

§ 2215. Gift Shop**(a) Establishment**

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish a Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop within the Capitol Visitor Center for the purpose of providing for the sale of gift items. All moneys received from sales and other services by the Capitol Visitor Center Gift Shop shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title and shall be available for purposes of this section.

(b) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §205, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

§ 2216. Food service operations**(a) Restaurant, catering, and vending**

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, shall establish within the Capitol Visitor Center a restaurant and other food service facilities, including catering services and vending machines.

(b) Contract for food service operations**(1) In general**

The Architect of the Capitol, acting through the Chief Executive Officer, may enter into a contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center.

(2) Existing contract unaffected

Nothing in paragraph (1) shall be construed to affect any contract for food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center in effect on October 20, 2008.

(c) Deposits

All net profits from the food service operations within the Capitol Visitor Center and all commissions received from the contractor for such food service operations shall be deposited in the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund established under section 2231 of this title.

(d) Exception to prohibition of sale or solicitation on Capitol grounds

Section 5104(c) of title 40 shall not apply to any activity carried out under this section.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title II, §206, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4988.)

SUBCHAPTER III—CAPITOL VISITOR
CENTER REVOLVING FUND

§ 2231. Establishment and accounts

There is established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund to be known as the Capitol Visitor Center Revolving Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”), consisting of the following individual accounts:

- (1) The Gift Shop Account.
- (2) The Miscellaneous Receipts Account.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §301, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2232. Deposits in the Fund**(a) Gift Shop Account**

There shall be deposited in the Gift Shop Account all monies received from sales and other services by the gift shop established under section 2215 of this title, together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

There shall be deposited in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account each of the following (together with any interest accrued on balances in the Account):

- (1) Any amounts deposited under section 2216(c) of this title.
- (2) Any other receipts received from the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center.
- (3) Any amounts described under section 2273(d) of this title.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §302, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2233. Use of monies**(a) Gift Shop Account****(1) In general**

All monies in the Gift Shop Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in connection with the operation of the gift shop under section 2215 of this title, including supplies, inventories, equipment, and other expenses. In addition, such monies may be used by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, to reimburse any applicable appropriations account for amounts used from such appropriations account to pay the salaries of employees of the gift shops.

(2) Use of remaining funds

To the extent monies in the Gift Shop Account are available after disbursements and reimbursements are made under paragraph (1), the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, may disburse such monies for the operation of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

- (A) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and
- (B) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(b) Miscellaneous Receipts Account

All monies in the Miscellaneous Receipts Account shall be available without fiscal year limitation for disbursement by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, for the operations of the Capitol Visitor Center, after consultation with—

- (1) the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives; and
- (2) the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §303, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4989.)

§ 2234. Administration of Fund

(a) Disbursements

Disbursements from the Fund may be made by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Investment authority

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest any portion of the Fund that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States or an obligation guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the United States that, as determined by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, has a maturity date suitable for the purposes of the Fund. The Secretary of the Treasury shall credit interest earned on the obligations to the Fund.

(c) Audit

The Fund shall be subject to audit by the Comptroller General at the discretion of the Comptroller General.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title III, §304, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE AND OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

PART A—CAPITOL GUIDE SERVICE

§ 2241. Transfer of Capitol Guide Service

(a) Transfer of authorities and personnel to Office of the Capitol Visitor Center

In accordance with the provisions of this subchapter, effective on the transfer date—

(1) the Capitol Guide Service shall be an office within the Office;

(2) the contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, and other assets and interests of the Capitol Guide Service, established under section 2166 of this title, and the employees of the Capitol Guide Service, are transferred to the Office, except that the transfer of any amounts appropriated to the Capitol Guide Service that remain available as of the transfer date shall occur only upon the approval of the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and Senate; and

(3) the Capitol Guide Service shall be subject to the direction of the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, in accordance with this part.

(b) Treatment of employees of Capitol Guide Service at time of transfer

(1) In general

Any individual who is an employee of the Capitol Guide Service on a non-temporary basis on the transfer date who is transferred to the Office under subsection (a) shall be subject to the authority of the Architect of the Capitol under section 2242(b) of this title, except that the individual's grade, compensation, rate of leave, or other benefits that apply with

respect to the individual at the time of transfer shall not be reduced while such individual remains continuously so employed in the same position within the Office, other than for cause.

(2) Eligibility for immediate retirement on basis of involuntary separation

For purposes of section 8336(d) and section 8414(b) of title 5, an individual described in paragraph (1) who is separated from service with the Office shall be considered to have separated from the service involuntarily if, at the time the individual is separated from service—

(A) the individual has completed 25 years of service under such title; or

(B) the individual has completed 20 years of service under such title and is 50 years of age or older.

(c) Exception for Congressional Special Services Office

This section does not apply with respect to any employees, contracts, liabilities, records, property, appropriations, and other assets and interests of the Congressional Special Services Office of the Capitol Guide Service that are transferred to the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services under part B.

(Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, §401, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "this title", meaning title IV of Pub. L. 110-437, Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4990, which is classified principally to this subchapter. For complete classification of title IV to the Code, see Tables.

Section 2166 of this title, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was repealed by Pub. L. 110-437, title IV, §422(a), Oct. 20, 2008, 122 Stat. 4996.

§ 2242. Duties of employees of Capitol Guide Service

(a) Provision of guided tours

(1) Tours

In accordance with this section, the Capitol Guide Service shall provide without charge guided tours of the interior of the United States Capitol, including the Capitol Visitor Center, for the education and enlightenment of the general public.

(2) Acceptance of fees prohibited

An employee of the Capitol Guide Service shall not charge or accept any fee, or accept any gratuity, for or on account of the official services of that employee.

(3) Regulations of the Architect of the Capitol

All such tours shall be conducted in compliance with regulations approved by the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer.

(b) Authority of the Architect of the Capitol

In providing for the direction, supervision, and control of the Capitol Guide Service, the Architect of the Capitol, upon recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, is authorized to—

(1) subject to the availability of appropriations, establish and revise such number of po-