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2018—Pub. L. 115-391, title VI, § 605(b), Dec. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 5242, added item 4130.

1990—Pub. L. 101-647, title XXXV, § 3599A, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4931, substituted “Fund” for “fund” in item 4126.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, § 7093(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4412, added item 4129.

§ 4121. Federal Prison Industries; board of directors

“Federal Prison Industries”, a government corporation of the District of Columbia, shall be administered by a board of six directors, appointed by the President to serve at the will of the President without compensation.

The directors shall be representatives of (1) industry, (2) labor, (3) agriculture, (4) retailers and consumers, (5) the Secretary of Defense, and (6) the Attorney General, respectively.

(June 25, 1948, ch. 645, 62 Stat. 851; May 24, 1949, ch. 139, § 62, 63 Stat. 98.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1948 ACT

Based on title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed., §§ 744i, 744j (June 23, 1934, ch. 736, §§ 1, 2, 48 Stat. 1211).

Section consolidates sections 744i and 744j of title 18, U.S.C., 1940 ed. The former was rewritten omitting unnecessary recital as to policy and expressing the original language of the two sections more logically.

Changes were made in transportation and phraseology.

1949 ACT

This section [section 62] incorporates in section 4121 of title 18, U.S.C., with changes in phraseology, the provisions of section 3 of act of June 29, 1948 (ch. 719, 62 Stat. 1100), which was enacted subsequent to the enactment of the revision of title 18 and which provided for appointment of an additional member of the board of directors of the Federal Prison Industries, as a representative of the Secretary of Defense.

AMENDMENTS

1949—Act May 24, 1949, made a representative of the Secretary of Defense a member of the board of directors.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (together with its Board of Directors), and its functions transferred to Department of Justice to be administered under general direction and supervision of Attorney General, by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, § 3(a), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1431, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. See, also, Reorg. Plan No. 2 of 1950, § 1, eff. May 1, 1950, 15 F.R. 3173, 64 Stat. 1261, and section 509 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENT FOR ALL PRISONERS

Pub. L. 101-647, title XXIX, § 2905, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4914, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) It is the policy of the Federal Government that convicted inmates confined in Federal prisons, jails, and other detention facilities shall work. The type of work in which they will be involved shall be dictated by appropriate security considerations and by the health of the prisoner involved.

“(2) A Federal prisoner may be excused from the requirement to work only as necessitated by—

“(A) security considerations;

“(B) disciplinary action;

“(C) medical certification of disability such as would make it impracticable for prison officials to arrange useful work for the prisoner to perform; or

“(D) a need for the prisoner to work less than a full work schedule in order to participate in literacy training, drug rehabilitation, or similar programs in addition to the work program.”

CLOSURE OF MCNEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY; REPORT ON STATUS OF FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

Pub. L. 95-624, § 10, Nov. 9, 1978, 92 Stat. 3463, provided that:

“(a) On or before September 1, 1979, the Attorney General shall submit to the Congress—

“(1) a plan to assure the closure of the United States Penitentiary on McNeil Island, Steilacoom, Washington, on or before January 1, 1982; and

“(2) a report on the status of the Federal Prison Industries.

“(b) The report made under this section shall include a long-range plan for the improvement of meaningful employment training, and the methods which could be undertaken to employ a greater number of United States prisoners in the program. Such report may include recommendations for legislation.”

§ 4122. Administration of Federal Prison Industries

(a) Federal Prison Industries shall determine in what manner and to what extent industrial operations shall be carried on in Federal penal and correctional institutions for the production of commodities for consumption in such institutions or for sale to the departments or agencies of the United States, but not for sale to the public in competition with private enterprise.

(b)(1) Its board of directors shall provide employment for the greatest number of those inmates in the United States penal and correctional institutions who are eligible to work as is reasonably possible, diversify, so far as practicable, prison industrial operations and so operate the prison shops that no single private industry shall be forced to bear an undue burden of competition from the products of the prison workshops, and to reduce to a minimum competition with private industry or free labor.

(2) Federal Prison Industries shall conduct its operations so as to produce products on an economic basis, but shall avoid capturing more than a reasonable share of the market among Federal departments, agencies, and institutions for any specific product. Federal Prison Industries shall concentrate on providing to the Federal Government only those products which permit employment of the greatest number of those inmates who are eligible to work as is reasonably possible.

(3) Federal Prison Industries shall diversify its products so that its sales are distributed among its industries as broadly as possible.