

chapter and the determination of prevailing wages in the locality in accordance with section 1715c of this title, the Secretary is authorized, notwithstanding such beginning of construction, to convert such commitment to a commitment under section 1750g of this title; any charges or fees paid to the Secretary with respect to such insurance under section 1709 of this title shall be credited to charges or fees due the Secretary with respect to such insurance under section 1750g of this title; and the determination of prevailing wages in the locality for purposes of section 1715c of this title may be made by the Secretary of Labor at any time prior to the insurance under section 1750g of this title: *Provided*, That such mortgage, or the mortgage covering the same property executed in substitution therefor, is otherwise eligible for insurance under section 1750g of this title.

**(d) Preference or priority in purchasing or renting properties**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter or any other Act, except provisions of law enacted hereafter expressly referring to this subsection (d), the Secretary is further authorized to prescribe such procedures as are necessary to secure to persons engaged or to be engaged in national defense activities preference or priority of opportunity to purchase or rent properties, or interests therein, covered by mortgages insured under this subchapter.

**(e) Conclusiveness of insurance contract as to eligibility**

Any contract of insurance heretofore or hereafter executed by the Secretary under this subchapter shall be conclusive evidence of the eligibility of the mortgage for insurance, and the validity of any contract of insurance so executed shall be incontestable in the hands of an approved mortgagee from the date of the execution of such contract, except for fraud or misrepresentation on the part of such approved mortgagee.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title IX, § 903, as added Sept. 1, 1951, ch. 378, title II, § 201, 65 Stat. 296; amended July 14, 1952, ch. 723, § 13, 66 Stat. 604; June 30, 1953, ch. 170, § 11, 67 Stat. 124; Aug. 2, 1954, ch. 649, title I, § 128(b), 68 Stat. 609; Pub. L. 89-117, title XI, § 1108(x), Aug. 10, 1965, 79 Stat. 507; Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(a)(3), (4), (s), (t), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 17, 19.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Insurance Fund, referred to in text, was established by section 1735c of this title.

Section 1715h of this title, referred to in subsection (a), was repealed by Pub. L. 100-242, title IV, § 401(a)(1), Feb. 5, 1988, 101 Stat. 1898.

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(a)(3), substituted “Secretary” for “Commissioner” wherever appearing in subssecs. (a), (b)(1) to (4), (6), (7), and (c) to (e).

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(a)(4), (s), substituted “Secretary’s” and “Secretary of Housing and Home Development” for “Commissioner’s” and “Housing and Home Finance Administrator”, respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(t), struck out “, with the approval of the Housing and Home Finance Administrator,” before “is further authorized”.

1965—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-117 substituted “General Insurance Fund” for “National Defense Housing Insurance Fund”.

1954—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 2, 1954, inserted proviso relating to requirement for rental for a period of not less than three years after dwelling is made available for initial occupancy.

1953—Subsec. (a). Act June 30, 1953, inserted proviso commencing “*Provided further*, That in the event”.

1952—Subsec. (c). Act July 14, 1952, inserted last sentence.

**§ 1750c. Mortgage insurance benefits**

**(a) Conveyance and assignment by mortgagee after foreclosure; debentures and certificates of claim; cost of foreclosure**

In any case in which the mortgagee under a mortgage insured under section 1750b of this title shall have foreclosed and taken possession of the mortgaged property, in accordance with regulations of, and within a period to be determined by, the Secretary, or shall, with the consent of the Secretary, have otherwise acquired such property from the mortgagor after default, the mortgagee shall be entitled to receive the benefit of the insurance as hereinafter provided, upon (1) the prompt conveyance to the Secretary of title to the property which meets the requirements of rules and regulations of the Secretary in force at the time the mortgage was insured, and which is evidenced in the manner prescribed by such rules and regulations; and (2) the assignment to him of all claims of the mortgagee against the mortgagor or others, arising out of the mortgage transaction or foreclosure proceedings, except such claims as may have been released with the consent of the Secretary. Upon such conveyance and assignment the obligation of the mortgagee to pay the premium charges for insurance shall cease and the Secretary shall, subject to the cash adjustment hereinafter provided, issue to the mortgagee debentures having a total face value equal to the value of the mortgage and a certificate of claim, as hereinafter provided. For the purposes of this subsection, the value of the mortgage shall be determined, in accordance with rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary, by adding to the amount of the original principal obligation of the mortgage which was unpaid on the date of the institution of foreclosure proceedings, or on the date of the acquisition of the property after default other than by foreclosure, the amount of all payments which have been made by the mortgagee for taxes, ground rents, and water rates, which are liens prior to the mortgage, special assessments which are noted on the application for insurance or which become liens after the insurance of the mortgage, insurance of the mortgaged property, and any mortgage insurance premiums and by deducting from such total amount any amount received on account of the mortgage after either of such dates and any amount received as rent or other income from the property, less reasonable expenses incurred in handling the property, after either of such dates: *Provided*, That with respect to mortgages which are foreclosed before there shall have been paid on account of the principal obligation of the mortgage a sum equal to 10 per centum of the appraised value of the property as of the date the mortgage was accepted for insurance, there may be included in the debentures issued by the Secretary, on account of the cost

of foreclosure (or of acquiring the property by other means) actually paid by the mortgagee and approved by the Secretary an amount—

