

(2) Revocation**(A) In general**

The Secretary of State may revoke a passport previously issued to any individual described in paragraph (1)(A).

(B) Limitation for return to United States

If the Secretary of State decides to revoke a passport under subparagraph (A), the Secretary of State, before revocation, may—

- (i) limit a previously issued passport only for return travel to the United States; or
- (ii) issue a limited passport that only permits return travel to the United States.

(g) Removal of certification from record when debt ceases to be seriously delinquent

If pursuant to subsection (c) or (e) of section 7345 of title 26 the Secretary of State receives from the Secretary of the Treasury a notice that an individual ceases to have a seriously delinquent tax debt, the Secretary of State shall remove from the individual's record the certification with respect to such debt.

(h) Omitted**(i) Effective date**

The provisions of, and amendments made by, this section shall take effect on December 4, 2015.

(Pub. L. 114-94, div. C, title XXXII, § 32101, Dec. 4, 2015, 129 Stat. 1729.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

For the amendments made by this section, referred to in subsec. (i), see Codification note below.

CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 32101 of Pub. L. 114-94. Subsections (a) to (d) and (h) of section 32101 of Pub. L. 114-94 made the following amendments: subsection (a) enacted section 7345 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code; subsection (b) amended sections 6320 and 6331 of Title 26; subsection (c) amended section 6103 of Title 26; subsection (d) amended section 7508 of Title 26; and subsection (h) amended the analysis for subchapter D of chapter 75 of Title 26.

§ 2715. Procedures regarding major disasters and incidents abroad affecting United States citizens**(a) Authority**

In the case of a major disaster or incident abroad which affects the health and safety of citizens of the United States residing or traveling abroad, the Secretary of State shall provide prompt and thorough notification of all appropriate information concerning such disaster or incident and its effect on United States citizens to the next-of-kin of such individuals. Notification shall be provided through the most expeditious means available, including telephone communications, and shall include timely written notice. The Secretary, through the appropriate offices of the Department of State, shall act as a clearinghouse for up-to-date information for the next-of-kin and shall provide other services and assistance. Assistance shall include liaison with foreign governments and persons and with United States air carriers concerning arrange-

ments for the preparation and transport to the United States of the remains of citizens who die abroad, as well as disposition of personal estates pursuant to section 2715c of this title.

(b) Definitions

For purposes of this section and sections 2715b and 2715c of this title, the term “consular officer” includes any United States citizen employee of the Department of State who is designated by the Secretary of State to perform consular services pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 43, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 115(c)(2), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 23; amended Pub. L. 106-113, div. B, § 1000(a)(7) [div. A, title II, § 235], Nov. 29, 1999, 113 Stat. 1536, 1501A-429.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 43 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 44 by section 115(c)(1) of Pub. L. 101-246, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-113 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted subsec. heading, substituted “disposition of personal estates pursuant to section 2715c of this title” for “disposition of personal effects”, and added subsec. (b).

DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARDIZED PROCEDURES

Pub. L. 101-246, title I, § 115(d), Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 23, provided that:

“(1) The Secretary of State shall enter into discussions with international air carriers and other appropriate entities to develop standardized procedures which will assist the Secretary in implementing the provisions of section 43 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, as amended by subsection (c) [22 U.S.C. 2715].

“(2) The Secretary of State shall consider the feasibility of establishing a toll-free telephone number to facilitate inquiries by the next-of-kin in cases of major disasters or incidents abroad which affect the health and safety of citizens of the United States residing or traveling abroad.”

§ 2715a. Provision of information on certain violent crimes abroad to victims and victims' families**(a) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) it is in the national interests of the United States to provide information regarding the killing, abduction, torture, or other serious mistreatment of United States citizens abroad to the victims of such crimes, or the families of victims of such crimes if they are United States citizens; and

(2) the provision of such information is sufficiently important that the discharge of the responsibility for identifying and disseminating such information should be vested in a cabinet-level officer of the United States Government.

(b) Responsibility

The Secretary of State shall take appropriate actions to ensure that the United States Government takes all appropriate actions to—