

section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-394 effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Permanent reenactment of section effective July 1, 2005, see section 1001(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a Repeal, Reenactment, and Termination of Chapter note under section 1201 of this title. For effective dates of section and amendments extending periods for which section was reenacted prior to permanent reenactment, see Effective Date and Effective Date of 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 Amendment notes set out under section 1201 of this title.

§ 1227. Effect of confirmation

(a) Except as provided in section 1228(a) of this title, the provisions of a confirmed plan bind the debtor, each creditor, each equity security holder, and each general partner in the debtor, whether or not the claim of such creditor, such equity security holder, or such general partner in the debtor is provided for by the plan, and whether or not such creditor, such equity security holder, or such general partner in the debtor has objected to, has accepted, or has rejected the plan.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the plan or the order confirming the plan, the confirmation of a plan vests all of the property of the estate in the debtor.

(c) Except as provided in section 1228(a) of this title and except as otherwise provided in the plan or in the order confirming the plan, the property vesting in the debtor under subsection (b) of this section is free and clear of any claim or interest of any creditor provided for by the plan.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 99-554, title II, § 255, title III, § 302(f), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3112, 3124; Pub. L. 103-65, § 1, Aug. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, § 149(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-610; Pub. L. 106-5, § 1(1), (2), Mar. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 9; Pub. L. 106-70, § 1, Oct. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 107-8, § 1, May 11, 2001, 115 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 107-17, § 1, June 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 151; Pub. L. 107-170, § 1, May 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10814(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 107-377, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3115; Pub. L. 108-73, § 2(a), Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 108-369, § 2(a), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1749; Pub. L. 109-8, title X, § 1001(a)(1), (c), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 185, 186.)

CODIFICATION

For repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 1998, and subsequent reenactment of section, see note set out preceding section 1201 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Permanent reenactment of section effective July 1, 2005, see section 1001(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a Repeal, Reenactment, and Termination of Chapter note under section 1201 of this title. For effective dates of section and amendments extending periods for which section was reenacted prior to permanent reenactment, see Effective Date and Effective Date of 1999, 2001, 2002,

2003, and 2004 Amendment notes set out under section 1201 of this title.

§ 1228. Discharge

(a) Subject to subsection (d), as soon as practicable after completion by the debtor of all payments under the plan, and in the case of a debtor who is required by a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, to pay a domestic support obligation, after such debtor certifies that all amounts payable under such order or such statute that are due on or before the date of the certification (including amounts due before the petition was filed, but only to the extent provided for by the plan) have been paid, other than payments to holders of allowed claims provided for under section 1222(b)(5) or 1222(b)(9) of this title, unless the court approves a written waiver of discharge executed by the debtor after the order for relief under this chapter, the court shall grant the debtor a discharge of all debts provided for by the plan, allowed under section 503 of this title, or disallowed under section 502 of this title, except any debt—

(1) provided for under section 1222(b)(5) or 1222(b)(9) of this title; or

(2) of a kind specified in section 523(a) of this title, except as provided in section 1232(c).

(b) Subject to subsection (d), at any time after the confirmation of the plan and after notice and a hearing, the court may grant a discharge to a debtor that has not completed payments under the plan only if—

(1) the debtor's failure to complete such payments is due to circumstances for which the debtor should not justly be held accountable;

(2) the value, as of the effective date of the plan, of property actually distributed under the plan on account of each allowed unsecured claim is not less than the amount that would have been paid on such claim if the estate of the debtor had been liquidated under chapter 7 of this title on such date; and

(3) modification of the plan under section 1229 of this title is not practicable.

(c) A discharge granted under subsection (b) of this section discharges the debtor from all unsecured debts provided for by the plan or disallowed under section 502 of this title, except any debt—

(1) provided for under section 1222(b)(5) or 1222(b)(9) of this title; or

(2) of a kind specified in section 523(a) of this title, except as provided in section 1232(c).

(d) On request of a party in interest before one year after a discharge under this section is granted, and after notice and a hearing, the court may revoke such discharge only if—

(1) such discharge was obtained by the debtor through fraud; and

(2) the requesting party did not know of such fraud until after such discharge was granted.

(e) After the debtor is granted a discharge, the court shall terminate the services of any trustee serving in the case.

(f) The court may not grant a discharge under this chapter unless the court after notice and a hearing held not more than 10 days before the date of the entry of the order granting the dis-

charge finds that there is no reasonable cause to believe that—

(1) section 522(q)(1) may be applicable to the debtor; and

(2) there is pending any proceeding in which the debtor may be found guilty of a felony of the kind described in section 522(q)(1)(A) or liable for a debt of the kind described in section 522(q)(1)(B).

