

servation and Development Policy Board, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

§ 3458. Limitation on assistance

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance and financial assistance with respect to not more than 450 active designated areas.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1535, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, § 2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3458, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1535, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340, related to program evaluation, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

§ 3459. Supplemental authority of the Secretary

The authority of the Secretary under this subchapter to assist councils in the development and implementation of area plans shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, any authority of the Secretary under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1536, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, § 2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3459, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1536, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, § 1452(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3611, related to limitation on assistance, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

§ 3460. Authorization of appropriations

(a) In general

There are authorized to be¹ such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Loans

The Secretary shall not use more than \$15,000,000 of any funds made available for a fiscal year to make loans under this subchapter.

(c) Availability

Funds appropriated to carry out this subchapter shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1537, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, § 2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 3460 and 3461 were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

Section 3460, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1537, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340, related to supplemental authority of Secretary.

Section 3461, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1538, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1341; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, § 1452(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3611; Pub. L. 104-127, title III, § 383, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1016, authorized appropriations for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

¹So in original. Probably should be followed by "appropriated".

SUBCHAPTER VI—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 3471. Payments for land removed from production for conservation purposes; authorization of appropriations

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into contracts to provide financial assistance in the form of payments to owners and operators of cropland located in counties where the soil normally freezes to a depth of at least four inches annually who remove such land from agricultural production for a period not to exceed one year for the purpose of installing enduring conservation measures which involve excavation of the soil. The payments under such contracts shall be in such amounts as determined by the Secretary to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subchapter but shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of acres of cropland removed from agricultural production for such purpose multiplied by 50 per centum of the typical annual rent, as determined by the Secretary, paid for similar land in the county. Financial assistance may not be provided under this section with respect to any conservation measure without the approval of the soil and water conservation district board for the district in which the land is located, and may not, in the aggregate, be provided in any year with respect to more than one-half of 1 per centum of the cropland in any county.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, such sums to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, § 1552, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1344.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "this subtitle", meaning subtitle J (§§ 1550-1554) of title XV of Pub. L. 97-98, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1344, which enacted this subchapter and section 2273 of Title 7, Agriculture, and amended section 1236 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining. For complete classification of subtitle J to the Code, see Tables.

§ 3472. Conservation tillage; Congressional findings, etc.

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) domestic and international demand for agricultural products from the United States is great and is expected to significantly increase over the next twenty years;

(2) the ability of the United States to provide agricultural products to meet that demand is seriously impaired by the annual loss of five billion tons of soil due to wind and water erosion;

(3) the battle against soil erosion is being lost despite the annual expenditure of millions of dollars by the Federal Government on research, technical assistance, and conservation incentives to control soil erosion;

(4) conservation tillage practices are estimated to reduce soil erosion by 50 to 90 per centum over conventional farming practices; and

(5) conservation tillage may result in better yields, greater land use flexibility, decreased