

**§ 2306. Separability**

If any provision of this chapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 90-288, § 7, Apr. 16, 1968, 82 Stat. 95.)

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**SUBCHAPTER I—PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE****PART A—ORGANIZATION AND PUBLICATIONS****§ 2321. Establishment**

There is hereby established in the Department of Agriculture an office to be known as the Plant Variety Protection Office, which shall have the functions set forth in this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-577, title I, §1, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1542; Pub. L. 96-574, §1, Dec. 22, 1980, 94 Stat. 3350.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1980—Pub. L. 96-574 substituted “an office” for “a bureau”.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Pub. L. 91-577, title III, §141, Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1558, provided that: “This Act [this chapter] shall take effect upon enactment [Dec. 24, 1970]. Applications may be filed with the Secretary and held by him until the