

(b) Disclosure of delinquent debt to credit reporting agencies

The Secretary of State shall, to the extent otherwise allowed by law, disclose to those credit reporting agencies to which the Secretary reports loan activity information concerning any debt of more than \$100 owed by a person, other than a foreign country, to the United States which arises out of activities of the Department of State and is delinquent by more than 31 days. (Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 44, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 117(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 25.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 44 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 45 by section 117(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

§ 2717. Defense trade controls registration fees

For each fiscal year, 100 percent of the registration fees collected by the Office of Defense Trade Controls of the Department of State shall be credited to a Department of State account, to be available without fiscal year limitation. Fees credited to that account shall be available only for payment of expenses incurred for—

- (1) contract personnel to assist in the evaluation of defense trade controls license applications, reduction in processing time for license applications, and improved monitoring of compliance with the terms of licenses;
- (2) the automation of defense trade controls functions, including compliance and enforcement activities, and the processing of defense trade controls license applications, including the development, procurement, and utilization of computer equipment and related software; and
- (3) the enhancement of defense trade export compliance and enforcement activities, including compliance audits of United States and foreign parties, the conduct of administrative proceedings, monitoring of end-uses in cases of direct commercial arms sales or other transfers, and cooperation in proceedings for enforcement of criminal laws related to defense trade export controls.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 45, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 118(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 25; amended Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 126, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 659; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title XV, § 1513(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2174; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subd. B, title XXII, § 2203, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-808.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 45 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 46 by section 118(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, which directed the amendment of subsec. (a) by striking out “and” at end of par. (1), substituting “functions, including compliance and en-

forcement activities,” for “functions” in par. (2), substituting “; and” for period at end of par. (2), and adding par. (3), was executed by making the amendments to text of section to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the amendment by Pub. L. 105-261. See below.

Pub. L. 105-261 designated subsec. (a) as entire section, struck out former subsec. (a) heading “Defense trade controls registration fees”, substituted “100 percent” for “\$700,000”, and struck out heading and text of subsec. (b). Text read as follows: “The authority contained in subsection (a) of this section shall be exercised to such extent and in such amounts as are to be provided in an appropriation Act.”

1991—Pub. L. 102-138, § 126(1), substituted “Defense trade controls registration fees” for “Munitions control registration fees” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-138, § 126, substituted in heading “Defense trade controls registration fees” for “Munitions control registration fees” and in text “\$700,000” for “\$500,000”, “Defense Trade Controls” for “Munitions Control”, and “defense trade controls” for “munitions control” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-261 effective as of Oct. 1, 1998, see section 1513(c)(2) of Pub. L. 105-261, set out in a Satellite Export Controls note under section 2778 of this title.

AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

§ 2718. Fees received for use of Blair House**(a) Use of fees**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, funds received by the Department of State in connection with use of Blair House (including reimbursements and surcharges for services and goods provided and fees for use of Blair House facilities) may be credited to the appropriate appropriation account of the Department of State which is currently available. Such funds shall be available only for maintenance and other expenses of Blair House.

(b) Compliance with Budget Act

The authority of this section may be exercised only to such extent or in such amounts as are provided in advance in an appropriation Act.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 46, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 119(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 26; amended Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 123, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 659.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Budget Act, referred to in subsec. (b) heading, probably means the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, titles I through IX of Pub. L. 93-344, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 297, as amended. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 621 of Title 2, The Congress, and Tables.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 46 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 47 by section 119(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-138 struck out “for the fiscal years 1990 and 1991,” after “provision of law.”

§ 2719. Grants for training and education in international affairs

The Secretary of State may make grants to postsecondary educational institutions or students for the purpose of increasing the level of knowledge and awareness of and interest in employment with the Foreign Service, consistent with section 3905 of this title. To the extent possible, the Secretary shall give special emphasis to promoting such knowledge and awareness of, and interest in employment with, the Foreign Service among minority students. Any grants awarded shall be made pursuant to regulations to be established by the Secretary of State, which shall provide for a limit on the size of any specific grant and, regarding any grants to individuals, shall ensure that no grant recipient receives an amount of grants from one or more Federal programs which in the aggregate would exceed the cost of his or her education, and shall require satisfactory educational progress by grantees as a condition of eligibility for continued receipt of grant funds.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 47, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 150(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 42.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 47 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 48 by section 150(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

§ 2720. Closing of consular and diplomatic posts abroad

(a) Prohibited uses of funds

Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section or in accordance with the procedures under subsections (b) and (c) of this section—

(1) no funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State shall be available to pay any expense related to the closing of any United States consular or diplomatic post abroad; and

(2) no funds authorized to be appropriated to the Department of State may be used to pay for any expense related to the Bureau of Administration of the Department of State (or to carrying out any of its functions) if any United States consular or diplomatic post is closed.

(b) Post closing notification

Not less than 45 days before the closing of any United States consular or diplomatic post abroad, the Secretary of State shall notify the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate.

(c) Reprogramming treatment

Amounts made available to pay any expense related to the closing of a consular or diplomatic post abroad shall be treated as a reprogramming of funds under section 2706 of this title and shall not be available for obligation or

expenditure except in compliance with the procedures applicable to such reprogramming.

(d) Exceptions

The provisions of this section do not apply with respect to—

(1) any post closed because of a break or downgrading of diplomatic relations between the United States and the country in which the post is located; or

(2) any post closed because there is a real and present threat to United States diplomatic or consular personnel in the city where the post is located, and a travel advisory warning against travel by United States citizens to that city has been issued by the Department of State.

(e) “Consular or diplomatic post” defined

As used in this section, the term “consular or diplomatic post” does not include a post to which only personnel of agencies other than the Department of State are assigned.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 48, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 112(a)(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 48 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

Provisions similar to this section were contained in Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 122, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1339, and set out as a note under section 2656 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 112(b), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 655.

AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

§ 2721. Impermissible basis for denial of passports

A passport may not be denied issuance, revoked, restricted, or otherwise limited because of any speech, activity, belief, affiliation, or membership, within or outside the United States, which, if held or conducted within the United States, would be protected by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 49, as added Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 113, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 655.)

§ 2722. International meetings

(a) Authority to pay expenses

If the United States Government hosts an international meeting or conference in the United States, the Secretary of State is authorized to pay all reasonable expenses of such meeting or conference. Such expenses may include rental of quarters (by contract or otherwise) and personal services.

(b) Retention of reimbursements

To the extent provided in an appropriation Act, transfers of funds or other reimbursements