

the assets so conveyed to the Settlement Trust shall not be subject to attachment, distraint, or sale on execution of judgment or other process or order of any court, except with respect to the lawful debts or obligations of the Settlement Trust.

(6) No transferee Settlement Trust shall make a distribution or conveyance of assets (including cash, stock, or beneficial interests) that would render it unable to satisfy a claim made pursuant to paragraph (1), (2), or (3). A distribution or conveyance made in violation of this paragraph shall be void ab initio and shall not be given effect by any court.

(7) Except where otherwise expressly provided, no provision of this section shall be construed to require shareholder approval of an action where shareholder approval would not be required under the laws of the State.

(8) A beneficiary's interest in a settlement trust and the distributions thereon shall be subject to creditor action (including without limitation, levy attachment, pledge, lien, judgment execution, assignment, and the insolvency and bankruptcy laws) only to the extent that Settlement Common Stock and the distributions thereon are subject to such creditor action under section 1606(h) of this title.

(Pub. L. 92-203, § 39, as added Pub. L. 100-241, § 10, Feb. 3, 1988, 101 Stat. 1804; amended Pub. L. 105-333, § 13, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3135; Pub. L. 106-559, title III, § 302, Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2782; Pub. L. 108-7, div. F, title III, § 337(b), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 278; Pub. L. 109-221, title I, § 101(b), May 12, 2006, 120 Stat. 337.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(3)(B). Pub. L. 109-221, § 101(b)(1), made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 108-7, § 337(b). See 2003 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (a)(3)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 109-221, § 101(b)(2), substituted “section 1629b(a)(4) of this title” for “(a)(4) of section 1629b of this title”.

2003—Subsec. (a)(3)(B). Pub. L. 108-7, § 337(b), as amended by Pub. L. 109-221, § 101(b)(1), added subpar. (B) and struck out former subpar. (B) which read as follows: “shall give rise to dissenters rights to the extent provided under the laws of the State only if the rights of beneficiaries in the Settlement Trust receiving a conveyance are inalienable.”

2000—Subsec. (c)(8). Pub. L. 106-559 added par. (8).

1998—Subsec. (b)(1)(B). Pub. L. 105-333 inserted “or the land is conveyed for a homesite by the Trust to a beneficiary of the Trust who is also a legal resident under Alaska law of the Native village of the settlor corporation and the conveyance does not exceed 1.5 acres” after “settlor corporation”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-221 effective Feb. 20, 2003, see section 101(c) of Pub. L. 109-221, set out as a note under section 1629b of this title.

§ 1629f. Claims arising from contamination of transferred lands

(a) As used in this section the term “contaminant” means¹ hazardous substance harmful to public health or the environment, including friable asbestos.

(b) Within 18 months of November 2, 1995, and after consultation with the Secretary of Agri-

culture, State of Alaska, and appropriate Alaska Native Corporations and organizations, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate, a report addressing issues presented by the presence of contaminants on lands conveyed or prioritized for conveyance to such corporations pursuant to this chapter. Such report shall consist of—

(1) existing information concerning the nature and types of contaminants present on such lands prior to conveyance to Alaska Native Corporations;

(2) existing information identifying to the extent practicable the existence and availability of potentially responsible parties for the removal or remediation of the effects of such contaminants;

(3) identification of existing remedies;

(4) recommendations for any additional legislation that the Secretary concludes is necessary to remedy the problem of contaminants on the lands; and

(5) in addition to the identification of contaminants, identification of structures known to have asbestos present and recommendations to inform Native landowners on the containment of asbestos.

(Pub. L. 92-203, § 40, as added Pub. L. 104-42, title I, § 103, Nov. 2, 1995, 109 Stat. 354.)

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 1629g. Open season for certain Alaska Native veterans for allotments

(a) In general

(1) During the eighteen month period following promulgation of implementing rules pursuant to subsection (e) of this section, a person described in subsection (b) of this section shall be eligible for an allotment of not more than two parcels of federal¹ land totaling 160 acres or less under the Act of May 17, 1906 (chapter 2469; 34 Stat. 197), as such Act was in effect before December 18, 1971.

(2) Allotments may be selected only from lands that were vacant, unappropriated, and unreserved on the date when the person eligible for the allotment first used and occupied those lands.

(3) The Secretary may not convey allotments containing any of the following—

(A) lands upon which a native or non-native campsite is located, except for a campsite used primarily by the person selecting the allotment;

(B) lands selected by, but not conveyed to, the State of Alaska pursuant to the Alaska Statehood Act or any other provision of law;

(C) lands selected by, but not conveyed to, a Village or Regional Corporation;

(D) lands designated as wilderness by statute;

¹ So in original. Probably should be “means a”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be capitalized.