

## SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-550, title XII, §1201, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3938, provided that: “This title [enacting this section and sections 12705b to 12705d of this title, amending sections 5306 and 12705 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as a note below] may be cited as the ‘Removal of Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing Act of 1992.’”

## REPORT BY SECRETARY

Pub. L. 102-550, title XII, §1207, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, provided that not later than 2 years after Oct. 28, 1992, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development submit a report to Congress describing any successful State and local strategies for removal of barriers to affordable housing, assessing impact of identified regulatory barriers on housing patterns of minorities, and describing any strategies developed or implemented by Department of Housing and Urban Development for reducing barriers to affordable housing imposed by Federal Government, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-362, title VII, §701(b), Nov. 10, 1998, 112 Stat. 3287.

**§ 12705b. Definition of regulatory barriers to affordable housing**

For purposes of sections 12705a to 12705d of this title, the terms “regulatory barriers to affordable housing” and “regulatory barriers” mean any public policies (including policies embodied in statutes, ordinances, regulations, or administrative procedures or processes) required to be identified by a jurisdiction in connection with its comprehensive housing affordability strategy under section 12705(b)(4) of this title. Such terms do not include policies relating to rents imposed on a structure by a jurisdiction or policies that have served to create or preserve, or can be shown to create or preserve, housing for low- and very low-income families, including displacement protections, demolition controls, replacement housing requirements, relocation benefits, housing trust funds, dedicated funding sources, waiver of local property taxes and builder fees, inclusionary zoning, rental zoning overlays, long-term use restrictions, and rights of first refusal.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XII, §1203, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3938.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 12705a to 12705d of this title, referred to in text, were in the original “this title”, meaning title XII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3938, known as the Removal of Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing Act of 1992, which enacted sections 12705a to 12705d of this title, amended sections 5306 and 12705 of this title, and enacted provisions set out as notes under section 12705a of this title.

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Removal of Regulatory Barriers to Affordable Housing Act of 1992, and also as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and not as part of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act which comprises this chapter.

**§ 12705c. Grants for regulatory barrier removal strategies and implementation****(a) Funding**

There is authorized to be appropriated for grants under subsections (b) and (c)<sup>1</sup> such sums

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005.

**(b) Grant authority**

The Secretary may make grants to States and units of general local government (including consortia of such governments) for the costs of developing and implementing strategies to remove regulatory barriers to affordable housing, including the costs of—

(1) identifying, assessing, and monitoring State and local regulatory barriers;

(2) identifying State and local policies (including laws and regulations) that permit or encourage regulatory barriers;

(3) developing legislation to provide State, local, or regional programs to reduce regulatory barriers and developing a strategy for adoption of such legislation;

(4) developing model State or local standards and ordinances to reduce regulatory barriers and assisting in the adoption and use of the standards and ordinances;

(5) carrying out the simplification and consolidation of administrative procedures and processes constituting regulatory barriers to affordable housing, including the issuance of permits; and

(6) providing technical assistance and information to units of general local government for implementation of legislative and administrative reform programs to remove regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

**(c) Repealed. Pub. L. 106-569, title I, § 102(c), Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2947****(d) Definitions**

For purposes of this section, the terms “regulatory barriers to affordable housing” and “regulatory barriers” have the meaning given such terms in section 12705b of this title.

**(e) Application and selection**

The Secretary shall provide for the form and manner of applications for grants under this section, which shall describe how grant amounts will assist the State or unit of general local government in developing and implementing strategies to remove regulatory barriers to affordable housing. The Secretary shall establish criteria for approval of applications under this subsection and such criteria shall require that grant amounts be used in a manner consistent with the strategy contained in the comprehensive housing affordability strategy for the jurisdiction pursuant to section 12705(b)(4) of this title.

**(f) Selection of grantees**

To the extent amounts are made available to carry out this section, the Secretary shall provide grants on a competitive basis to eligible grantees based on the proposed uses of such amounts, as provided in applications under subsection (e).

