

**§ 195. Gifts, bequests, or devises for benefit of National Arboretum; separate fund in the Treasury**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to solicit, accept, receive, hold, utilize, and administer on behalf of the United States gifts, bequests, or devises of real and personal property made for the benefit of the National Arboretum or for the carrying out of any of its functions. For the purposes of the Federal income, estate, and gift tax laws, property accepted under the authority of this section shall be considered as a gift, bequest, or devise to the United States. Any gift of money accepted pursuant to the authority granted in this section, or the net proceeds from the liquidation of any property so accepted, or the proceeds of any insurance on any gift property not used for its restoration shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States for credit to a separate fund and shall be disbursed upon order of the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 505, § 5, as added Pub. L. 94-129, Nov. 13, 1975, 89 Stat. 683; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 890(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1181.)

AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-127 inserted “solicit,” after “authorized to” in first sentence.

**§ 196. Concessions, fees, and voluntary services**

**(a) In general**

Notwithstanding chapters 1 to 11 and section 1302 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41, the Secretary of Agriculture, in furtherance of the mission of the National Arboretum, may—

(1) negotiate agreements granting concessions at the National Arboretum to nonprofit scientific or educational organizations the interests of which are complementary to the mission of the National Arboretum, except that the net proceeds of the organizations from the concessions shall be used exclusively for research and educational work for the benefit of the National Arboretum;

(2) provide by concession, on such terms as the Secretary of Agriculture considers appropriate and necessary, for commercial services for food, drink, and nursery sales, if an agreement for a permanent concession under this paragraph is negotiated with a qualified person submitting a proposal after due consideration of all proposals received after the Secretary of Agriculture provides reasonable public notice of the intent of the Secretary to enter into such an agreement;

(3) dispose of excess property, including excess plants and fish, in a manner designed to maximize revenue from any sale of the property, including by way of public auction, except that this paragraph shall not apply to the free dissemination of new varieties of seeds and germ plasm in accordance with section 2201 of title 7;

(4) charge such fees as the Secretary of Agriculture considers reasonable for temporary

use by individuals or groups of National Arboretum facilities and grounds for any purpose consistent with the mission of the National Arboretum;

(5) charge such fees as the Secretary of Agriculture considers reasonable for the use of the National Arboretum for commercial photography or cinematography;

(6) publish, in print and electronically and without regard to laws relating to printing by the Federal Government, informational brochures, books, and other publications concerning the National Arboretum or the collections of the Arboretum; and

(7) license use of the National Arboretum name and logo for public service or commercial uses.

**(b) Use of funds**

Any funds received or collected by the Secretary of Agriculture as a result of activities described in subsection (a) of this section shall be retained in a special fund in the Treasury. Amounts in the special fund shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture, without further appropriation, for the use and benefit of the National Arboretum as the Secretary of Agriculture considers appropriate.

**(c) Acceptance of voluntary services**

The Secretary of Agriculture may accept the voluntary services of organizations described in subsection (a)(1) of this section, and the voluntary services of individuals (including employees of the National Arboretum), for the benefit of the National Arboretum.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 505, § 6, as added Pub. L. 104-127, title VIII, § 890(b), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1181; amended Pub. L. 105-185, title VI, § 601(b), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 585.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), “chapters 1 to 11 and section 1302 of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3307(e), 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” substituted for “the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.) and section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (40 U.S.C. 303b)” on authority of Pub. L. 107-217, § 5(c), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1303, which Act enacted Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, and Pub. L. 111-350, § 6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-185 substituted “Treasury. Amounts in the special fund shall be available to the Secretary of Agriculture, without further appropriation,” for “Treasury”.

**§ 197. Construction of Chinese Garden at the National Arboretum**

A Chinese Garden may be constructed at the National Arboretum established under this chapter with—

(1) funds accepted under section 195 of this title;

(2) authorities provided to the Secretary of Agriculture under section 196 of this title; and

(3) appropriations provided for this purpose.

(Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 505, § 7, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, § 7415, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1256, and