

**§ 535c. Secretary of Transportation's approval; commencement and completion requirements; extension of time limits**

The approval of the Secretary of Transportation, as required by section 491 of this title, shall be given only subsequent to the President's approval, as provided for in section 535b of this title, and shall be null and void unless the construction of the bridge is commenced within two years and completed within five years from the date of the Secretary's approval: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary, for good cause shown, may extend for a reasonable time either or both of the time limits herein provided.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 5, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 732.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 535h of this title.

**§ 535d. Repealed. Pub. L. 100-17, title I, § 135(g), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 174**

Section, Pub. L. 92-434, § 6, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 732, directed that tolls charged for use of an international bridge constructed or acquired under this subchapter by private individual, company, or other private entity be collected for a reasonable period for amortization of construction or acquisition costs, plus interest and reasonable return, that at end of such period the United States portion of bridge become the property of the State having jurisdiction over such United States portion, and that accurate records on expenditures and tolls collected be kept and annually reported to Secretary of Transportation, with authority for Secretary to conduct audits.

**§ 535e. Ownership**

**(a) Sale, assignment, or transfer; Secretary of Transportation's approval**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be deemed to prevent the individual, corporation, or other entity to which, pursuant to this subchapter, authorization has been given to construct, operate, and maintain an international bridge and the approaches thereto, from selling, assigning, or transferring the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this subchapter: *Provided,* That such sale, assignment, or transfer shall be subject to approval by the Secretary of Transportation.

**(b) State status of original applicant upon acquisition of right, title, and interest after termination of private entity licenses, contracts, or orders**

Upon the acquisition by a State or States, or by a subdivision or instrumentality thereof, of the right, title, and interest of a private individual, corporation, or other private entity, and to an international bridge, any license, contract, or order issued or entered into by the Secretary of Transportation, to or with such private individual, corporation, or other private entity, shall be deemed terminated forthwith. Thereafter, the State, subdivision, or instrumentality so acquiring shall operate and maintain such bridge in the same manner as if it had been the original applicant, and the provisions of section 535d<sup>1</sup> of this title shall not apply.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 8, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 732.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 535d of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was repealed by Pub. L. 100-17, title I, §135(g), Apr. 2, 1987, 101 Stat. 174.

**§ 535f. Applicability of provisions**

This subchapter shall apply to all international bridges constructed under the authority of this subchapter. Section 535a of this title and section 129(a)(3) of title 23, shall apply to all international bridges the construction of which has been heretofore approved by Congress, notwithstanding any conflicting provision in any Act authorizing the construction of such a bridge or in any agreement entered into by the Federal Government and a State.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 9, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 733.)

**§ 535g. Federal navigable waters and commerce jurisdiction unaffected**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to affect, impair, or diminish any right, power, or jurisdiction of the United States over or in regard to any navigable water or any interstate or foreign commerce.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 10, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 733.)

**§ 535h. Report of Secretary of Transportation's approval during fiscal year**

The Secretary of Transportation shall make a report of all approvals granted by him during the fiscal year pursuant to section 535c of this title in each annual report of the activities of the Department required by section 308(a) of title 49.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 11, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 733.)

CODIFICATION

"Section 308(a) of title 49" substituted in text for "section 11 of the Department of Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. 1658)" on authority of Pub. L. 97-449, §6(b), Jan. 12, 1983, 96 Stat. 2443, the first section of which enacted subtitle I (§101 et seq.) of Title 49, Transportation.

**§ 535i. Reservation of right to alter or repeal**

The right to alter, amend, or repeal this subchapter is expressly reserved.

(Pub. L. 92-434, § 12, Sept. 26, 1972, 86 Stat. 733.)

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#### SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 540. Investigations and improvements; control by Department of the Army; wildlife conservation

Federal investigations and improvements of rivers, harbors, and other waterways shall be under the jurisdiction of and shall be prosecuted by the Department of the Army under the direction of the Secretary of the Army and the supervision of the Chief of Engineers, except as otherwise specifically provided by Act of Congress, which said investigations and improvements shall include a due regard for wildlife conservation.

(June 20, 1938, ch. 535, §1, 52 Stat. 802; July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title II, §205(a), 61 Stat. 501.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Acts Aug. 30, 1935, ch. 831, 49 Stat. 1028; Aug. 26, 1937, ch. 832, 50 Stat. 844, contained similar provisions.

#### CHANGE OF NAME

Department of War designated Department of the Army and title of Secretary of War changed to Secretary of the Army by section 205(a) of act July 26, 1947, ch. 343, title II, 61 Stat. 501. Section 205(a) of act July 26, 1947, was repealed by section 53 of act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 641. Section 1 of act Aug. 10, 1956, enacted "Title 10, Armed Forces" which in sections 3010 to 3013 continued Department of the Army under administrative supervision of Secretary of the Army.

#### WATERWAY IMPROVEMENTS STUDY AND REPORT; AVAILABILITY OF DATA TO NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMISSION

Pub. L. 94-587, §158, Oct. 22, 1976, 90 Stat. 2933, directed the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, to make a comprehensive study and report on the system of waterway improvements under his jurisdiction, including a review of emergency and defense requirements and an appraisal of additional improvements necessary to optimize the system and its intermodal characteristics, and to submit a report to Congress within three years after funds were first appropriated and made available for the study, together with his recommendations. The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, was to make available to the National Transportation Policy Study Commission established by section 154 of Public Law 94-280 [set out as a note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways], the information and other data developed as a result of the study.

#### REIMBURSEMENT OF STATES FOR WATER RESOURCES PROJECTS; STUDY

Pub. L. 89-298, title III, §314, Oct. 27, 1965, 79 Stat. 1096, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the