**(g) Coordination with clearinghouse**

Each State and unit of general local government receiving a grant under this section, shall consult, coordinate, and exchange information with the clearinghouse established under section 12705d of this title.

**(h) Reports to Secretary**

Each State and unit of general local government receiving a grant under this section shall submit a report to the Secretary, not less than 12 months after receiving the grant, describing any activities carried out with the grant amounts. The report shall contain an assessment of the impact of any regulatory barriers identified by the grantee on the housing patterns of minorities.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XII, §1204, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3938; Pub. L. 106-569, title I, §102(a)-(e), Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2946, 2947.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsection (c) of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 106-569, title I, §102(c), Dec. 27, 2000, 114 Stat. 2947.

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Section is comprised of section 1204 of Pub. L. 102-550. Subsection (i) of section 1204 of Pub. L. 102-550 amended section 5306 of this title.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(a), amended heading and text of subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The amounts set aside under section 5307 of this title for the purpose of this subsection shall be available for grants under subsection (b) and (c) of this section.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(b)(1), (2), substituted “Grant authority” for “State grants” in heading and inserted “and units of general local government (including consortia of such governments)” after “States” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(b)(3), substituted “State, local, or regional programs to reduce” for “a State program to reduce State and local”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(b)(4), inserted “or local” after “State”.

Subsec. (b)(5). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(b)(5), struck out “State” before “administrative procedures”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(c), struck out heading and text of subsec. (c) which related to local grants.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(d), substituted “and such criteria shall require that grant amounts be used in a manner consistent with the strategy contained in the comprehensive housing affordability strategy for the jurisdiction pursuant to section 12705(b)(4) of this title” for “and for the selection of units of general local government to receive grants under subsection (f)(2) of this section” before period at end.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-569, §102(e), amended heading and text of subsec. (f) generally, substituting provisions relating to selection of grantees for provisions relating to allocation of amounts.

**§ 12705d. Regulatory barriers clearinghouse****(a) Establishment**

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development shall establish a clearinghouse to serve as a national repository to receive, collect, process, assemble, and disseminate information regarding—

- (1) State and local laws, regulations, and policies affecting the development, maintenance, improvement, availability, or cost of

affordable housing (including tax policies affecting land and other property, land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limits, and policies that affect the return on investment in residential property), and the prevalence and effects on affordable housing of such laws, regulations, and policies;

- (2) State and local activities, strategies, and plans to remove or ameliorate the negative effects, if any, of such laws, regulations, and policies, including particularly innovative or successful activities, strategies, and plans; and

- (3) State and local strategies, activities and plans that promote affordable housing and housing desegregation, including particularly innovative or successful strategies, activities, and plans.

**(b) Functions**

The clearinghouse established under subsection (a) shall—

- (1) respond to inquiries from State and local governments, other organizations, and individuals requesting information regarding State and local laws, regulations, policies, activities, strategies, and plans described in subsection (a);

- (2) provide assistance in identifying, examining, and understanding such laws, regulations, policies, activities, strategies, and plans; and

- (3) by making available through a World Wide Web site of the Department, by electronic mail, or otherwise, provide to each housing agency of a unit of general local government that serves an area having a population greater than 100,000, an index of all State and local strategies and plans submitted under subsection (a) to the clearinghouse, which—

- (A) shall describe the types of barriers to affordable housing that the strategy or plan was designed to ameliorate or remove; and

- (B) shall, not later than 30 days after submission to the clearinghouse of any new strategy or plan, be updated to include the new strategy or plan submitted.

**(c) Organization**

The clearinghouse under this section shall be established within the Office of Policy Development of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and shall be under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

**(d) Timing**

The clearinghouse under this section (as amended by section 103 of the Housing Affordability Barrier Removal Act of 2000) shall be established and commence carrying out the functions of the clearinghouse under this section not later than 1 year after December 27, 2000. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development may comply with the requirements under this section by reestablishing the clearinghouse that was originally established to comply with this section and updating and improving such clearinghouse to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of this section as in effect pursuant to the enactment of such Act.