(1) not in excess of 2 per centum of the unpaid principal of the mortgage as of the date of the institution of foreclosure proceedings and not in excess of \$75; or

(2) not in excess of two-thirds of such cost, whichever is the greater: *Provided further*, That with respect to any debentures issued on or after September 2, 1964, the Secretary may, with the consent of the mortgagee (in lieu of issuing a certificate of claim as provided in subsection (e)), include in debentures, in addition to amounts otherwise allowed for such costs, an amount not to exceed one-third of the total foreclosure, acquisition, and conveyance costs actually paid by the mortgagee and approved by the Secretary, but in no event may the total allowance for such costs exceed the amount actually paid by the mortgagee: *And provided further*, That with respect to mortgages to which the provisions of sections 302 and 306 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940,<sup>1</sup> as now or hereafter amended, apply and which are insured under section 1750b of this title, and subject to such regulations and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, there shall be included in the debentures an amount which the Secretary finds to be sufficient to compensate the mortgagee for any loss which it may have sustained on account of interest on debentures and the payment of insurance premiums by reason of its having postponed the institution of foreclosure proceedings or the acquisition of the property by other means during any part or all of the period of such military service and three months thereafter.

**(b) Consent to release of mortgagee or property**

The Secretary may at any time, under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, consent to the release of the mortgagor from his liability under the mortgage or the credit instrument secured thereby, or consent to the release of parts of the mortgaged property from the lien of the mortgage.

**(c) Debentures; form and denomination**

Debentures issued under this subchapter shall be in such form and denominations in multiples of \$50, shall be subject to such terms and conditions, and shall include such provisions for redemption, if any, as may be prescribed by the Secretary with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and may be in coupon or registered form. Any difference between the amount of debentures to which the mortgagee is entitled under this section or section 1750g of this title and the aggregate face value of the debentures issued, not to exceed \$350, shall be adjusted by the payment of cash by the Secretary to the mortgagee from the General Insurance Fund.

**(d) Debentures; execution; negotiability; terms; tax exemptions**

The debentures issued under this section to any mortgagee shall be executed in the name of

the General Insurance Fund as obligor, shall be signed by the Secretary by either his written or engraved signature, and shall be negotiable. All such debentures shall be dated as of the date foreclosure proceedings were instituted, or the property was otherwise acquired by the mortgagee after default, except that debentures issued pursuant to claims for insurance filed on or after September 2, 1964 shall be dated as of the date of default or as of such later date as the Secretary, in his discretion, may establish by regulation. The debentures shall bear interest from such date at a rate determined by the Secretary, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, at the time the mortgage was accepted for insurance, but not to exceed 3 per centum per annum, payable semiannually on the 1st day of January and the 1st day of July of each year. Such debentures shall mature twenty years after the date thereof. Such debentures shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except surtaxes, estate, inheritance, or gift taxes) now or hereafter imposed by any Territory, dependency, or possession of the United States, or by the District of Columbia, or by any State, county, municipality, or local taxing authority, and shall be paid out of the General Insurance Fund, which shall be primarily liable therefor, and they shall be fully and unconditionally guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States, and such guaranty shall be expressed on the face of the debentures. In the event that the General Insurance Fund fails to pay upon demand, when due, the principal of or interest on any debentures issued under this subchapter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to the holders the amount thereof which is authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and thereupon to the extent of the amount so paid the Secretary of the Treasury shall succeed to all the rights of the holders of such debentures.

**(e) Certificate of claim; division of excess proceeds**

The certificate of claim issued by the Secretary to any mortgagee under this section shall be for an amount determined in accordance with, and shall contain provisions and shall be paid in accordance with, the provisions of section 1710(e) and section 1710(f) of this title.

**(f) Handling and disposal of property; settlement of claims**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law relating to the acquisition, handling, or disposal of real property by the United States, the Secretary shall have power to deal with, complete, rent, renovate, modernize, insure, make contracts or establish suitable agencies for the management of, or sell for cash or credit, in his discretion, any properties conveyed to him in exchange for debentures and certificates of claim as provided in this section; and, notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary shall also have power to pursue to final collection, by way of compromise or otherwise, all claims against mortgagors assigned by mortgagees to the Secretary as provided in this subchapter: *Provided*, That section 6101 of title 41 shall not be construed to apply to any purchase

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

or contract for services or supplies on account of such property if the amount thereof does not exceed \$1,000. The power to convey and to execute in the name of the Secretary deeds of conveyances, deeds of release, assignments, and satisfactions of mortgages, and any other written instrument relating to real property or any interest therein heretofore or hereafter acquired by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, may be exercised by an officer appointed by him, without the execution of any express delegation of power or power of attorney: *Provided*, That nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the Secretary from delegating such power by order or by power of attorney in his discretion, to any officer, agent, or employee he may appoint.

