

“(a) IN GENERAL.—For the period described in subsection (b), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply section 3729(b)(2)(I) of title 38, United States Code, by substituting ‘1.00’ for ‘0.50’ each place it appears.

“(b) PERIOD DESCRIBED.—The period referred to in subsection (a) is the period that begins on the date that is 7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 6, 2002] and ends on September 30, 2003.”

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND BY SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY BETWEEN OCT. 1, 1990, AND JUNE 13, 1991

Pub. L. 102-54, §15(b), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 289, as amended by Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, provided that:

“(1) Any action of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of the Treasury—

“(A) that was taken during the period beginning on October 1, 1990, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act [June 13, 1991]; and

“(B) that would have been an action carried out under section 3725(c)(3) [formerly 1825(c)(3)] of title 38, United States Code, if the amendment made by paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of this section had been made before October 1, 1990,

is hereby ratified.

“(2) Any failure to act by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary of the Treasury during such period under section 3729(a)(3) [formerly 1829(a)(3)] of such title is hereby ratified.”

RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DURING TRANSITION PERIODS

For provisions ratifying any actions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in carrying out this section during the period beginning Dec. 1, 1989, and ending Dec. 18, 1989, see section 604 of Pub. L. 101-237, set out as a note under section 1720B of this title.

For provisions ratifying any actions of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in carrying out this section during the period beginning Oct. 1, 1989, and ending Oct. 6, 1989, see section 3(b) of Pub. L. 101-110, set out as a note under section 1720B of this title.

RULE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DUPLICATE PROVISIONS

For rule relating to construction of provisions of Pub. L. 100-203 and Pub. L. 100-198 making duplicate amendments to this section, see section 7004(b) of Pub. L. 100-203, set out as a note under section 3733 of this title.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COLLECTION OF FEES

Pub. L. 101-237, title III, §303(c), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2073, directed Secretary of Veterans Affairs to collect fees under this section through Dec. 31, 1989.

Pub. L. 101-110, §2, Oct. 6, 1989, 103 Stat. 682, authorized collection of fees under this section with respect to loans closed before Dec. 1, 1989.

Pub. L. 100-136, §1(b), Oct. 16, 1987, 101 Stat. 813, authorized collection of fees under this section with respect to loans closed through Nov. 15, 1987.

HOME LOAN ORIGATION FEE

Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, §409, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3283, provided that: “It is the sense of the Congress that the Veterans’ Administration loan origination fee should not be increased above its present level of one percent of the amount of the loan guaranteed.”

§ 3730. Use of attorneys in court

(a) The Secretary shall authorize attorneys employed by the Department of Veterans Affairs to exercise the right of the United States to bring suit in court to foreclose a loan made or acquired by the Secretary under this chapter and to recover possession of any property ac-

quired by the Secretary under this chapter. The Secretary may acquire the services of attorneys, other than those who are employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to exercise that right. The activities of attorneys in bringing suit under this section shall be subject to the direction and supervision of the Attorney General and to such terms and conditions as the Attorney General may prescribe.

(b) Nothing in this section derogates from the authority of the Attorney General under sections 516 and 519 of title 28 to direct and supervise all litigation to which the United States or an agency or officer of the United States is a party.

(Added Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title V, §2512(b)(1), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1120, §1830; amended Pub. L. 99-576, title IV, §406, Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3282; Pub. L. 101-237, title III, §313(b)(1), (2), Dec. 18, 1989, 103 Stat. 2077; renumbered §3730, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 105-368, title X, §1005(b)(12), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3365.)

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-368 substituted “The Secretary shall” for “Within 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Secretary shall take appropriate steps to”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 1830 of this title as this section.

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-237 substituted “Secretary” and “Department of Veterans Affairs” for “Administrator” and “Veterans’ Administration”, respectively, wherever appearing.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-576 substituted “The” for “With the concurrence of the Attorney General of the United States, the” in second sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 98-369, div. B, title V, §2512(c)(3), July 18, 1984, 98 Stat. 1120, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (b) [enacting this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].”

§ 3731. Appraisals

(a) The Secretary shall—

(1) subject to subsection (b)(2) and in consultation with appropriate representatives of institutions which are regularly engaged in making housing loans, prescribe uniform qualifications for appraisers, including the successful completion of a written test, submission of a sample appraisal, certification of an appropriate number of years of experience as an appraiser, and submission of recommendations from other appraisers;

(2) use such qualifications in determining whether to approve an appraiser to make appraisals of the reasonable value of any property, construction, repairs, or alterations for the purposes of this chapter; and

(3) in consultation with local representatives of institutions described in clause (1) of this subsection, develop and maintain lists of appraisers who are approved under clause (2) of this subsection to make appraisals for the purposes of this chapter.

(b)(1) The Secretary shall select appraisers from a list required by subsection (a)(3) of this section on a rotating basis to make appraisals for the purposes of this chapter.