

**§ 2907. Allocation of funds for administration and reimbursement of States**

**(a) In general**

The total amount appropriated pursuant to section 2910 of this title for any fiscal year shall be available for administration and for allocation among the States as provided in this section.

**(b) Allocation formula**

Of the total amount appropriated for any fiscal year pursuant to section 2910 of this title—

(1) the Secretary shall deduct so much, but not to exceed 8 percent thereof, as may be necessary for administering during such fiscal year the provisions of this chapter relating to the purposes for which so appropriated;

(2) less the deduction under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall allocate—

(A) for the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico each a sum equal to not more than one-half of 1 percent of such amount; and

(B) for Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands each a sum equal to not more than one-sixth of 1 percent of such amount; and

(3) less the deduction under paragraph (1) and the sums allocated under paragraph (2), the Secretary shall allocate for each of the States (other than those provided for in paragraph (2)) a sum—

(A) one-third of which is based on the ratio to which the area of such State bears to the total area of all such States, and

(B) two-thirds of which is based on the ratio to which the population of such State bears to the total population of all such States,

except all sums allocated under this paragraph shall be adjusted equitably so that no State shall be allocated a sum which is less than one-half of 1 percent of the amount available for allocation under this paragraph for any fiscal year or more than 5 percent of such amount.

**(c) Treatment of amounts allocated but not used for any fiscal year**

(1) That portion of any amount deducted by the Secretary under subsection (b)(1) for administrative purposes for any fiscal year and not expended during such fiscal year shall remain available for administrative purposes until the close of the next succeeding fiscal year and if not obligated or expended by the close of such succeeding fiscal year shall be available for disbursement by the Secretary without regard to subsection (b), to the States to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(2) That portion of any amount allocated to any State under subsection (b)(2) or (3) for any fiscal year and not disbursed to the State for such fiscal years under section 2905 of this title shall remain available for disbursement to the State under such section for the next succeeding fiscal year and if not disbursed for such succeeding fiscal year shall be available for disbursement by the Secretary, without regard to sub-

section (b), to the States to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 96-366, § 8, Sept. 29, 1980, 94 Stat. 1328.)

TERMINATION OF TRUST TERRITORY OF THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

For termination of Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, see note set out preceding section 1681 of Title 48, Territories and Insular Possessions.

**§ 2908. Other Federal assistance and actions**

The Secretary and the chief executive officer of any other appropriate Federal department or agency may loan to any State such personnel and equipment of the department or agency, share such scientific or other appropriate information, and provide such other assistance as the Secretary or officer determines appropriate for purposes of assisting any State to develop or revise conservation plans.

(Pub. L. 96-366, § 9, Sept. 29, 1980, 94 Stat. 1329.)

**§ 2909. Disclaimers**

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as affecting—

(1) the authority, jurisdiction, or responsibility of the States to manage, control, or regulate fish and resident wildlife under State law;

(2) any requirement under State law that lands, waters, and interests therein may only be acquired for conservation purposes if the owner thereof is a willing seller; and

(3) the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture under the Act of March 2, 1931 (46 Stat. 1468-1469, 7 U.S.C. 426-426b).<sup>1</sup>

(Pub. L. 96-366, § 10, Sept. 29, 1980, 94 Stat. 1329.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of March 2, 1931, referred to in par. (3), is act Mar. 2, 1931, ch. 370, 46 Stat. 1468, which was formerly classified to sections 426 to 426b of Title 7, Agriculture. Sections 1 and 3 of the Act, which were formerly classified to sections 426 and 426b, respectively, of Title 7, were editorially reclassified as sections 8351 and 8352, respectively, of Title 7. Section 2 of the Act, which was formerly classified to section 426a of Title 7, was omitted from the Code as obsolete. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

**§ 2910. Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated for purposes of making reimbursements under section 2905 of this title to States for the development and implementation of conservation plans and for administration of this chapter under section 2907 of this title not to exceed \$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997.

(Pub. L. 96-366, § 11, Sept. 29, 1980, 94 Stat. 1329; Pub. L. 99-375, Aug. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 803; Pub. L. 100-653, title VIII, § 801, Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3833; Pub. L. 101-593, title I, § 106, Nov. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 2955; Pub. L. 102-440, title III, § 301, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2234.)

AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-440 substituted “fiscal years 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997” for “fiscal years 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, and 1992”.

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