

**§ 2231. Official expenses of employees stationed abroad**

Employees of the Department of Agriculture stationed abroad may, with the approval of the Secretary of Agriculture, enter into leases for official quarters, for periods not exceeding one year, and may pay rent, telephone, subscriptions to publications, and other charges incident to the conduct of their offices and the discharge of their duties, in advance, in any foreign country where custom or practice requires payment in advance.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §705(c), 58 Stat. 742.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 543b of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following Department of Agriculture Appropriation Acts:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 426.  
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 393.  
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 665.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 409.  
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 532.  
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 940.  
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 711.  
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 395.

**§ 2231a. Reimbursement of employees for costs of State licenses and certification fees**

On and after October 28, 1991, notwithstanding any other provision of law, any appropriations or funds available to the agencies of the Department of Agriculture may be used to reimburse employees for the cost of State licenses and certification fees pursuant to their Department of Agriculture position and that are necessary to comply with State laws, regulations, and requirements.

(Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, §738, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 915.)

**§ 2231b. First amendment rights of employees of the United States Department of Agriculture**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no employee of the United States Department of Agriculture shall be peremptorily removed, on or after February 15, 1994, from the position of the employee without an opportunity for a public or nonpublic hearing, at the option of the employee, because of remarks made during personal time in opposition to policies, or proposed policies, of the Department, including policies or proposed policies regarding homosexuals. Any employee removed on or after February 15, 1994, without the opportunity for such a hearing shall be reinstated to the position of the employee pending such a hearing.

(Pub. L. 103-354, title III, §302, Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3239.)

**§ 2232. Stenographic reporting service**

The Department of Agriculture is authorized to contract for stenographic reporting services.

(Sept. 21, 1944, ch. 412, title VII, §705(b), 58 Stat. 742.)

CODIFICATION

This section was enacted as part of the Department of Agriculture Organic Act of 1944.

Section was formerly classified to section 520a of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following Department of Agriculture Appropriation Acts, and were repealed by Pub. L. 89-554, §8(a), Sept 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 632:

June 28, 1944, ch. 296, 58 Stat. 426.  
 July 12, 1943, ch. 215, 57 Stat. 392.  
 July 22, 1942, ch. 516, 56 Stat. 665.  
 July 1, 1941, ch. 267, 55 Stat. 408.  
 June 25, 1940, ch. 421, 54 Stat. 532.  
 June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 940.  
 June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 711.  
 June 29, 1937, ch. 404, 50 Stat. 395.  
 June 4, 1936, ch. 489, 49 Stat. 1421.  
 May 17, 1935, ch. 131, title I, §1, 49 Stat. 248.  
 Mar. 26, 1934, ch. 89, 48 Stat. 468.  
 Mar. 3, 1933, ch. 203, 47 Stat. 1432.  
 July 7, 1932, ch. 443, 47 Stat. 610.  
 Feb. 23, 1931, ch. 278, 46 Stat. 1243.  
 May 27, 1930, ch. 341, 46 Stat. 393.  
 Feb. 16, 1929, ch. 227, 45 Stat. 1190.  
 May 16, 1928, ch. 572, 45 Stat. 540.  
 Jan. 18, 1927, ch. 39, 44 Stat. 977.  
 May 11, 1926, ch. 286, 44 Stat. 500.

**§ 2233. Funds available for expenses of advisory committees**

Funds available for carrying out the activities of the Department of Agriculture shall be available for expenses of advisory committees, including travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of section 5703 of title 5.

(Aug. 3, 1956, ch. 950, §4, 70 Stat. 1033.)

CODIFICATION

“Section 5703 of title 5” substituted in text for “section 5 of the Administrative Expenses Act of 1946, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Section was formerly classified to section 541c of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, by Pub. L. 89-554, §1, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 378.

**§ 2234. Purchases for bureaus from appropriations for contingent expenses**

The Secretary of Agriculture may purchase stationery, supplies, furniture, and miscellaneous materials from this appropriation for contingent expenses and transfer the same at actual cost to the various bureaus, divisions, and offices of the Department of Agriculture in the city of Washington, reimbursement therefor to be made to such appropriation by said bureaus, divisions, and offices from their lump-fund appropriations by transfer settlements through the Treasury Department.

(Aug. 10, 1912, ch. 284, 37 Stat. 296.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 542 of Title 5 prior to the general revision and enactment of Title