

refund the total amount of assessments demanded by all eligible producers and importers under this subsection, prorate the amount of such refunds among all eligible producers and importers who demand such refund.

“(f) TERMINATION.—If such amendments to the plan are not approved, the Secretary shall terminate the amendments and the plan shall continue in effect without the amendments.

“(g) AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE 50 STATES.—Notwithstanding any provision of the Act, the Secretary shall, upon request of a producer or a producer organization, issue an amendment to the plan to include the 50 States of the United States. Such amendment shall not be subject to a referendum.”

### § 2626. 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 this chapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 91-670, title III, §317, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2047.)

### § 2627. Authorization

There is hereby made available from the funds provided by section 612c of this title such sums as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter: *Provided*, That no such sum shall be used for the payment of any expenses or expenditures of the board in administering any provision of any plan issued under authority of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 91-670, title III, §318, Jan. 11, 1971, 84 Stat. 2047.)

## CHAPTER 59—RURAL FIRE PROTECTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND SMALL FARM RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

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### SUBCHAPTER I—RURAL COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION

**§§ 2651 to 2654. Repealed. Pub. L. 95-313, § 16(a)(6), formerly § 13(a)(6), July 1, 1978, 92 Stat. 374; renumbered § 16(a)(6), Pub. L. 101-624, title XII, § 1215(1), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3525**

Section 2651, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §401, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §816(a), as

added Pub. L. 93-86, §1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240, related to purpose and findings for provisions relating to rural community fire protection assistance.

Section 2652, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §402, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 670; Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, §1504, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to terms and conditions, funding requirements, etc., for cooperative agreements with State officials.

Section 2653, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §403, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671, related to reporting requirements for Secretary of Agriculture.

Section 2654, Pub. L. 92-419, title IV, §404, Aug. 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 671; Pub. L. 91-524, title VIII, §816(b), as added Pub. L. 93-86, §1(27)(B), Aug. 10, 1973, 87 Stat. 240; amended Pub. L. 95-113, title XV, §1505, Sept. 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 1021, related to authorization of appropriations for assistance.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 17 of Pub. L. 95-313, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2101 of Title 16, Conservation.

## § 2655. Rural firefighters and emergency medical service assistance program

### (a) Definition of emergency medical services

In this section:

#### (1) In general

The term “emergency medical services” means resources used by a public or nonprofit entity to deliver medical care outside of a medical facility under emergency conditions that occur as a result of—

- (A) the condition of a patient; or
- (B) a natural disaster or related condition.

#### (2) Inclusion

The term “emergency medical services” includes services (whether compensated or volunteer) delivered by an emergency medical services provider or other provider recognized by the State involved that is licensed or certified by the State as—

- (A) an emergency medical technician or the equivalent (as determined by the State);
- (B) a registered nurse;
- (C) a physician assistant; or
- (D) a physician that provides services similar to services provided by such an emergency medical services provider.

### (b) Grants

The Secretary shall award grants to eligible entities—

- (1) to enable the entities to provide for improved emergency medical services in rural areas; and
- (2) to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in firefighting, emergency medical practices, and responding to hazardous materials and bioagents in rural areas.

### (c) Eligibility

To be eligible to receive a grant under this section, an entity shall—

- (1) be—
  - (A) a State emergency medical services office;
  - (B) a State emergency medical services association;
  - (C) a State office of rural health or an equivalent agency;

- (D) a local government entity;
- (E) an Indian tribe (as defined in section 5304 of title 25);
- (F) a State or local ambulance provider; or
- (G) any other public or nonprofit entity determined appropriate by the Secretary; and

(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require, that includes—

- (A) a description of the activities to be carried out under the grant; and
- (B) an assurance that the applicant will comply with the matching requirement of subsection (f).

**(d) Use of funds**

An entity shall use amounts received under a grant made under subsection (b) only in a rural area—

- (1) to hire or recruit emergency medical service personnel;
- (2) to recruit or retain volunteer emergency medical service personnel;
- (3) to train emergency medical service personnel in emergency response, injury prevention, safety awareness, or other topics relevant to the delivery of emergency medical services;
- (4) to fund training to meet State or Federal certification requirements;
- (5) to provide training for firefighters or emergency medical personnel for improvements to the training facility, equipment, curricula, or personnel;
- (6) to develop new ways to educate emergency health care providers through the use of technology-enhanced educational methods (such as distance learning);
- (7) to acquire emergency medical services vehicles, including ambulances;
- (8) to acquire emergency medical services equipment, including cardiac defibrillators;
- (9) to acquire personal protective equipment for emergency medical services personnel as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration; or
- (10) to educate the public concerning cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, injury prevention, safety awareness, illness prevention, or other related emergency preparedness topics.

**(e) Preference**

In awarding grants under this section, the Secretary shall give preference to—

- (1) applications that reflect a collaborative effort by 2 or more of the entities described in subparagraphs (A) through (G) of subsection (c)(1); and
- (2) applications submitted by entities that intend to use amounts provided under the grant to fund activities described in any of paragraphs (1) through (5) of subsection (d).

**(f) Matching requirement**

The Secretary may not make a grant under this section to an entity unless the entity makes available (directly or through contributions from other public or private entities) non-Federal contributions toward the activities to

be carried out under the grant in an amount equal to at least 5 percent of the amount received under the grant.

**(g) Authorization of appropriations**

**(1) In general**

There is authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this section not more than \$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.

**(2) Administrative costs**

Not more than 5 percent of the amount appropriated under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses incurred in carrying out this section.

(Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6405, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 430; Pub. L. 109-171, title I, §1405(a), Feb. 8, 2006, 120 Stat. 7; Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6204, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1208; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6204, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1969.)

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 made identical amendments to this section. The amendments by Pub. L. 110-234 were repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-246, §6204, amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to authority to make grants to pay the cost of training firefighters and emergency medical personnel in rural areas, use of funds, and appropriations for fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

2006—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 109-171 substituted “2006” for “2007”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL FARM RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

**§ 2661. Statement of purposes and goals**

(a) The overall purpose of this subchapter is to foster a balanced national development that provides opportunities for increased numbers of the people of the United States to work and enjoy a high quality of life dispersed throughout our Nation by providing the essential knowledge necessary for successful programs of rural development. It is further the purpose of this subchapter to—

- (1) provide multistate regional agencies, States, counties, cities, multicounty planning and development districts, businesses, industries, Indian tribes on Federal and State reservations or other federally recognized Indian tribal groups and others involved with public services and investments in rural areas or that provide or may provide employment in these areas the best available scientific, technical, economic, organizational, environmental, and management information and knowledge useful to them, and to assist and encourage them in the interpretation and application of this information to practical problems and needs in rural development;