

S 1669

Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Reauthorization Act of 2001

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text of measure

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Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** SC • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. McCain, John [R-AZ]	R · AZ		Nov 8, 2001

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Nov 8, 2001

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
107 HR 3276	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2001:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Hazardous Material Transportation Safety Reauthorization Act of 2001 - Amends Federal transportation law to subject the transportation of infectious substances to the Secretary of Transportation's general regulatory authority.

Exempts owner-authorized action from the prohibition against tampering with the labeling of hazardous materials.

Repeals current law regarding: (1) inspections of motor vehicles transporting highly radioactive material; (2) the Secretary's authority to prescribe criteria for handling hazardous material; (3) the requirement for Federal motor carrier safety permits; (4) the requirement that certain rail tank cars comply with specified air brake equipment support attachment standards; and (5) the mandate for 30 hazardous material safety inspectors more than the total authorized for FY 1990.

Revises current law with respect to: (1) hazardous material (hazmat) employee training requirements and grants; (2) hazmat transporter registration; (3) three-year retention of shipping papers; (4) unsatisfactory safety ratings; (5) the public sector training curriculum; (6) exclusive monitoring by the Secretary of public-sector hazmat emergency response planning and training; (7) establishment of an Emergency Preparedness Fund account in the Treasury for planning and training grants; (8) special permits and exclusions; (9) exclusive authority of the Secretary to establish uniform forms and procedures for a State to register and issue permits; (10) general requirements for inspections, investigations, and emergency orders; and (11) increased civil penalties and criminal penalties for aggravated and willful offenses.

Authorizes appropriations.

Amends Federal postal service law to make hazardous material nonmailable and subject to specified civil penalties if mailed.

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## **Actions Timeline**

- **Nov 8, 2001:** Introduced in Senate
- **Nov 8, 2001:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR S11625)
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