

ployee, except for purposes of chapter 81 of title 5, and chapter 171 of title 28.

(Pub. L. 104-127, title IX, §922, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1193; Pub. L. 105-244, title I, §102(a)(1)(A), Oct. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1617.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (a)(1)(B), (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-244 substituted “section 1001 of title 20” for “section 1141 of title 20”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-244 effective Oct. 1, 1998, except as otherwise provided in Pub. L. 105-244, see section 3 of Pub. L. 105-244, set out as a note under section 1001 of Title 20, Education.

### § 2279d. Compensatory damages in claims under Rehabilitation Act of 1973

In any claim brought under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 [29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.] and filed with the Secretary of Agriculture after January 1994 resulting in a finding that a farmer was subjected to discrimination under any farm loan program or activity conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture in violation of section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), the Secretary of Agriculture shall be liable for compensatory damages. Such liability shall apply to any administrative action brought before October 21, 1998, but only if the action is brought within the applicable statute of limitations and the complainant sought or seeks compensatory damages while the action is pending.

(Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §742], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-31.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-112, Sept. 26, 1973, 87 Stat. 355, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 16 (§701 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 701 of Title 29 and Tables.

### § 2279e. Civil penalty

#### (a) In general

Any person that causes harm to, or interferes with, an animal used for the purposes of official inspections by the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Homeland Security, may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing on the record, be assessed a civil penalty by the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary of Homeland Security not to exceed \$10,000.

#### (b) Factors in determining civil penalty

In determining the amount of a civil penalty, the Secretary concerned shall take into account the nature, circumstance, extent, and gravity of the offense.

#### (c) Settlement of civil penalties

The Secretary concerned may compromise, modify, or remit, with or without conditions, any civil penalty that may be assessed under this section.

#### (d) Finality of orders

##### (1) In general

The order of the Secretary concerned assessing a civil penalty shall be treated as a final

order reviewable under chapter 158 of title 28. The validity of the order of the Secretary concerned may not be reviewed in an action to collect the civil penalty.

#### (2) Interest

Any civil penalty not paid in full when due under an order assessing the civil penalty shall thereafter accrue interest until paid at the rate of interest applicable to civil judgments of the courts of the United States.

#### (e) Secretary concerned defined

In this section and section 2279f of this title, the term “Secretary concerned” means—

(1) the Secretary of Agriculture, with respect to an animal used for purposes of official inspections by the Department of Agriculture; and

(2) the Secretary of Homeland Security, with respect to an animal used for purposes of official inspections by the Department of Homeland Security.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title V, §501, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 455; Pub. L. 107-296, title IV, §421(h), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2184.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-296, §421(h)(1), inserted “or the Department of Homeland Security” after “Department of Agriculture” and “or the Secretary of Homeland Security” after “Secretary of Agriculture”.

Subsecs. (b) to (d)(1). Pub. L. 107-296, §421(h)(2), substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-296, §421(h)(3), added subsec. (e).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

### § 2279f. Subpoena authority

#### (a) In general

The Secretary concerned shall have power to subpoena the attendance and testimony of any witness, and the production of all documentary evidence relating to the enforcement of section 2279e of this title or any matter under investigation in connection with this section and section 2279e of this title.

#### (b) Location of production

The attendance of any witness and the production of documentary evidence may be required from any place in the United States at any designated place of hearing.

#### (c) Enforcement of subpoena

In the case of disobedience to a subpoena by any person, the Secretary concerned may request the Attorney General to invoke the aid of any court of the United States within the jurisdiction in which the investigation is conducted, or where the person resides, is found, transacts business, is licensed to do business, or is incorporated, in requiring the attendance and testimony of any witness and the production of documentary evidence. In case of a refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, a court may order the person to appear before the Secretary

concerned and give evidence concerning the matter in question or to produce documentary evidence. Any failure to obey the court's order may be punished by the court as a contempt of the court.

**(d) Compensation**

Witnesses summoned by the Secretary concerned shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid to witnesses in courts of the United States, and witnesses whose depositions are taken, and the persons taking the depositions shall be entitled to the same fees that are paid for similar services in the courts of the United States.

**(e) Procedures**

The Secretary concerned shall publish procedures for the issuance of subpoenas under this section. Such procedures shall include a requirement that subpoenas be reviewed for legal sufficiency and signed by the Secretary concerned. If the authority to sign a subpoena is delegated, the agency receiving the delegation shall seek review for legal sufficiency outside that agency.

**(f) Scope of subpoena**

Subpoenas for witnesses to attend court in any judicial district or testify or produce evidence at an administrative hearing in any judicial district in any action or proceeding arising under section 2279e of this title may run to any other judicial district.

(Pub. L. 106-224, title V, § 502, June 20, 2000, 114 Stat. 455; Pub. L. 107-296, title IV, § 421(h)(2), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2184.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsecs. (a), (c) to (e). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted “Secretary concerned” for “Secretary” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective 60 days after Nov. 25, 2002, see section 4 of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as an Effective Date note under section 101 of Title 6, Domestic Security.

**§ 2279g. Marketing services; cooperative agreements**

Notwithstanding chapter 63 of title 31, marketing services of the Agricultural Marketing Service; the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; and the food safety activities of the Food Safety and Inspection Service, on and after February 20, 2003, may use cooperative agreements to reflect a relationship between the Agricultural Marketing Service; the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration; the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service; or the Food Safety and Inspection Service and a State or cooperator to carry out agricultural marketing programs, to carry out programs to protect the nation's animal and plant resources, or to carry out educational programs or special studies to improve the safety of the nation's food supply.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, § 713, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 39.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, § 713, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 733.

Pub. L. 106-387, § 1(a) [title VII, § 713], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-29.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, § 716, Oct. 22, 1999, 113 Stat. 1162.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(a) [title VII, § 715], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681, 2681-26.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, § 717, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2106.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, § 717, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1598.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, § 717, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 331.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, § 720, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2469.

**§ 2279h. Cross-servicing activities of National Finance Center**

On and after November 10, 2005, the Chief Financial Officer shall actively market and expand cross-servicing activities of the National Finance Center.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title I, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2121.)

CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the appropriation act cited as the credit to this section.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title I, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2812.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title I, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 6.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title I, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 14.

Pub. L. 107-76, title I, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 705.

Pub. L. 106-387, § 1(a) [title I], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-2.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, § 101(a) [title I], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-1.

Pub. L. 105-86, title I, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2080.

Pub. L. 104-180, title I, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1570.

Pub. L. 104-37, title I, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 300.

**CHAPTER 55A—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

Sec.

2281. Congressional declaration of purpose.

2282. Definitions.

2283. Membership on advisory committees.

2284. Repealed.

2285. Budget prohibitions.

2286. Termination of committees.

2287 to 2289. Omitted.

**§ 2281. Congressional declaration of purpose**

The purposes of this chapter are to—

(1) require strict financial and program accounting by advisory committees of the Department of Agriculture;

(2) assure balance and objectivity in the membership of such advisory committees; and

(3) prevent the formation or continuation of unnecessary advisory committees by the Department of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 95-113, title XVIII, § 1801, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1041; Pub. L. 97-98, title XI, § 1116(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1270.)