

lations and promote bilateral exchanges, including the negotiating and concluding of appropriate agreements in these matters.

(3) Hong Kong should be accorded separate status as a full partner under the Fulbright Academic Exchange Program (apart from the United Kingdom before July 1, 1997, and apart from the People's Republic of China thereafter), with the continuation or establishment of a Fulbright Commission or functionally equivalent mechanism.

(4) The United States should actively encourage Hong Kong residents to visit the United States on nonimmigrant visas for such purposes as business, tourism, education, and scientific and academic research, in accordance with applicable United States and Hong Kong laws.

(5) Upon the request of the Legislative Council of Hong Kong, the Librarian of Congress, acting through the Congressional Research Service, should seek to expand educational and informational ties with the Council.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title I, §105, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1452.)

#### SUBCHAPTER II—STATUS OF HONG KONG IN UNITED STATES LAW

##### § 5721. Continued application of United States law

###### (a) In general

Notwithstanding any change in the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, the laws of the United States shall continue to apply with respect to Hong Kong, on and after July 1, 1997, in the same manner as the laws of the United States were applied with respect to Hong Kong before such date unless otherwise expressly provided by law or by Executive order under section 5722 of this title.

###### (b) International agreements

For all purposes, including actions in any court in the United States, the Congress approves the continuation in force on and after July 1, 1997, of all treaties and other international agreements, including multilateral conventions, entered into before such date between the United States and Hong Kong, or entered into before such date between the United States and the United Kingdom and applied to Hong Kong, unless or until terminated in accordance with law. If in carrying out this subchapter, the President determines that Hong Kong is not legally competent to carry out its obligations under any such treaty or other international agreement, or that the continuation of Hong Kong's obligations or rights under any such treaty or other international agreement is not appropriate under the circumstances, such determination shall be reported to the Congress in accordance with section 5731 of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title II, §201, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1452.)

##### § 5722. Presidential order

###### (a) Presidential determination

On or after July 1, 1997, whenever the President determines that Hong Kong is not suffi-

ciently autonomous to justify treatment under a particular law of the United States, or any provision thereof, different from that accorded the People's Republic of China, the President may issue an Executive order suspending the application of section 5721(a) of this title to such law or provision of law.

###### (b) Factor for consideration

In making a determination under subsection (a) with respect to the application of a law of the United States, or any provision thereof, to Hong Kong, the President should consider the terms, obligations, and expectations expressed in the Joint Declaration with respect to Hong Kong.

###### (c) Publication in Federal Register

Any Executive order issued under subsection (a) shall be published in the Federal Register and shall specify the law or provision of law affected by the order.

###### (d) Termination of suspension

An Executive order issued under subsection (a) may be terminated by the President with respect to a particular law or provision of law whenever the President determines that Hong Kong has regained sufficient autonomy to justify different treatment under the law or provision of law in question. Notice of any such termination shall be published in the Federal Register.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title II, §202, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1453.)

##### § 5723. Rules and regulations

The President is authorized to prescribe such rules and regulations as the President may deem appropriate to carry out this chapter.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title II, §203, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1453.)

##### § 5724. Consultation with Congress

In carrying out this subchapter, the President shall consult appropriately with the Congress.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title II, §204, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1453.)

#### SUBCHAPTER III—REPORTING PROVISIONS

##### § 5731. Reporting requirement

###### (a) In general

Not later than March 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through 2024, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on conditions in Hong Kong of interest to the United States. This report shall cover (in the case of the initial report) the period since October 5, 1992, or (in the case of subsequent reports) the period since the most recent report pursuant to this section and shall describe—

(1) significant developments in United States relations with Hong Kong, including a description of agreements that have entered into force between the United States and Hong Kong;

(2) other matters, including developments related to the change in the exercise of sov-

ereignty over Hong Kong, affecting United States interests in Hong Kong or United States relations with Hong Kong;

(3) the nature and extent of United States-Hong Kong cultural, education, scientific, and academic exchanges, both official and unofficial;

(4) the laws of the United States with respect to which the application of section 5721(a) of this title has been suspended pursuant to section 5722(a) of this title or with respect to which such a suspension has been terminated pursuant to section 5722(d) of this title, and the reasons for the suspension or termination, as the case may be;

(5) treaties and other international agreements with respect to which the President has made a determination described in the last sentence of section 5721(b) of this title, and the reasons for each such determination;

(6) significant problems in cooperation between Hong Kong and the United States in the area of export controls;

(7) the development of democratic institutions in Hong Kong; and

(8) the nature and extent of Hong Kong's participation in multilateral forums.

#### (b) Form

The report required by subsection (a) shall be submitted in unclassified form and shall be published on a publicly available website of the Department of State.

#### (c) Appropriate congressional committees

In this section, the term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

(1) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 102-383, title III, §301, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1453; Pub. L. 104-107, title V, §576(a), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 750; Pub. L. 107-115, title V, §586(a), Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2173; Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title XII, §1256, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2056.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, in introductory provisions substituted “Not later than March 31, 2019, and annually thereafter through 2024,” for “Not later than March 31, 1993, March 31, 1995, March 31, 1996, March 31, 1997, March 31, 1998, March 31, 1999, March 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, and March 31, 2006” and “submit to the appropriate congressional committees” for “transmit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate”, and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

2002—Pub. L. 107-115 substituted “March 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, March 31, 2003, March 31, 2004, March 31, 2005, and March 31, 2006” for “and March 31, 2000,” in introductory provisions.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-107 inserted “March 31, 1996,” after “March 31, 1995,” in introductory provisions.

#### EXTENSION OF REPORTING TIME

Pub. L. 107-115, title V, §586(b), Jan. 10, 2002, 115 Stat. 2173, provided that: “The requirement in section 301 of

the United States-Hong Kong Policy Act [22 U.S.C. 5731], as amended by subsection (a), that a report under that section shall be transmitted not later than March 31, 2001, shall be considered satisfied by the transmittal of such report by August 7, 2001.”

#### REPORT ON SINO-BRITISH JOINT DECLARATION ON QUESTION OF HONG KONG

Pub. L. 104-208, div. A, title I, §101(c) [title V, §571], Sept. 30, 1996, 110 Stat. 3009-121, 3009-167, which directed that the additional report required to be submitted during 1997 under this section include detailed information on the status of, and other developments affecting, implementation of the Sino-British Joint Declaration on the Question of Hong Kong, was from the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997, and was not repeated in subsequent appropriations acts. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation act:

Pub. L. 104-107, title V, §576(b), Feb. 12, 1996, 110 Stat. 750.

#### § 5732. Separate part of country reports

Whenever a report is transmitted to the Congress on a country-by-country basis there shall be included in such report, where applicable, a separate subreport on Hong Kong under the heading of the state that exercises sovereignty over Hong Kong. The reports to which this section applies include the reports transmitted under—

(1) sections 2151n(d) and 2304(b) of this title (relating to human rights);

(2) section 2241 of title 19 (relating to trade barriers); and

(3) section 4711<sup>1</sup> of title 15 (relating to economic policy and trade practices).

(Pub. L. 102-383, title III, §302, Oct. 5, 1992, 106 Stat. 1454.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 4711 of title 15, referred to in par. (3), was repealed by Pub. L. 107-228, div. A, title VI, §671(1), Sept. 30, 2002, 116 Stat. 1407.

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