

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-581 effective Oct. 21, 1976, see section 211 of Pub. L. 94-581, set out as a note under section 111 of this title.

**CHAPTER 83—ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND BEQUESTS**

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## AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(c)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, renumbered items 5101 to 5105 as 8301 to 8305, respectively.

**§ 8301. Authority to accept gifts, devises, and bequests**

The Secretary may accept devises, bequests, and gifts, made in any manner, with respect to which the testator or donor shall have indicated the intention that such property shall be for the benefit of groups of persons formerly in the active military, naval, or air service who by virtue of such service alone, or disability suffered therein or therefrom, are or shall be patients or members of any one or more hospitals or homes operated by the United States Government, or has indicated the intention that such property shall be for the benefit of any such hospital or home, or shall be paid or delivered to any official, as such, or any agency in administrative control thereof. The Secretary may also accept, for use in carrying out all laws administered by the Secretary, gifts, devises, and bequests which will enhance the Secretary's ability to provide services or benefits.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1254, §5101; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(89), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3299; renumbered §8301, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405; Pub. L. 102-86, title V, §504, Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 426.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 5101 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-86 inserted at end "The Secretary may also accept, for use in carrying out all laws administered by the Secretary, gifts, devises, and bequests which will enhance the Secretary's ability to provide services or benefits."

Pub. L. 102-83 substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator".

1986—Pub. L. 99-576 substituted "the" for "his" before "intention" in two places.

**§ 8302. Legal proceedings**

For the purpose of acquiring title to and possession of any property which the Secretary is by this chapter authorized to accept, the Secretary may initiate and appear in any appropriate legal proceedings, and take such steps therein or in connection therewith as in the Secretary's discretion may be desirable and appropriate to reduce said property to possession. The Secretary may incur such expenses incident to

such proceedings as the Secretary deems necessary or appropriate, which shall be paid as are other administrative expenses of the Department. All funds received by devise, bequest, gift, or otherwise, for the purposes contemplated in this chapter, including net proceeds of sales authorized by this chapter, shall be deposited with the Treasurer of the United States to the credit of the General Post Fund.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1254, §5102; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(90), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3299; renumbered §8302, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(3), (4), (b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 5102 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing, "Secretary's" for "Administrator's", and "Department" for "Veterans' Administration".

1986—Pub. L. 99-576 substituted "the Administrator" for "he" in two places, "the Administrator's" for "his", and "The Administrator" for "He".

**§ 8303. Restricted gifts**

Disbursements from the General Post Fund shall be made on orders by and within the discretion of the Secretary and in the manner prescribed in section 8523 of this title; except that (1) if the testator or donor has directed or shall direct that the devise, bequest, or gift be devoted to a particular use authorized by this chapter, the same, less expenses incurred, or the net proceeds thereof, shall be used or disbursed as directed, except that a precatory direction shall be fulfilled only insofar as may be proper or practicable; and (2) if the testator or donor shall have indicated the desire that the devise, bequest, or gift shall be for the benefit of persons in hospitals or homes, or other institutions operated by the United States but under the jurisdiction of an official other than the Secretary, the same, less expenses incurred, or the net proceeds thereof which may come into possession of the Secretary, shall be disbursed by transfer to the governing authorities of such institution, or otherwise, in such manner as the Secretary may determine, for the benefit of the persons in the institution indicated by the testator or donor, for proper purposes, as nearly as practicable in conformity with such desire of the testator or donor.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1255, §5103; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(91), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3299; renumbered §8303 and amended Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), (d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238, 239; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405.)

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, §402(b)(1), renumbered section 5103 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83 substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" wherever appearing.

Pub. L. 102-40, §402(d)(1), substituted "8523" for "5223".

1986—Pub. L. 99-576 substituted "the" for "his" in three places.