

§ 15. Obligation or other security of foreign government defined

The term “obligation or other security of any foreign government” includes, but is not limited to, uncanceled stamps, whether or not demonezitized.

(Added Pub. L. 85-921, §3, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1771.)

§ 16. Crime of violence defined

The term “crime of violence” means—

(a) an offense that has as an element the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force against the person or property of another, or

(b) any other offense that is a felony and that, by its nature, involves a substantial risk that physical force against the person or property of another may be used in the course of committing the offense.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1001(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2136.)

§ 17. Insanity defense

(a) AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE.—It is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under any Federal statute that, at the time of the commission of the acts constituting the offense, the defendant, as a result of a severe mental disease or defect, was unable to appreciate the nature and quality or the wrongfulness of his acts. Mental disease or defect does not otherwise constitute a defense.

(b) BURDEN OF PROOF.—The defendant has the burden of proving the defense of insanity by clear and convincing evidence.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §402(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2057, §20; renumbered §17, Pub. L. 99-646, §34(a), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3599.)

§ 18. Organization defined

As used in this title, the term “organization” means a person other than an individual.

(Added Pub. L. 99-646, §38(a), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3599; amended Pub. L. 100-185, §4(c), Dec. 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 1279; Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7012, Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4395.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-690 made technical correction of directory language of Pub. L. 99-646, §38(a), similar to that made by Pub. L. 100-185.

1987—Pub. L. 100-185 made technical correction in directory language of Pub. L. 99-646, §38(a).

§ 19. Petty offense defined

As used in this title, the term “petty offense” means a Class B misdemeanor, a Class C misdemeanor, or an infraction, for which the maximum fine is no greater than the amount set forth for such an offense in section 3571(b)(6) or (7) in the case of an individual or section 3571(c)(6) or (7) in the case of an organization.

(Added Pub. L. 100-185, §4(a), Dec. 11, 1987, 101 Stat. 1279; amended Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7089(a), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4409.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-690 inserted “, for which the maximum fine is no greater than the amount set forth for

such an offense in section 3571(b)(6) or (7) in the case of an individual or section 3571(c)(6) or (7) in the case of an organization” after “infraction”.

§ 20. Financial institution defined

As used in this title, the term “financial institution” means—

(1) an insured depository institution (as defined in section 3(c)(2) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act);

(2) a credit union with accounts insured by the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund;

(3) a Federal home loan bank or a member, as defined in section 2 of the Federal Home Loan Bank Act (12 U.S.C. 1422), of the Federal home loan bank system;

(4) a System institution of the Farm Credit System, as defined in section 5.35(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971;

(5) a small business investment company, as defined in section 103 of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 662);

(6) a depository institution holding company (as defined in section 3(w)(1) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act);

(7) a Federal Reserve bank or a member bank of the Federal Reserve System;

(8) an organization operating under section 25 or section 25(a)¹ of the Federal Reserve Act;

(9) a branch or agency of a foreign bank (as such terms are defined in paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978); or

(10) a mortgage lending business (as defined in section 27 of this title) or any person or entity that makes in whole or in part a federally related mortgage loan as defined in section 3 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1107(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2145, §215(b); amended Pub. L. 99-370, §2, Aug. 4, 1986, 100 Stat. 779; renumbered §20 and amended Pub. L. 101-73, title IX, §962(e)(1), (2), Aug. 9, 1989, 103 Stat. 503; Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, §2597(a), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4908; Pub. L. 111-21, §2(a), May 20, 2009, 123 Stat. 1617.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, referred to in pars. (1) and (6), is classified to section 1813 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

Section 5.35(3) of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, referred to in par. (4), is classified to section 2271(3) of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

Section 25 of the Federal Reserve Act, referred to in par. (8), is classified to subchapter I (§601 et seq.) of chapter 6 of Title 12, Banks and Banking. Section 25(a) of the Federal Reserve Act, which is classified to subchapter II (§611 et seq.) of chapter 6 of Title 12, was renumbered section 25A of that act by Pub. L. 102-242, title I, §142(e)(2), Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2281.

Section 1(b) of the International Banking Act of 1978, referred to in par. (9), is classified to section 3101 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

Section 3 of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974, referred to in par. (10), is classified to section 2602 of Title 12, Banks and Banking.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 20 was renumbered section 17 of this title.

¹ See References in Text note below.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Par. (10). Pub. L. 111-21 added par. (10).

1990—Pars. (7) to (9). Pub. L. 101-647 added pars. (7) to (9).

