

and to award fair compensation in those cases where it is determined that less than fair market value was paid as a result of (1) duress, unfair influence, or other unconscionable actions, or (2) unfair, unjust, and inequitable actions of the United States.

**(b) Acquisitions effected through condemnation proceedings**

Land acquisitions effected through judicial condemnation proceedings in which the issue of compensation was adjudicated in a contested trial in the District Court of Guam, shall remain res judicata and shall not be subject to review hereunder.

**(c) Fair compensation**

Fair compensation for purposes of this Act is defined as such additional amounts as are necessary to effect payment of fair market value at the time of acquisition, if it is determined that, as a result of duress, unfair influence, or other unconscionable actions, fair market value was not paid.

**(d) Employment of special masters or judges**

The District Court of Guam may employ and utilize the services of such special masters or judges as are necessary to carry out the intent and purposes hereof.

**(e) Awards**

Awards made hereunder shall be judgments against the United States.

**(f) Limitation on attorney's fees; violation; penalty**

Attorney's fees paid by claimants to counsel representing them may not exceed 5 per centum of any additional award. Any agreement to the contrary shall be unlawful and void. Whoever, in the United States or elsewhere, demands or receives any remuneration in excess of the maximum permitted by this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than twelve months, or both. A reasonable attorney's fee may be awarded in appropriate cases.

**(g) Availability of documents, records, and writings to court**

All agencies and departments of the United States Government shall, upon request, deliver to the court any documents, records, and writings which are pertinent to any claim under review.

(Pub. L. 95-134, title II, §204, Oct. 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 1162; Pub. L. 96-205, title III, §301(a), Mar. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 87.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is Pub. L. 95-134, Oct. 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 1159, as amended, popularly known as the Omnibus Territories Act of 1977. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Organic Act of Guam which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-205 struck out provisions prohibiting allowance of interest on additional amounts of award.

TREATMENT OF CERTAIN AWARDS BY DISTRICT COURT OF GUAM

Pub. L. 100-647, title VI, §6140, Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3724, provided that: "For purposes of the internal revenue laws of the United States and Guam, gross income shall not include any amount received pursuant to any claim over which the District Court of Guam has jurisdiction by reason of section 204 of Public Law 95-134 [this section] (commonly referred to as the Omnibus Territories Act of 1977). This section shall be effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1985."

COMMENCEMENT OF CIVIL ACTIONS BEFORE APRIL 1, 1982

Pub. L. 96-205, title III, §301(b), Mar. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 87, provided that: "Any civil action under section 204 of the Omnibus Territories Act of 1977 (91 Stat. 1162) [this section] shall be barred unless it is commenced not later than April 1, 1982."

SUBCHAPTER V—PUBLIC HOUSING AND URBAN RENEWAL

§ 1425. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act June 27, 1934, ch. 847, §214, as added Apr. 23, 1949, ch. 89, §2(a), 63 Stat. 57, and amended, related to insurance of mortgages on property in Guam. See section 1715d of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

**§ 1425a. Legislative authority to create authorities; appointment of members; powers of authorities**

The Legislature of Guam may by law grant to a public corporate authority, existing or to be created by or under such law, powers to undertake urban renewal and housing activities in Guam. Such legislature may by law provide for the appointment, terms of office, or removal of the members of such authority and for the powers of such authority, including authority to accept whatever benefits the Federal Government may make available, and to do all things, to exercise any and all powers, and to assume and fulfill any and all obligations, duties, responsibilities, and requirements, including but not limited to those relating to planning or zoning, necessary or desirable for receiving such Federal assistance, except that such authority shall not be given any power of taxation, nor any power to pledge the faith and credit of the territory of Guam for any loan whatever.

(Pub. L. 88-171, §1, Nov. 4, 1963, 77 Stat. 304.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Organic Act of Guam which comprises this chapter.

**§ 1425b. Issuance of notes, bonds, and obligations**

The Legislature of Guam may by law authorize such authority, any provision of the Organic Act of Guam [48 U.S.C. 1421 et seq.], or any other Act of Congress to the contrary notwithstanding, to borrow money and to issue notes, bonds, and other obligations of such character and maturity, with such security, and in such manner as the legislature may provide. Such notes, bonds, and other obligations shall not be a debt of the United States, or of Guam other than such authority, nor constitute a debt, indebtedness, or the borrowing of money within the