

**CHAPTERS 2601 THROUGH 2699—RESERVED**

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113–237, §3(b)(21), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2839, substituted “CHAPTERS 2601 THROUGH 2699—RESERVED” for “CHAPTER 2701—[RESERVED]”.

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AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113–237, §3(b)(21), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2839, added placeholder for chapters 2701 to 2799.

**Subtitle III—Treaty Obligation Organizations**

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113–237, §3(a)(2)(C), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2836, struck out item for chapter 3001 “The American National Red Cross”.

**CHAPTER 3001—THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**

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AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 110–26, §11(b), May 11, 2007, 121 Stat. 110, added items 300111 to 300113 and struck out former item 300111 “Reservation of right to amend or repeal”.

**§ 300101. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American National Red Cross (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States and a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(b) NAME.—The name of the corporation is “The American National Red Cross”. The corporation may conduct its business and affairs, and otherwise hold itself out, as the “American Red Cross” in any jurisdiction.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1490; Pub. L. 110–26, §3, May 11, 2007, 121 Stat. 105.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
300101 .....	36:1.	Jan. 5, 1905, ch. 23, §1, 33 Stat. 599.
	36:1a.	May 8, 1947, ch. 50, §8, 61 Stat. 83.
	36:2 (1st sentence words before 2d comma).	Jan. 5, 1905, ch. 23, §2 (1st sentence words before 2d comma), 33 Stat. 600; May 8, 1947, ch. 50, §3, 61 Stat. 81.

This section is substituted for the source provisions to eliminate unnecessary and obsolete language.

AMENDMENTS

2007—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110–26, §3(1), inserted “a Federally chartered instrumentality of the United States and” before “a body corporate and politic”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110–26, §3(2), inserted at end “The corporation may conduct its business and affairs, and otherwise hold itself out, as the ‘American Red Cross’ in any jurisdiction.”

FINDINGS; SENSE OF CONGRESS

Pub. L. 110–26, §2, May 11, 2007, 121 Stat. 103, provided that:

“(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) Substantive changes to the Congressional Charter of The American National Red Cross have not been made since 1947.

“(2) In February 2006, the board of governors of The American National Red Cross (the ‘Board of Governors’) commissioned an independent review and analysis of the Board of Governors’ role, composition, size, relationship with management, governance relationship with chartered units of The American National Red Cross, and whistle blower and audit functions.

“(3) In an October 2006 report of the Board of Governors, entitled ‘American Red Cross Governance for the 21st Century’ (the ‘Governance Report’), the Board of Governors recommended changes to the Congressional Charter, bylaws, and other governing documents of The American National Red Cross to modernize and enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Governors and governance structure of The American National Red Cross.

“(4) It is in the national interest to create a more efficient governance structure of The American National Red Cross and to enhance the Board of Governors’ ability to support the critical mission of The American National Red Cross in the 21st century.

“(5) It is in the national interest to clarify the role of the Board of Governors as a governance and strategic oversight board and for The American National Red Cross to amend its bylaws, consistent with the recommendations described in the Governance Report, to clarify the role of the Board of Governors and to outline the areas of its responsibility, including—

“(A) reviewing and approving the mission statement for The American National Red Cross;

“(B) approving and overseeing the corporation’s strategic plan and maintaining strategic oversight of operational matters;

“(C) selecting, evaluating, and determining the level of compensation of the corporation’s chief executive officer;

“(D) evaluating the performance and establishing the compensation of the senior leadership team and providing for management succession;

“(E) overseeing the financial reporting and audit process, internal controls, and legal compliance;

“(F) holding management accountable for performance;

“(G) providing oversight of the financial stability of the corporation;

“(H) ensuring the inclusiveness and diversity of the corporation;

“(I) ensuring the chapters of the corporation are geographically and regionally diverse;

“(J) providing oversight of the protection of the brand of the corporation; and

“(K) assisting with fundraising on behalf of the corporation.

“(6)(A) The selection of members of the Board of Governors is a critical component of effective governance for The American National Red Cross, and, as such, it is in the national interest that The American