1989—Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(1), (2)(A)–(C), redesignated subsec. (b) of section 215 of this title as this section, inserted section catchline, struck out subsec. (b) designation before “As used”, and substituted “used in this title” for “used in this section”.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(D), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows: “a bank with deposits insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation;”.

Par. (2). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(E), (H), redesignated par. (3) as (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “an institution with accounts insured by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation;”.

Par. (3). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(H), redesignated par. (4) as (3). Former par. (3) redesignated (2).

Par. (4). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(F), (H), redesignated par. (5) as (4) and amended it generally. Prior to amendment, par. (4) read as follows: “a Federal land bank, Federal intermediate credit bank, bank for cooperatives, production credit association, and Federal land bank association;”. Former par. (4) redesignated (3).

Par. (5). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(H), redesignated par. (6) as (5). Former par. (5) redesignated (4).

Pars. (6), (7). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(G), (H), redesignated par. (7) as (6) and amended it generally. Prior to amendment, par. (6) read as follows: “a bank holding company as defined in section 2 of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841); or”. Former par. (6) redesignated (5).

Par. (8). Pub. L. 101-73, § 962(e)(2)(E), struck out par. (8) which read as follows: “a savings and loan holding company as defined in section 408 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. 1730a).”

1986—Pub. L. 99-370 amended subsec. (b) [formerly § 215(b)] generally expanding provisions formerly contained in subsec. (c) [former § 215(c)] defining “financial institution”.

§ 21. Stolen or counterfeit nature of property for certain crimes defined

(a) Wherever in this title it is an element of an offense that—

(1) any property was embezzled, robbed, stolen, converted, taken, altered, counterfeited, falsely made, forged, or obliterated; and

(2) the defendant knew that the property was of such character;

such element may be established by proof that the defendant, after or as a result of an official representation as to the nature of the property, believed the property to be embezzled, robbed, stolen, converted, taken, altered, counterfeited, falsely made, forged, or obliterated.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “official representation” means any representation made by a Federal law enforcement officer (as defined in section 115) or by another person at the direction or with the approval of such an officer.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXII, § 320910(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2127.)

§ 23.¹ Court of the United States defined

As used in this title, except where otherwise expressly provided² the term “court of the United States” includes the District Court of Guam, the District Court for the Northern Mari-

ana Islands, and the District Court of the Virgin Islands.

(Added Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXII, § 320914(a), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2128.)

§ 24. Definitions relating to Federal health care offense

(a) As used in this title, the term “Federal health care offense” means a violation of, or a criminal conspiracy to violate—

(1) section 669, 1035, 1347, or 1518 of this title or section 1128B of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b); or

(2) section 287, 371, 664, 666, 1001, 1027, 1341, 1343, 1349, or 1954 of this title section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 331), or section 501 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1131), or section 411, 518, or 511 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,¹ if the violation or conspiracy relates to a health care benefit program.

(b) As used in this title, the term “health care benefit program” means any public or private plan or contract, affecting commerce, under which any medical benefit, item, or service is provided to any individual, and includes any individual or entity who is providing a medical benefit, item, or service for which payment may be made under the plan or contract.

(Added Pub. L. 104-191, title II, § 241(a), Aug. 21, 1996, 110 Stat. 2016; amended Pub. L. 111-148, title VI, § 6602, title X, § 10606(c), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 780, 1008.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 411, 518, and 511 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), are classified to sections 1111, 1148, and 1141, respectively, of Title 29, Labor.

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-148, § 10606(c)(1), substituted “or section 1128B of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b); or” for semicolon.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-148, § 10606(c)(2)(B), which directed insertion of “section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 331), or section 501 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1131),” after “title,” was executed by making the insertion after “title” to reflect the probable intent of Congress because “title,” did not appear subsequent to amendment by Pub. L. 111-148, § 6602. See below.

Pub. L. 111-148, § 10606(c)(2)(A), inserted “1349,” after “1343.”

Pub. L. 111-148, § 6602, inserted “or section 411, 518, or 511 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974,” after “1954 of this title”.

§ 25. Use of minors in crimes of violence

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) CRIME OF VIOLENCE.—The term “crime of violence” has the meaning set forth in section 16.

(2) MINOR.—The term “minor” means a person who has not reached 18 years of age.

(3) USES.—The term “uses” means employs, hires, persuades, induces, entices, or coerces.

¹ So in original. No section 22 has been enacted.

² So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.

¹ So in original. The second comma probably should follow “1954 of this title”.