

The date of the enactment of the Department of Veterans Affairs Expiring Authorities Act of 2013, referred to in subsec. (d)(2), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 113-37, which was approved Sept. 30, 2013.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-37 added subsec. (d) and struck out former subsec. (d). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The authority under this section shall expire on November 18, 2011.”

2011—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-37 substituted “November 18, 2011” for “September 30, 2011”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 113-37 effective Oct. 1, 2013, see section 4(a) of Pub. L. 113-37, set out as a note under section 322 of this title.

**§ 5318. Review of Social Security Administration death information**

(a) The Secretary shall periodically compare Department of Veterans Affairs information regarding persons to or for whom compensation or pension is being paid with information in the records of the Social Security Administration relating to persons who have died for the purposes of—

- (1) determining whether any such persons to whom compensation and pension is being paid are deceased;
- (2) ensuring that such payments to or for any such persons who are deceased are terminated in a timely manner; and
- (3) ensuring that collection of overpayments of such benefits resulting from payments after the death of such persons is initiated in a timely manner.

(b) The Social Security Administration death information referred to in subsection (a) of this section is death information available to the Secretary from or through the Commissioner of Social Security, including death information available to the Commissioner from a State, pursuant to a memorandum of understanding entered into by the Secretary and the Commissioner. Any such memorandum of understanding shall include safeguards to assure that information made available under it is not used for unauthorized purposes or improperly disclosed.

(Added Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8053(b)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-352, §3118; renumbered §5318, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 108-183, title VII, §708(c)(4)(A), (B)(i), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2674.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-183, §708(c)(4)(B)(i), substituted “Social Security Administration” for “Department of Health and Human Services” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-183, §708(c)(4)(A)(i), substituted “Social Security Administration” for “Department of Health and Human Services” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-183, §708(c)(4)(A)(ii), substituted “Social Security Administration” for “Department of Health and Human Services”, “Commissioner of Social Security” for “Secretary of Health and Human Services” after “through the”, “Commissioner” for “Secretary of Health and Human Services” after “available to the”, and “the Secretary and the Commissioner” for “such Secretaries”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 3118 of this title as this section.

**§ 5319. Limitations on access to financial records**

(a) The Secretary may make a request referred to in section 1113(p) of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. 3413(p)) only if the Secretary determines that the requested information—

- (1) is necessary in order for the Secretary to administer the provisions of law referred to in that section; and
- (2) cannot be secured by a reasonable search of records and information of the Department.

(b) The Secretary shall include a certification of the determinations referred to in subsection (a) in each request presented to a financial institution.

(c) Information disclosed pursuant to a request referred to in subsection (a) may be used solely for the purpose of the administration of benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary if, except for the exemption in subsection (a), the disclosure of that information would otherwise be prohibited by any provision of the Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978.

(Added Pub. L. 102-568, title VI, §603(b)(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4342.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Right to Financial Privacy Act of 1978, referred to in subsec. (c), is title XI of Pub. L. 95-630, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3697, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§3401 et seq.) of Title 12, Banks and Banking. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3401 of Title 12 and Tables.

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AMENDMENTS

Pub. L. 115-407, title VII, §702(a)(1), Dec. 31, 2018, 132 Stat. 5381, inserted period at end of item 5501A.

2016—Pub. L. 114-255, div. B, title XIV, §14017(b), Dec. 13, 2016, 130 Stat. 1307, added item 5501A.

2004—Pub. L. 108-454, title V, §§501(a)(2), 502(b), 504(a)(2), 505(b), Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3617, 3619, 3621, 3622, added items 5506 to 5510.

1994—Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(g)(4)(B), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4687, struck out item 5505 “Limitation on compensation payments for certain incompetent veterans”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(c)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239, renumbered items 3201 to 3205 as 5501 to 5505, respectively.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, §8001(a)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-342, added item 3205.