

ducers and importers who, during a representative period determined by the Secretary, have been engaged in the production or importation of potatoes. The amendments shall be continued only if the Secretary determines that the amendments to the plan have been approved by a majority of the total number of producers and importers voting in the referendum.

“(e) REFUNDS.—The board shall—

“(1) establish an escrow account to be used for assessment refunds, and place funds in such account in accordance with paragraph (2) during the period beginning on the effective date of the amendments to the plan issued under subsection (c) and ending on the date of the referendum on the amendments to the plan;

“(2) place in the account established under paragraph (1), from assessments collected under the plan during the period referred to in paragraph (1), an amount equal to the product obtained by multiplying the total amount of assessments collected during such period by 10 percent;

“(3) subject to paragraphs (4), (5), and (6), provide that for the period referred to in paragraph (1) any producer or importer shall have the right to demand and receive from the board a one-time refund of assessments collected from such producer or importer during such period if—

“(A) such producer or importer is responsible for paying such assessments;

“(B) such producer or importer does not support the program established under the plan; and

“(C) the amendments to the plan to eliminate provisions for refunds of assessments are not approved pursuant to a referendum conducted under subsection (d);

“(4) require such demand to be made in accordance with regulations, on a form, and within a time period prescribed by the board;

“(5) require such refund to be made on submission of proof satisfactory to the board that such producer or importer paid the assessment for which refund is demanded; and

“(6) if the amount in the escrow account required to be established by paragraph (1) is not sufficient to refund the total amount of assessments demanded by all eligible producers and importers under this subsection, prorate the amount of such refunds among all eligible producers and importers who demand such refund.

“(f) TERMINATION.—If such amendments to the plan are not approved, the Secretary shall terminate the amendments and the plan shall continue in effect without the amendments.

“(g) AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE 50 STATES.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Act, the Secretary shall, upon request of a producer or a producer organization, issue an amendment to the plan to include the 50 States of the United States. Such amendment shall not be subject to a referendum.”

§ 2626. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 91-670, title III, §317, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2047.)

§ 2627. Authorization

There is hereby made available from the funds provided by section 612c of this title such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter: *Provided*, That no such sum shall be used for the payment of any expenses or ex-

penditures of the board in administering any provision of any plan issued under authority of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-670, title III, §318, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2047.)

CHAPTER 59—RURAL FIRE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND SMALL FARM RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

SUBCHAPTER I—RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

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2651 to 2654. Repealed.

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2670. Repealed.

SUBCHAPTER I—RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

§§ 2651 to 2654. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(6), formerly § 13(a)(6), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(6), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525

Section 2651, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §401, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §816(a), as added Pub. L. 93-86, §1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240, related to purpose and findings for provisions relating to rural community fire protection assistance.

Section 2652, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §402, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, §1504, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to terms and conditions, funding requirements, etc., for cooperative agreements with State officials.

Section 2653, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §403, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671, related to reporting requirements for Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2654, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §404, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §816(b), as added Pub. L. 93-86, §1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, §1505, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to authorization of appropriations for assistance.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of Title 16, Conservation.

§ 2655. Rural firefighters and emergency medical service assistance program

(a) Definition of emergency medical services

In this section:

(1) In general

The term “emergency medical services” means resources used by a public or nonprofit

entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of—

- (A) the condition of a patient; or
- (B) a natural disaster or related condition.

(2) Inclusion

The term “emergency medical services” includes services (whether compensated or volunteer) delivered by an emergency medical services provider or other provider recognized by the State involved that is licensed or certified by the State as—

- (A) an emergency medical technician or the equivalent (as determined by the State);
- (B) a registered nurse;
- (C) a physician assistant; or
- (D) a physician that provides services similar to services provided by such an emergency medical services provider.

(b) Grants

The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities—

- (1) to enable the entities to provide for improved emergency medical services in rural areas; and
- (2) to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in firefighting, emergency medical practices, and responding to hazardous materials and bioagents in rural areas.

(c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall—

- (1) be—
 - (A) a State emergency medical services office;
 - (B) a State emergency medical services association;
 - (C) a State office of rural health or an equivalent agency;
 - (D) a local government entity;
 - (E) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 450b of title 25);
 - (F) a State or local ambulance provider; or
 - (G) any other public or nonprofit entity determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, that includes—

- (A) a description of the activities to be carried out under the grant; and
- (B) an assurance that the applicant will comply with the matching requirement of subsection (f).