**(g) Mortgagor's or mortgagee's interest in property or claim conveyed**

No mortgagee or mortgagor shall have, and no certification of claim shall be construed to give to any mortgagee or mortgagor, any right or interest in any property conveyed to the Secretary or in any claim assigned to him; nor shall the Secretary owe any duty to any mortgagee or mortgagor with respect to the handling or disposal of any such property or the collection of any such claim.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title IX, § 904, as added Sept. 1, 1951, ch. 378, title II, § 201, 65 Stat. 298; amended Aug. 2, 1954, ch. 649, title I, § 112(d), 68 Stat. 593; Pub. L. 88-560, title I, § 105(e), (f), Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 773, 774; Pub. L. 89-117, title XI, § 1108(y), Aug. 10, 1965, 79 Stat. 507; Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(a)(3), (d), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 17, 18; Pub. L. 98-479, title II, § 204(a)(23), Oct. 17, 1984, 98 Stat. 2233.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The General Insurance Fund, referred to in text, was established by section 1735c of this title.

Sections 302 and 306 of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), are sections 302 and 306, respectively, of act Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, 54 Stat. 1178. That Act was amended generally and renamed the "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act" by Pub. L. 108-189, § 1, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2835. As so amended, provisions of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act that are similar to those contained in former sections 302 and 306 of act Oct. 17, 1940, are now contained in sections 3953 and 3959 of Title 50.

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (f), "section 6101 of title 41" substituted for "section 3709 of the Revised Statutes" on authority of Pub. L. 111-350, § 6(c), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3854, which Act enacted Title 41, Public Contracts.

AMENDMENTS

1984—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 98-479 substituted "authorized" for "authorized" in last sentence.

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted "Secretary" for "Commissioner" wherever appearing in subssecs. (a), (a)(2), and (b) to (g).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(d), substituted "an officer" for "the Commissioner or by any Assistant Commissioner".

1965—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 89-117, § 1108(y)(1), substituted "General Insurance Fund" for "National Defense Housing Insurance Fund".

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 89-117, § 1108(y)(2), removed limitation which had rendered applicable to certificates of claim only those provisions of sections 1710(e) and

1710(f) of this title which were applicable to mortgages insured under section 1713 of this title and struck out provision that reference in section 1710(f) of this title to the "Housing Insurance Fund" shall be deemed for the purpose of this section to be reference to the "National Defense Housing Insurance Fund".

1964—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-560, § 105(e)(1), (f), inserted "*Provided further*, That with respect to any debentures issued on or after September 2, 1964, the Commissioner may, with the consent of the mortgagee (in lieu of issuing a certificate of claim as provided in subsection (e)), include in debentures, in addition to amounts otherwise allowed for such costs, an amount not to exceed one-third of the total foreclosure, acquisition, and conveyance costs actually paid by the mortgagee and approved by the Commissioner, but in no event may the total allowance for such costs exceed the amount actually paid by the mortgagee;" and struck out "paid after either of such dates" after "mortgage insurance premiums" in third sentence, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 88-560, § 105(e)(2), increased limitation on difference between amount of debentures to which the mortgagee is entitled under this section or section 1750g of this title and aggregate face value of debentures issued from \$50 to \$350.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 88-560, § 105(e)(3), substituted in second sentence "default, except that debentures issued pursuant to claims for insurance filed on or after September 2, 1964 shall be dated as of the date of default or as of such later date as the Commissioner, in his discretion, may establish by regulation. The debentures" for "default, and".

1954—Subsec. (d). Act Aug. 2, 1954, in third sentence, substituted a twenty-year period for the ten-year period, with respect to the maturity of debentures.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1954 AMENDMENT

Amendment by act Aug. 2, 1954, as not applicable in any case where the mortgage involved was insured or the commitment for such insurance was issued prior to Aug. 2, 1954, see section 112(e) of that act, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

**§ 1750d. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-117, title XI, § 1108(aa), Aug. 10, 1965, 79 Stat. 507**

Section, act June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title IX, § 905, as added Sept. 1, 1951, ch. 378, title II, § 201, 65 Stat. 301, provided for management of National Defense Housing Insurance Fund, issue and cancellation of debentures, and receipt and payment of charges and fees.

**§ 1750e. Taxation**

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to exempt any real property acquired and held by the Secretary under this subchapter from taxation by any State or political subdivision thereof, to the same extent, according to its value, as other real property is taxed.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title IX, § 906, as added Sept. 1, 1951, ch. 378, title II, § 201, 65 Stat. 301; amended Pub. L. 90-19, § 1(a)(3), May 25, 1967, 81 Stat. 17.)

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-19 substituted "Secretary" for "Commissioner".

**§ 1750f. Rules and regulations**

The Secretary is authorized and directed to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this subchapter.

(June 27, 1934, ch. 847, title IX, § 907, as added Sept. 1, 1951, ch. 378, title II, § 201, 65 Stat. 301;