

[amending this section] takes effect upon the expiration of 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act [Nov. 15, 1995] or upon the issuance of final regulations under subsection (b) [set out below], whichever occurs first.”

#### REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 104-49, §5(b), Nov. 15, 1995, 109 Stat. 435, provided that: “Within 180 days of the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 15, 1995], the Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations establishing insurance levels under section 401(b)(3) of the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act (29 U.S.C. 1841(b)(3)) as amended by subsection (a).” [Final regulations implementing Pub. L. 104-49 were signed May 13, 1996, published May 16, 1996, 61 F.R. 24858, and effective the same day.]

#### § 1842. Confirmation of registration

No person shall utilize the services of any farm labor contractor to supply any migrant or seasonal agricultural worker unless the person first takes reasonable steps to determine that the farm labor contractor possesses a certificate of registration which is valid and which authorizes the activity for which the contractor is utilized. In making that determination, the person may rely upon either possession of a certificate of registration, or confirmation of such registration by the Department of Labor. The Secretary shall maintain a central public registry of all persons issued a certificate of registration.

(Pub. L. 97-470, title IV, §402, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2595.)

#### § 1843. Information on employment conditions

Each farm labor contractor, without regard to any other provisions of this chapter, shall obtain at each place of employment and make available for inspection to every worker he furnishes for employment, a written statement of the conditions of such employment as described in sections 1821(b) and 1831(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 97-470, title IV, §403, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2595.)

#### § 1844. Compliance with written agreements

##### (a) Applicability to contracting activity or worker protection

No farm labor contractor shall violate, without justification, the terms of any written agreements made with an agricultural employer or an agricultural association pertaining to any contracting activity or worker protection under this chapter.

##### (b) Statutory liability

Written agreements under this section do not relieve a person of any responsibility that such person would otherwise have under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 97-470, title IV, §404, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2596.)

### SUBCHAPTER V—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### PART A—ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS

#### § 1851. Criminal sanctions

##### (a) Violations of chapter or regulations

Any person who willfully and knowingly violates this chapter or any regulation under this

chapter shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or sentenced to prison for a term not to exceed one year, or both. Upon conviction for any subsequent violation of this chapter or any regulation under this chapter, the defendant shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to prison for a term not to exceed three years, or both.

##### (b) Violations of section 1324a(a) of title 8

If a farm labor contractor who commits a violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of section 1324a(a) of title 8 has been refused issuance or renewal of, or has failed to obtain, a certificate of registration or is a farm labor contractor whose certificate has been suspended or revoked, the contractor shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$10,000 or sentenced to prison for a term not to exceed three years, or both.

(Pub. L. 97-470, title V, §501, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2596; Pub. L. 99-603, title I, §101(b)(1)(D), Nov. 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 3372.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-603 substituted “paragraph (1) or (2) of section 1324a(a) of title 8” for “section 1816 of this title”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-603 applicable to employment, recruitment, referral, or utilization of services of an individual occurring on or after first day of seventh month beginning after Nov. 6, 1986, see section 101(b)(2) of Pub. L. 99-603, as amended, set out as a note under section 1802 of this title.

#### § 1852. Judicial enforcement

##### (a) Injunctive relief

The Secretary may petition any appropriate district court of the United States for temporary or permanent injunctive relief if the Secretary determines that this chapter, or any regulation under this chapter, has been violated.

##### (b) Control of civil litigation

Except as provided in section 518(a) of title 28, relating to litigation before the Supreme Court, the Solicitor of Labor may appear for and represent the Secretary in any civil litigation brought under this chapter, but all such litigation shall be subject to the direction and control of the Attorney General.

(Pub. L. 97-470, title V, §502, Jan. 14, 1983, 96 Stat. 2596.)

#### § 1853. Administrative sanctions

##### (a) Civil money penalties for violations; criteria for assessment

(1) Subject to paragraph (2), any person who commits a violation of this chapter or any regulation under this chapter, may be assessed a civil money penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation.

(2) In determining the amount of any penalty to be assessed under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into account (A) the previous record of the person in terms of compliance with this chapter and with comparable requirements of the Farm Labor Contractor Registration Act of 1963 [7 U.S.C. 2041 et seq.], and with regulations promulgated under this chapter and such Act, and (B) the gravity of the violation.