

(1) any Federal employee in the Canal Zone engaged in employment of the kind described in section 5102(c)(7) of title 5, or

(2) any employee employed in a nonappropriated fund instrumentality under the jurisdiction of the Armed Forces,

shall have his basic compensation fixed or adjusted at a wage rate that is not less than the appropriate wage rate provided for in section 206(a)(1) of this title (except that the wage rate provided for in section 206(b) of this title shall apply to any employee who performed services during the workweek in a work place within the Canal Zone), and shall have his overtime compensation set at an hourly rate not less than the overtime rate provided for in section 207(a)(1) of this title.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 676, § 18, 52 Stat. 1069; Pub. L. 89-601, title III, § 306, Sept. 23, 1966, 80 Stat. 841; Pub. L. 90-83, § 8, Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 222.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

For definition of Canal Zone, referred to in subsec. (b), see section 3602(b) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

#### AMENDMENTS

1967—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-83 substituted reference to section 5102(c)(7) of title 5 for reference to par. (7) of section 202 of the Classification Act of 1949 to reflect the amendment of section 5341(a) of title 5 by section 1(97) of Pub. L. 90-83 and struck out provision covering employees described in section 7474 of title 10 in view of the repeal of section 7474 of title 10 by Pub. L. 89-554.

1966—Pub. L. 89-601 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1966 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 89-601 effective Feb. 1, 1967, except as otherwise provided, see section 602 of Pub. L. 89-601, set out as a note under section 203 of this title.

#### RULES, REGULATIONS, AND ORDERS PROMULGATED WITH REGARD TO 1966 AMENDMENTS

Secretary authorized to promulgate necessary rules, regulations, or orders on and after the date of the enactment of Pub. L. 89-601, Sept. 23, 1966, with regard to the amendments made by Pub. L. 89-601, see section 602 of Pub. L. 89-601, set out as a note under section 203 of this title.

#### § 218a. Repealed. Pub. L. 114-74, title VI, § 604, Nov. 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 599

Section, act June 25, 1938, ch. 676, § 18A, as added Pub. L. 111-148, title I, § 1511, Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 252, related to automatic enrollment for employees of large employers.

#### § 218b. Notice to employees

##### (a) In general

In accordance with regulations promulgated by the Secretary, an employer to which this chapter applies, shall provide to each employee at the time of hiring (or with respect to current employees, not later than March 1, 2013), written notice—

(1) informing the employee of the existence of an Exchange, including a description of the services provided by such Exchange, and the manner in which the employee may contact the Exchange to request assistance;

(2) if the employer plan's share of the total allowed costs of benefits provided under the

plan is less than 60 percent of such costs, that the employee may be eligible for a premium tax credit under section 36B of title 26 and a cost sharing reduction under section 18071 of title 42 if the employee purchases a qualified health plan through the Exchange; and

(3) if the employee purchases a qualified health plan through the Exchange, the employee may lose the employer contribution (if any) to any health benefits plan offered by the employer and that all or a portion of such contribution may be excludable from income for Federal income tax purposes.

##### (b) Effective date

Subsection (a) shall take effect with respect to employees in a State beginning on March 1, 2013.

(June 25, 1938, ch. 676, § 18B, as added and amended Pub. L. 111-148, title I, § 1512, title X, § 10108(i)(2), Mar. 23, 2010, 124 Stat. 252, 914; Pub. L. 112-10, div. B, title VIII, § 1858(c), Apr. 15, 2011, 125 Stat. 169.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 112-10 struck out “and the employer does not offer a free choice voucher” after “Exchange”.

2010—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 111-148, § 10108(i)(2), inserted “and the employer does not offer a free choice voucher” after “Exchange” and substituted “may lose” for “will lose”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2011 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 112-10 effective as if included in the provisions of, and the amendments made by, the provisions of Pub. L. 111-148 to which it relates, see section 1858(d) of Pub. L. 112-10, set out as a note under section 36B of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

#### § 218c. Protections for employees

##### (a) Prohibition

No employer shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against any employee with respect to his or her compensation, terms, conditions, or other privileges of employment because the employee (or an individual acting at the request of the employee) has—

(1) received a credit under section 36B of title 26 or a subsidy under section 18071 of title 42;<sup>1</sup>

(2) provided, caused to be provided, or is about to provide or cause to be provided to the employer, the Federal Government, or the attorney general of a State information relating to any violation of, or any act or omission the employee reasonably believes to be a violation of, any provision of this title<sup>1</sup> (or an amendment made by this title);<sup>1</sup>

(3) testified or is about to testify in a proceeding concerning such violation;

(4) assisted or participated, or is about to assist or participate, in such a proceeding; or

(5) objected to, or refused to participate in, any activity, policy, practice, or assigned task that the employee (or other such person) reasonably believed to be in violation of any provision of this title<sup>1</sup> (or amendment), or any order, rule, regulation, standard, or ban under this title<sup>1</sup> (or amendment).

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