

## CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act which comprises this chapter.

## AMENDMENTS

1991—Subsec. (b)(1), (2). Pub. L. 102-54 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs” wherever appearing.

1984—Subsec. (b)(1)(E). Pub. L. 98-479 inserted “of 1974” after “Act”.

1979—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-153 reenacted subsec. (a) without change.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-153 substituted, in provision preceding par. (1)(A), “Not later than October 1, 1980, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs shall, consistent with provisions of law governing the conduct of housing programs,” for “Insofar as it is practicable and to the extent that such action would result in a reduction in paperwork and regulatory burden, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans’ Administration shall”, inserted reference to Secretary of Agriculture in par. (1)(F), added par. (2), redesignated former par. (2) as (3), and struck out former par. (3), which authorized the President to require the Farmers Home Administration and Administrator of the Farmers Home Administration to comply with the requirements of this section if such compliance would contribute to a reduction in the paperwork and regulatory burden of housing and housing finance programs administered by that agency.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-153 inserted provision requiring the reports to include an estimate of the reduction of the level of paperwork burden hours of the affected agencies as allocated by the Office of Management and Budget.

**§ 3542. Public notice and comment regarding demonstration programs not expressly authorized in law**

(a) No demonstration program not expressly authorized in law may be commenced by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development until (1) a description of such demonstration program is published in the Federal Register, which description may be included in a notice of funding availability; and (2) there expires a period of sixty calendar days following the date of such publication, during which period the Secretary shall fully consider any public comments submitted with respect to such demonstration program.

(b) Nothing in this section may be considered to authorize the conducting of any demonstration program by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(Pub. L. 98-181, title I [title IV, §470], Nov. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 1237.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1984, and not as part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 3543. Preventing fraud and abuse in Department of Housing and Urban Development programs**

**(a) Disclosure of social security account number**

As a condition of initial or continuing eligibility for participation in any program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development

involving loans, grants, interest or rental assistance of any kind, or mortgage or loan insurance, and to ensure that the level of benefits provided under such programs is proper, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may require that an applicant or participant (including members of the household of an applicant or participant) disclose his or her social security account number or employer identification number to the Secretary.

**(b) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the terms “applicant” and “participant” shall have such meanings as the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by regulation shall prescribe. Such terms shall not include persons whose involvement is only in their official capacity, such as State or local government officials or officers of lending institutions.

(Pub. L. 100-242, title I, §165, Feb. 5, 1988, 101 Stat. 1864.)

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, and not as part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 3544. Preventing fraud and abuse in housing and urban development programs**

**(a) Definitions**

As used in this section:

**(1) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

**(2) Applicant; participant**

The terms “applicant” and “participant” shall have such meanings as the Secretary by regulation shall prescribe, except that such terms shall include members of an applicant’s or participant’s household, and such terms shall not include persons whose involvement is only in their official capacity, such as State or local government officials and officers of lending institutions.

**(3) Public housing agency**

The term “public housing agency” means any agency described in section 3(b)(6) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 [42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)(6)].

**(4) Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development**

The term “program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development” includes Indian housing programs assisted under title II<sup>1</sup> of the United States Housing Act of 1937.

**(b) Applicant and participant consent**

As a condition of initial or continuing eligibility for participation in any program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development involving initial and periodic review of an applicant’s or participant’s income, and to assure that the level of benefits provided under the program is correct, the Secretary may require that an applicant or participant—

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.