

Public Law 96-144  
96th Congress

An Act

Dec. 13, 1979  
[H.R. 5871]

To authorize the apportionment of funds for the Interstate System, to amend section 103(e)(4) of title 23, United States Code, and for other purposes.

Interstate  
highway system,  
appropriation  
authorization.  
23 USC 104 note.  
23 USC 101 note.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of Transportation shall apportion for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1981, and the fiscal year ending September 30, 1982, the sums authorized to be appropriated for such fiscal years by section 108(b) of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, as amended, for expenditure on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, using the apportionment factors contained in revised table 5 of Committee Print 96-15 of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 2. Section 103(e)(4) of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: "After September 30, 1979, the Secretary shall not withdraw his approval under this paragraph of any route or portion thereof on the Interstate System open to traffic before the date of the proposed withdrawal. Any withdrawal of approval of any such route or portion thereof before September 30, 1979, is hereby determined to be authorized by this paragraph."

23 USC 103 note.

SEC. 3. Notwithstanding the amendment made to section 103(e)(4) of title 23, United States Code, by the preceding section, in the case where the Secretary has withdrawn his approval of a route or portion thereof on the Interstate System under such section between June 20, 1979, and June 30, 1979, both dates inclusive, the sum available to the Secretary of Transportation to incur obligations for projects substituted for such withdrawn route or portion thereof shall be a sum equal to the Federal share of the cost to complete the withdrawn route or portion thereof, as that cost is included in the 1975 Interstate System cost estimate, as approved by Congress, subject to increase or decrease as determined by the Secretary based on changes in the construction costs of the withdrawn route or portion thereof as of the date of approval of each substitute project under section 103(e)(4) of title 23, United States Code.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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