

**Eighty-fourth Congress of the United States of America**

AT THE SECOND SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the third day of January,  
one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six***An Act**

To amend and supplement the Federal-Aid Road Act approved July 11, 1916, to authorize appropriations for continuing the construction of highways; to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to provide additional revenue from the taxes on motor fuel, tires, and trucks and buses; 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—FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY ACT OF  
1956****SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE FOR TITLE I.**

This title may be cited as the "Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956".

**SEC. 102. FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS.**

(a) (1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the Federal-Aid Road Act approved July 11, 1916 (39 Stat. 355), and all Acts amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, \$125,000,000 in addition to any sums heretofore authorized for such fiscal year; the sum of \$850,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958; and the sum of \$875,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. The sums herein authorized for each fiscal year shall be available for expenditure as follows:

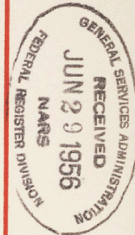
(A) 45 per centum for projects on the Federal-aid primary highway system.

(B) 30 per centum for projects on the Federal-aid secondary highway system.

(C) 25 per centum for projects on extensions of these systems within urban areas.

(2) APPORTIONMENTS.—The sums authorized by this section shall be apportioned among the several States in the manner now provided by law and in accordance with the formulas set forth in section 4 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944, approved December 20, 1944 (58 Stat. 838): *Provided*, That the additional amount herein authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, shall be apportioned immediately upon enactment of this Act.

(b) AVAILABILITY FOR EXPENDITURE.—Any sums apportioned to any State under this section shall be available for expenditure in that State for two years after the close of the fiscal year for which such sums are authorized, and any amounts so apportioned remaining unexpended at the end of such period shall lapse: *Provided*, That such funds shall be deemed to have been expended if a sum equal to the total of the sums herein and heretofore apportioned to the State is covered by formal agreements with the Secretary of Commerce for construction, reconstruction, or improvement of specific projects as provided in this title and prior Acts: *Provided further*, That in the case of those sums heretofore, herein, or hereafter apportioned to any State for projects on the Federal-aid secondary highway system, the Secretary of Commerce may, upon the request of any State, discharge his responsibility relative to the plans, specifications, estimates, surveys, contract awards, design, inspection, and construction of such secondary road projects by his receiving and approving a certified statement by the State highway department setting forth that the plans, design, and construction for such projects are in accord with the standards and procedures of such State applicable





property (real or personal, and including office equipment and records) used or held in connection with such functions, duties, and authority.

(d) **EFFECTUATION OF TRANSFER.**—The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce shall take such steps as may be necessary or appropriate to effect the transfer from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Commerce of the functions, duties, and authority, and the funds and property, as herein provided for.

(e) **DISTRIBUTION OF FUNCTIONS.**—The Secretary of Commerce shall have power, by order or regulations, to distribute the functions, duties, and authority hereby transferred, and appropriations pertaining thereto, as he may deem proper to accomplish the economical and effective organization and administration thereof.

**SEC. 108. NATIONAL SYSTEM OF INTERSTATE AND DEFENSE HIGHWAYS.**

(a) **INTERSTATE SYSTEM.**—It is hereby declared to be essential to the national interest to provide for the early completion of the "National System of Interstate Highways", as authorized and designated in accordance with section 7 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 838). It is the intent of the Congress that the Interstate System be completed as nearly as practicable over a thirteen-year period and that the entire System in all the States be brought to simultaneous completion. Because of its primary importance to the national defense, the name of such system is hereby changed to the "National System of Interstate and Defense Highways". Such National System of Interstate and Defense Highways is hereinafter in this Act referred to as the "Interstate System".

(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—For the purpose of expediting the construction, reconstruction, or improvement, inclusive of necessary bridges and tunnels, of the Interstate System, including extensions thereof through urban areas, designated in accordance with the provisions of section 7 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1944 (58 Stat. 838), there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the additional sum of \$1,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957, which sum shall be in addition to the authorization heretofore made for that year, the additional sum of \$1,700,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1958, the additional sum of \$2,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1960, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1962, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1963, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1964, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1965, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1966, the additional sum of \$2,200,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, the additional sum of \$1,500,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1968, and the additional sum of \$1,025,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1969.

(c) **APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1957, 1958, AND 1959.**—The additional sums herein authorized for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1957, June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959, shall be apportioned among the several States in the following manner: one-half in the ratio which the population of each State bears to the total population of all the States, as shown by the latest available Federal census: *Provided*, That no State shall receive less than three-fourths of 1 per centum of the money so apportioned; and one-half in the manner now provided by law for the apportionment of funds for the Federal-aid primary system. The additional sum herein authorized for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957,



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carrying out the study and investigation required by this section. Each such report shall be printed as a House document of the session of the Congress to which the report is made.

(e) FUNDS FOR STUDY AND INVESTIGATION.—There are hereby authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund such sums as may be necessary to enable the Secretary of Commerce to carry out the provisions of this section.

**SEC. 211. EFFECTIVE DATE OF TITLE.**

This title shall take effect on the date of its enactment, except that the amendments made by sections 202, 203, 204, and 205 shall take effect on July 1, 1956.

**TITLE III—SEPARABILITY**

**SEC. 301. SEPARABILITY.**

If any section, subsection, or other provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Act and the application of such section, subsection, or other provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

*Amodeo*  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*J. Allen Fear, Jr.*

Vice President of the United States and  
Acting President of the Senate pro tempore.

APPROVED

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*Dwight D. Eisenhower*