(d) Use of funds

An entity shall use amounts received under a grant made under subsection (b) only in a rural area—

- (1) to hire or recruit emergency medical service personnel;
- (2) to recruit or retain volunteer emergency medical service personnel;
- (3) to train emergency medical service personnel in emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness, or other topics relevant to the delivery of emergency medical services;

(4) to fund training to meet State or Federal certification requirements;

(5) to provide training for firefighters or emergency medical personnel for improvements to the training facility, equipment, curricula, or personnel;

(6) to develop new ways to educate emergency health care providers through the use of technology-enhanced educational methods (such as distance learning);

(7) to acquire emergency medical services vehicles, including ambulances;

(8) to acquire emergency medical services equipment, including cardiac defibrillators;

(9) to acquire personal protective equipment for emergency medical services personnel as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; or

(10) to educate the public concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, injury prevention, safety awareness, illness prevention, or other related emergency preparedness topics.

(e) Preference

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to—

- (1) applications that reflect a collaborative effort by 2 or more of the entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of subsection (c)(1); and
- (2) applications submitted by entities that intend to use amounts provided under the grant to fund activities described in any of paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (d).

(f) Matching requirement

The Secretary may not make a grant under this section to an entity unless the entity makes available (directly or through contributions from other public or private entities) non-Federal contributions toward the activities to be carried out under the grant in an amount equal to at least 5 percent of the amount received under the grant.

(g) Authorization of appropriations

(1) In general

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section not more than \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

(2) Administrative costs

Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this section.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6405, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 430; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, §1405(a), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 7; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6204, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1208; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6204, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1969.)

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

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6204, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs.

(a) to (c) relating to authority to make grants to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in rural areas, use of funds, and appropriations for fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-171 substituted “2006” for “2007”.

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, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL FARM RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

§ 2661. Statement of purposes and goals

(a) The overall purpose of this subchapter is to foster a balanced purpose of this subchapter is to foster a balanced national development that provides opportunities for increased numbers of the people of the United States to work and enjoy a high quality of life dispersed throughout our Nation by providing the essential knowledge necessary for successful programs of rural development. It is further the purpose of this subchapter to—

(1) provide multistate regional agencies, States, counties, cities, multicounty planning and development districts, businesses, industries, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations or other federally recognized Indian tribal groups and others involved with public services and investments in rural areas or that provide or may provide employment in these areas the best available scientific, technical, economic, organizational, environmental, and management information and knowledge useful to them, and to assist and encourage them in the interpretation and application of this information to practical problems and needs in rural development;

(2) provide research and investigations in all fields that have as their purpose the development of useful knowledge and information to assist those planning, carrying out, managing, or investing in facilities, services, businesses, or other enterprises, public and private, that may contribute to rural development;

(3) increase the capabilities of, and encourage, colleges and universities to perform the vital public service roles of research, and the transfer and practical application of knowledge, in support of rural development;

(4) expand small farm research and extend training and technical assistance to small farm families in assessing their needs and opportunities and in using the best available knowledge on sound economic approaches to small farm operations and on existing services offered by the Department of Agriculture and other public and private agencies and organizations to improve their income and to gain access to essential facilities and services; and

(5) support activities to supplement and extend programs that address special research and education needs in States experiencing rapid social and economic adjustments or unique problems caused by rural isolation and that address national and regional rural development policies, strategies, issues, and programs.

(b) The¹ goals of this subchapter are to—

(1) encourage and support rural United States, in order to help make it a better place to live, work, and enjoy life;

(2) increase income and improve employment for persons in rural areas, including the owners or operators of small farms, small businesses, and rural youth;

(3) improve the quality and availability of essential community services and facilities in rural areas;

(4) improve the quantity and quality of rural housing;

(5) improve the rural management of natural resources so that the growth and development of rural communities needed to support the family farm may be accommodated with minimum effect on the natural environment and the agricultural land base;

(6) improve the data base for rural development decisionmaking at local, State, and national levels; and

(7) improve the problem solving and development capacities and effectiveness of rural governments, officials, institutions, communities, community leaders, and citizen groups in—

(A) improving access to Federal programs;

(B) improving targeting and delivery of technical assistance;

(C) improving coordination among Federal agencies, other levels of government, and institutions and private organizations in rural areas; and

(D) developing and disseminating better information about rural conditions.

(Pub. L. 92-419, title V, §501, as added Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1322.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2661, Pub. L. 92-419, title V, §501, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671, stated Congressional statement of purposes, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-98, title XIV, §1444(a), Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1326.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 22, 1981, see section 1801 of Pub. L. 97-98, set out as a note under section 4301 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-624, title XXIII, §2390(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 4055, provided that: “This section [amending sections 2662 and 2663 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Rural Health and Safety Education Act of 1990’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-219, §1, Dec. 29, 1987, 101 Stat. 1456, provided that: “This Act [amending section 2662 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Rural Crisis Recovery Program Act of 1987’.”

NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Pub. L. 103-318, Aug. 26, 1994, 108 Stat. 1781, as amended by Pub. L. 104-327, §2, Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 4003, established Northern Great Plains Rural Development Commission to study and make recommendations regarding economic needs and economic development of rural Northern Great Plains by seeking and encouraging participation of interested citizens, public officials, groups, agencies, businesses, and other entities in de-

¹ So in original. Should be capitalized.