

§§ 2126 to 2129. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-288, §9(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3407

Section 2126, Pub. L. 87-63, title III, §304, formerly §6, June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 130; Pub. L. 91-477, §4, Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1072; Pub. L. 93-193, §1(a), Dec. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 94-55, §1, July 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 262; Pub. L. 96-85, §1, Oct. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 655; renumbered and amended Pub. L. 97-63, §5(a), Oct. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1018; Pub. L. 102-372, §17, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1181, authorized appropriations to carry out this chapter.

Section 2127, Pub. L. 87-63, title III, §305, formerly §7, as added Pub. L. 91-477, §5, Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1072, and renumbered Pub. L. 97-63, §5(b), Oct. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1018, defined terms used in this chapter.

Section 2128, Pub. L. 87-63, title III, §306, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title X, §10301(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-395, provided for United States Travel and Tourism Administration Facilitation fee to be collected from each airline and cruise ship line transporting passengers to United States.

A prior section 2128, Pub. L. 87-63, §9, as added Pub. L. 96-85, §2, Oct. 10, 1979, 93 Stat. 655, related to reduction in number of employees of United States Travel Service in District of Columbia offices, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-63, §5(b), Oct. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1018, effective Oct. 1, 1981.

Section 2129, Pub. L. 87-63, title III, §307, as added Pub. L. 101-508, title X, §10301(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-396, provided civil penalties for nonpayment of Travel and Tourism Administration Facilitation fee.

SUBCHAPTER IV—CORPORATION FOR TRAVEL PROMOTION

§ 2131. Travel Promotion Act of 2009

(a) Short title

This section may be cited as the “Travel Promotion Act of 2009”.

(b) The Corporation for Travel Promotion

(1) Establishment

The Corporation for Travel Promotion is established as a nonprofit corporation. The Corporation shall not be an agency or establishment of the United States Government. The Corporation shall be subject to the provisions of the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act (D.C. Code, section 29-1001 et seq.), to the extent that such provisions are consistent with this subsection, and shall have the powers conferred upon a nonprofit corporation by that Act to carry out its purposes and activities.

(2) Board of directors

(A) In general

The Corporation shall have a board of directors of 11 members with knowledge of international travel promotion or marketing, broadly representing various regions of the United States, who are United States citizens. At least 5 members of the board shall have experience working in United States multinational entities with marketing budgets. At least 2 members of the board shall be audit committee financial experts (as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission in accordance with section 7265 of title 15). All members of the board shall be a current or former chief executive officer, chief financial officer, or chief marketing officer, or have held an equivalent management position. Members of the board

shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce (after consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State), as follows:

(i) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the hotel accommodations sector;

(ii) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the restaurant sector;

(iii) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the small business or retail sector or in associations representing that sector;

(iv) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the travel distribution services sector;

(v) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the attractions or recreations sector;

(vi) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a city convention and visitors’ bureau;

(vii) 2 shall have appropriate expertise and experience as officials of a State tourism office;

(viii) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in the passenger air sector;

(ix) 1 shall have appropriate expertise and experience in immigration law and policy, including visa requirements and United States entry procedures; and

(x) 1 shall have appropriate expertise in the land or sea passenger transportation sector.

(B) Incorporation

The members of the initial board of directors shall serve as incorporators and shall take whatever actions are necessary to establish the Corporation under the District of Columbia Nonprofit Corporation Act (D.C. Code, section 29-301.01 et seq.).

(C) Term of office

The term of office of each member of the board appointed by the Secretary shall be 3 years, except that, of the members first appointed—

(i) 3 shall be appointed for terms of 1 year;

(ii) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 2 years; and

(iii) 4 shall be appointed for terms of 3 years.

(D) Removal for cause

The Secretary of Commerce may remove any member of the board for good cause.

(E) Vacancies

Any vacancy in the board shall not affect its power, but shall be filled in the manner required by this subsection. Any member whose term has expired may serve until the member’s successor has taken office, or until the end of the calendar year in which the member’s term has expired, whichever is earlier. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which that member’s predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of the predecessor’s term. No