

title to provide technical services for conservation-related programs and authorities carried out by the Secretary on National Forest System land.

(Pub. L. 113-79, title VIII, §8302, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 923.)

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Agricultural Act of 2014, and not as part of title XII of Pub. L. 99-198 which comprises this chapter.

#### DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 9001 of Title 7, Agriculture.

### SUBCHAPTER VI—STATE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

#### § 3861. Establishment of State technical committees

##### (a) Establishment

The Secretary shall establish a technical committee in each State to assist the Secretary in the considerations relating to implementation and technical aspects of the conservation programs under this chapter.

##### (b) Standards

The Secretary shall review and update as necessary—

- (1) standard operating procedures to standardize the operations of State technical committees; and
- (2) standards to be used by State technical committees in the development of technical guidelines under section 3862(b)<sup>1</sup> of this title for the implementation of the conservation provisions of this chapter.

##### (c) Composition

Each State technical committee shall be composed of agricultural producers and other professionals that represent a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, and wildlife sciences. The technical committee for a State shall include representatives from among the following:

- (1) The Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- (2) The Farm Service Agency.
- (3) The Forest Service.
- (4) The National Institute of Food and Agriculture.
- (5) The State fish and wildlife agency.
- (6) The State forester or equivalent State official.
- (7) The State water resources agency.
- (8) The State department of agriculture.
- (9) The State association of soil and water conservation districts.
- (10) Agricultural producers representing the variety of crops and livestock or poultry raised within the State.
- (11) Owners of nonindustrial private forest land.
- (12) Nonprofit organizations within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of title 26 with demonstrable conservation expertise and experience working with agriculture producers in the State.

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

##### (13) Agribusiness.

(Pub. L. 99-198, title XII, §1261, as added Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1446, Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3604; amended Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §342(a), Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1009; Pub. L. 110-234, title II, §2711, title VII, §7511(c)(38), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1083, 1271; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title II, §2711, title VII, §7511(c)(38), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1811, 2032; Pub. L. 113-79, title II, §2607, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 760.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (b)(2), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XII of Pub. L. 99-198, which enacted this chapter and former section 2005a of this title and amended sections 590g, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2009 of this title, sections 4207 and 4209 of Title 7, Agriculture, and provisions set out as a note under section 1981 of Title 7.

Section 3862 of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), was amended generally by Pub. L. 110-246, title II, §2711, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1812, and, as so amended, no longer contains provisions relating to development of technical guidelines.

#### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

#### AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-79, in introductory provisions, substituted “The Secretary shall review and update as necessary” for “Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, the Secretary shall develop”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §2711, which directed the general amendment of section 1261 of the “Farm Security Act of 1985”, was executed by making the amendment to this section, which is section 1261 of the Food Security Act of 1985, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. Prior to amendment, section related to the establishment in each State of a technical committee to assist the Secretary in the technical considerations relating to implementation of conservation provisions under this chapter, composition of each such committee, and development of standards to be used in the development of guidelines under former section 3862(b) of this title.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 110-246, §7511(c)(38), which directed amendment of par. (4) by substituting “National Institute of Food and Agriculture” for “Extension Service”, could not be executed because “Extension Service” did not appear subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 110-246, §2711. See above.

1996—Subsec. (c)(9) to (12). Pub. L. 104-127 added pars. (9) to (12).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, except as otherwise provided, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

Amendment by section 7511(c)(38) of Pub. L. 110-246 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 7511(c) of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as a note under section 1522 of Title 7, Agriculture.

#### § 3862. Responsibilities

##### (a) In general

Each State technical committee established under section 3861 of this title shall meet regularly to provide information, analysis, and rec-