

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Clean Air Act, referred to in subsec. (b), is act July 14, 1955, ch. 360, 69 Stat. 322, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 85 (§7401 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 7401 of Title 42 and Tables.

The Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.), referred to in subsec. (b), is Pub. L. 92-574, Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1234, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 65 (§4901 et seq.) of Title 42. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4901 of Title 42 and Tables.

**§ 2707. Patents and inventions; statutory provisions applicable; contracts or grants covered**

Section 5908 of title 42 shall apply to any contract (including any assignment, substitution of parties, or subcontract thereunder) or grant, entered into, made, or issued by the Secretary of Energy under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 95-238, title III, §308, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 82.)

**§ 2708. Comptroller General audit and examination of books, etc.; statutory provisions applicable; contracts or grants covered**

Section 5876 of title 42 shall apply with respect to the authority of the Comptroller General to have access to and rights of examination of books, documents, papers, and records of recipients of financial assistance under this chapter; except that for the purposes of this chapter, the term “contract” (as used in section 2206 of title 42, insofar as it relates to such section 5876 of title 42) means “contract or grant”.

(Pub. L. 95-238, title III, §309, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 82.)

**§ 2709. Reports to Congress by Secretary of Energy**

**(a) Comprehensive program, etc.**

As a separate part of the annual report submitted under section 5914(a)<sup>1</sup> of title 42 with respect to the comprehensive plan and program then in effect under section 5905(a) and (b) of title 42, the Secretary of Energy shall submit to Congress an annual report of activities under this chapter. Such report shall include—

- (1) a current comprehensive program definition for implementing this chapter;
- (2) an evaluation of the state of automobile propulsion system research and development in the United States;
- (3) the number and amount of contracts and grants made under this chapter;
- (4) an analysis of the progress made in developing advanced automobile propulsion system technology; and
- (5) suggestions for improvements in advanced automobile propulsion system research and development, including recommendations for legislation.

**(b) Study on financial obligation guarantees**

The Secretary of Energy shall conduct a survey of developers, lending institutions, and other appropriate persons or institutions and

shall otherwise make a study for the purpose of determining whether, and under what conditions, research, development, demonstration, and commercial availability of advanced automobile propulsion system technology may be aided by the guarantee of financial obligations by the Federal Government. The Secretary of Energy shall report the results of such survey and study to the Congress within 1 year after February 25, 1978. Such report shall include an examination of those stages of advanced automobile propulsion system technology research, development, demonstration, and commercialization for which financial obligation guarantees may be useful or appropriate and shall contain such legislative recommendations as may be necessary.

(Pub. L. 95-238, title III, §310, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 83.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 5914 of title 42, referred to in subsec. (a), was omitted from the Code.

**§ 2710. Authorization of appropriations**

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out the purposes of this chapter, in addition to any amounts made available for such purposes pursuant to title I of this Act, the sum of \$12,500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978.

(Pub. L. 95-238, title III, §312, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 83.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

Title I of this Act, referred to in text, is title I (§§101-107) of Pub. L. 95-238, Feb. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 47. For complete classification of this title to the Code, see Tables.

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**SUBCHAPTER I—FRANCHISE PROTECTION**

**§ 2801. Definitions**

As used in this subchapter:

(1)(A) The term “franchise” means any contract—

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