

**§ 5937. Natural products research program****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall establish within the Department a natural products research program.

**(b) Duties**

In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate research relating to natural products, including—

- (1) research to improve human health and agricultural productivity through the discovery, development, and commercialization of products and agrichemicals from bioactive natural products, including products from plant, marine, and microbial sources;
- (2) research to characterize the botanical sources, production, chemistry, and biological properties of plant-derived natural products; and
- (3) other research priorities identified by the Secretary.

**(c) Peer and merit review**

The Secretary shall—

- (1) determine the relevance and merit of research under this section through a system of peer review established by the Secretary pursuant to section 7613 of this title; and
- (2) approve funding for research on the basis of merit, quality, and relevance to advancing the purposes of this section.

**(d) Buildings and facilities**

Funds made available under this section shall not be used for the construction of a new building or facility or the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing building or facility (including site grading and improvement and architect fees).

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2018.

(Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7525, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1273; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7525, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2035; Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, §7515, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 903.)

## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of subtitle H of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 which comprises this subchapter.

## AMENDMENTS

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-79 amended subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment 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 a note under section 8701 of this title.

## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

**§ 5938. Repealed. Pub. L. 113-79, title VII, § 7518, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 904**

Section, Pub. L. 110-234, title VII, §7529, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1278; Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VII, §7529, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2040, related to agricultural and rural transportation research and education.

**§ 5939. Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Board**

The term “Board” means the Board of Directors described in subsection (e).

**(2) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(3) Foundation**

The term “Foundation” means the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research established under subsection (b).

**(4) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

**(b) Establishment****(1) In general**

The Secretary shall establish a nonprofit corporation to be known as the “Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research”.

**(2) Status**

The Foundation shall not be an agency or instrumentality of the United States Government.

**(c) Purposes**

The purposes of the Foundation shall be—

(1) to advance the research mission of the Department by supporting agricultural research activities focused on addressing key problems of national and international significance including—

- (A) plant health, production, and plant products;
- (B) animal health, production, and products;
- (C) food safety, nutrition, and health;
- (D) renewable energy, natural resources, and the environment;
- (E) agricultural and food security;
- (F) agriculture systems and technology; and
- (G) agriculture economics and rural communities; and

(2) to foster collaboration with agricultural researchers from the Federal Government, State (as defined in section 3103 of this title) governments, institutions of higher education (as defined in section 1001 of title 20), industry, and nonprofit organizations.

**(d) Duties****(1) In general**

The Foundation shall—

- (A) award grants to, or enter into contracts, memoranda of understanding, or cooperative agreements with, scientists and