

(Pub. L. 114-187, title III, §316, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 584.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c)(3), was so in the original, but probably should have been a reference to “this title”, meaning title III of Pub. L. 114-187, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 577, which is classified generally to this subchapter. Pub. L. 114-187 does not contain chapters.

**§ 2177. Interim compensation**

A debtor’s attorney, or any professional person employed by the debtor (in the debtor’s sole discretion), the Oversight Board (in the Oversight Board’s sole discretion), a committee under section 1103 of title 11, or a trustee appointed by the court under section 926 of title 11, may apply to the court not more than once every 120 days after an order for relief in a case under this subchapter, or more often if the court permits, for such compensation for services rendered before the date of such an application or reimbursement for expenses incurred before such date as is provided under section 2176 of this title.

(Pub. L. 114-187, title III, §317, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 585.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

**§ 2191. Rules of construction**

Nothing in this chapter is intended, or may be construed—

(1) to limit the authority of Congress to exercise legislative authority over the territories pursuant to Article IV, section 3 of the Constitution of the United States;

(2) to authorize the application of section 2124(f) of this title (relating to issuance of subpoenas) to judicial officers or employees of territory courts;

(3) to alter, amend, or abrogate any provision of the Covenant To Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union With the United States of America (48 U.S.C. 1801 et seq.); or

(4) to alter, amend, or abrogate the treaties of cession regarding certain islands of American Samoa (48 U.S.C. 1661).

(Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §401, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 585.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 114-187, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 549, known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act and also as PROMESA, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2101 of this title and Tables.

The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America, referred to in par. (3), is contained in section 1 of Pub. L. 94-241, set out as a note under section 1801 of this title.

**§ 2192. Right of Puerto Rico to determine its future political status**

Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted to restrict Puerto Rico’s right to determine its fu-

ture political status, including by conducting the plebiscite as authorized by Public Law 113-76.

(Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §402, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 586.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 114-187, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 549, known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act and also as PROMESA, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2101 of this title and Tables.

Public Law 113-76, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 113-76, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 5, known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014. Provisions relating to appropriations for a plebiscite on Puerto Rico’s future political status appear at 128 Stat. 61. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 2193. Application of regulation to Puerto Rico**

**(a) Special rule**

The regulations proposed by the Secretary of Labor relating to exemptions regarding the rates of pay for executive, administrative, professional, outside sales, and computer employees, and published in a notice in the Federal Register on July 6, 2015, and any final regulations issued related to such notice, shall have no force or effect in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico until—

(1) the Comptroller General of the United States completes the assessment and transmits the report required under subsection (b); and

(2) the Secretary of Labor, taking into account the assessment and report of the Comptroller General, provides a written determination to Congress that applying such rule to Puerto Rico would not have a negative impact on the economy of Puerto Rico.

**(b) Assessment and report**

Not later than two years after June 30, 2016, the Comptroller General shall examine the economic conditions in Puerto Rico and shall transmit a report to Congress assessing the impact of applying the regulations described in subsection (a) to Puerto Rico, taking into consideration regional, metropolitan, and non-metropolitan salary and cost-of-living differences.

**(c) Sense of Congress**

It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) the Bureau of the Census should conduct a study to determine the feasibility of expanding data collection to include Puerto Rico and the other United States territories in the Current Population Survey, which is jointly administered by the Bureau of the Census and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and which is the primary source of labor force statistics for the population of the United States; and

(2) if necessary, the Bureau of the Census should request the funding required to conduct this feasibility study as part of its budget submission to Congress for fiscal year 2018.

(Pub. L. 114-187, title IV, §404, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 586.)