(Added and amended Pub. L. 99-554, title II, § 255, title III, § 302(f), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3112, 3124; Pub. L. 103-65, § 1, Aug. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, § 149(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-610; Pub. L. 106-5, § 1(1), (2), Mar. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 9; Pub. L. 106-70, § 1, Oct. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 106-518, title II, § 208, Nov. 13, 2000, 114 Stat. 2415; Pub. L. 107-8, § 1, May 11, 2001, 115 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 107-17, § 1, June 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 151; Pub. L. 107-170, § 1, May 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10814(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 107-377, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3115; Pub. L. 108-73, § 2(a), Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 108-369, § 2(a), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1749; Pub. L. 109-8, title II, § 213(6), title III, § 330(c), title X, § 1001(a)(1), (c), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 53, 101, 185, 186; Pub. L. 115-72, div. B, § 1005(b)(1)(B), Oct. 26, 2017, 131 Stat. 1233.)

CODIFICATION

For repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 1998, and subsequent reenactment of section, see note set out preceding section 1201 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-72, § 1005(b)(1)(B)(i)(I), in introductory provisions, inserted a comma after “all debts provided for by the plan” and after “allowed under section 503 of this title”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-72, § 1005(b)(1)(B)(i)(II), substituted “a kind specified in section 523(a) of this title, except as provided in section 1232(c).” for “the kind specified in section 523(a) of this title.”

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 115-72, § 1005(b)(1)(B)(ii), inserted “, except as provided in section 1232(c)” before period at end.

2005—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-8, § 330(c)(1), substituted “Subject to subsection (d), as” for “As” in introductory provisions.

Pub. L. 109-8, § 213(6), inserted “, and in the case of a debtor who is required by a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, to pay a domestic support obligation, after such debtor certifies that all amounts payable under such order or such statute that are due on or before the date of the certification (including amounts due before the petition was filed, but only to the extent provided for by the plan) have been paid” after “completion by the debtor of all payments under the plan” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-8, § 330(c)(2), substituted “Subject to subsection (d), at” for “At” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109-8, § 330(c)(3), added subsec. (f).

2000—Subsecs. (a), (c)(1). Pub. L. 106-518 substituted “1222(b)(9)” for “1222(b)(10)” wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-72 applicable to bankruptcy cases pending on Oct. 26, 2017, in which the plan under this chapter has not been confirmed on Oct. 26, 2017, and relating to which an order of discharge under this section has not been entered, and to bankruptcy cases that commence on or after Oct. 26, 2017, see section 1005(c) of Pub. L. 115-72, set out as a note under section 1222 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Amendments by sections 213(6) and 330(c) of Pub. L. 109-8 effective 180 days after Apr. 20, 2005, with amendment by section 213(6) of Pub. L. 109-8 not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before such effective date, except as otherwise provided, and amendment by section 330(c) of Pub. L. 109-8 applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title on or after Apr. 20, 2005, see section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATES

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§ 1229. Modification of plan after confirmation

(a) At any time after confirmation of the plan but before the completion of payments under such plan, the plan may be modified, on request of the debtor, the trustee, or the holder of an allowed unsecured claim, to—

(1) increase or reduce the amount of payments on claims of a particular class provided for by the plan;

(2) extend or reduce the time for such payments;

(3) alter the amount of the distribution to a creditor whose claim is provided for by the plan to the extent necessary to take account of any payment of such claim other than under the plan; or

(4) provide for the payment of a claim described in section 1232(a) that arose after the date on which the petition was filed.

(b)(1) Sections 1222(a), 1222(b), and 1223(c) of this title and the requirements of section 1225(a) of this title apply to any modification under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) The plan as modified becomes the plan unless, after notice and a hearing, such modification is disapproved.

(c) A plan modified under this section may not provide for payments over a period that expires after three years after the time that the first payment under the original confirmed plan was due, unless the court, for cause, approves a longer period, but the court may not approve a period that expires after five years after such time.

(d) A plan may not be modified under this section—

(1) to increase the amount of any payment due before the plan as modified becomes the plan;

(2) by anyone except the debtor, based on an increase in the debtor’s disposable income, to increase the amount of payments to unsecured creditors required for a particular month so that the aggregate of such payments exceeds the debtor’s disposable income for such month; or

(3) in the last year of the plan by anyone except the debtor, to require payments that would leave the debtor with insufficient funds to carry on the farming operation after the plan is completed.