Roads shall receive compensation at the rate prescribed for level IV of the Federal Executive Salary Schedule established by the Federal Executive Salary Act of 1964.

SEC. 206. Section 105 of title 23, United States Code, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection at the end thereof:

“(e) In approving programs for projects on the Federal-aid systems pursuant to chapter 1 of this title, the Secretary shall give priority to those projects which incorporate improved standards and features with safety benefits.”

78 Stat. 419.
5 USC 2211.

Priority projects.

SEC. 207. In order to provide the basis for evaluating the continuing programs authorized by this Act, and to furnish the Congress with the information necessary for authorization of appropriations for fiscal years beginning after June 30, 1969, the Secretary, in cooperation with the Governors or the appropriate State highway safety agencies, shall make a detailed estimate of the cost of carrying out the provisions of this Act. The Secretary shall submit such detailed estimate and recommendations for Federal, State, and local matching funds to the Congress not later than January 10, 1968.

Estimate of
cost.

SEC. 208. This Act may be cited as the "Highway Safety Act of 1966".

Short title.

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Public Law 89-565

AN ACT

September 9, 1966
[S. 489]

To authorize the establishment of the San Juan Island National Historical Park in the State of Washington, 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 Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire on behalf of the United States by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or by exchange, lands, interests in lands, and such other property on San Juan Island, Puget Sound, State of Washington, as the Secretary may deem necessary for the purpose of interpreting and preserving the sites of the American and English camps on the island, and of commemorating the historic events that occurred from 1853 to 1871 on the island in connection with the final settlement of the Oregon Territory boundary dispute, including the so-called Pig War of 1859. Lands or interests therein owned by the State of Washington or a political subdivision thereof may be acquired only by donation.

San Juan Island
National Histori-
cal Park, Wash.
Establishment.

SEC. 2. The property acquired under the provisions of the first section of this Act shall be known as the San Juan Island National Historical Park and shall commemorate the final settlement by arbitration of the Oregon boundary dispute and the peaceful relationship which has existed between the United States and Canada for generations. The Secretary of the Interior shall administer, protect, and develop such park in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535; 16 U.S.C. 1 et seq.), as amended and supplemented, and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior may enter into cooperative agreements with the State of Washington, political subdivisions thereof, corporations, associations, or individuals, for the preservation of nationally significant historic sites and structures and for the interpretation of significant events which occurred on San Juan Island, in Puget Sound, and on the nearby mainland, and he may erect and maintain tablets or markers at appropriate sites in accordance with the provisions of the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461 et seq.).

Administration.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not more than \$3,542,000 for the acquisition of lands and interests therein and for the development of the San Juan National Historical Park.

Appropriation.

Approved September 9, 1966.