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AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XI, §1122(c), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1608, added item for chapter 92.

2015—Pub. L. 114-113, div. M, title III, §306(a)(2), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 2916, added items for subpart J and chapter 110.

Pub. L. 114-47, §2(b), Aug. 7, 2015, 129 Stat. 487, added item for chapter 96.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title XI, §1101(d)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1610, added item for chapter 99 and struck out former item for chapter 99 “Department of Defense National Security Personnel System”.

2010—Pub. L. 111-292, §2(b)(1), Dec. 9, 2010, 124 Stat. 3170, added item for chapter 65.

Pub. L. 111-282, §4(c)(3), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 3044, added item for chapter 102.

2006—Pub. L. 109-295, title VI, §621(b), Oct. 4, 2006, 120 Stat. 1416, added item for chapter 101.

2004—Pub. L. 108-496, §4, Dec. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 4010, added items for chapters 89A and 89B.

Pub. L. 108-201, §3(b), Feb. 24, 2004, 118 Stat. 477, added item for chapter 98.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title XI, §§1101(a)(2), 1129(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1633, 1645, added items for chapters 54 and 99.

2002—Pub. L. 107-347, title II, §209(c)(3), Dec. 17, 2002, 116 Stat. 2930, added item for chapter 37.

Pub. L. 107-296, title VIII, §841(a)(3), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2233, added item for chapter 97.

Pub. L. 107-123, §8(d)(1)(A), Jan. 16, 2002, 115 Stat. 2399, added item for chapter 48.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1076(f)(1)(B)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-282, substituted “and Other Purposes” for “Purposes” in item for chapter 91.

Pub. L. 106-265, title I, §1002(b), Sept. 19, 2000, 114 Stat. 769, added item for chapter 90.

1998—Pub. L. 105-206, title I, §1201(b), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 719, added items for subpart I and chapter 95.

1993—Pub. L. 103-89, §3(a)(2), Sept. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 981, struck out item for chapter 54 “Performance Management and Recognition System”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-335, title I, §101(b), June 6, 1986, 100 Stat. 588, added item for chapter 84.

1985—Pub. L. 99-169, title VIII, §801(b), Dec. 4, 1985, 99 Stat. 1010, added items for subpart H and chapter 91.

1984—Pub. L. 98-615, title II, §201(b), Nov. 8, 1984, 98 Stat. 3214, substituted “Performance Management and Recognition System” for “Merit Pay and Cash Awards” in item for chapter 54.

1978—Pub. L. 95-454, title I, §101(b)(1), title II, §203(b), title V, §503(i), title VI, §601(b), title VII, §703(b), title IX, §906(c)(5), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1118, 1134, 1184, 1188, 1217, 1227, added items for chapters 23, 34, 47, 54, and 72, substituted in item for chapter 43 “Appraisal” for “Rating” and in item for chapter 71 “Labor-Management Relations” for “Policies”, and inserted in heading of subpart F “Labor-Management and” before “Employee”.

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² So in original. Probably should be capitalized.

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AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-56, title II, §235(a)(2)(B), Nov. 21, 2011, 125 Stat. 723, added item 2108a.

1980—Pub. L. 96-347, §1(d), Sept. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 1150, substituted “controller; Secretary” for “controller” in item 2109.

1978—Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §401(e), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1154, added item 2101a.

1972—Pub. L. 92-297, §1(b), May 16, 1972, 86 Stat. 141, added item 2109.

§ 2101. Civil service; armed forces; uniformed services

For the purpose of this title—

(1) the “civil service” consists of all appointive positions in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches of the Government of the United States, except positions in the uniformed services;

(2) “armed forces” means the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; and

(3) “uniformed services” means the armed forces, the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, and the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 408; Pub. L. 90-83, §1(4), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 196; Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(4), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 381.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

1966 ACT

The section is supplied to establish basis of reference to employees in this title.

1967 ACT

This section amends various sections [§§2101, 4102, 4109, 5541, 8101] of title 5, United States Code, to reflect 1965 Reorganization Plan No. 2 (79 Stat. 1318), effective July 13, 1965, which consolidated the Coast and Geodetic Survey and the Weather Bureau to form a new agency in the Department of Commerce to be known as the Environmental Science Services Administration.

AMENDMENTS

1979—Par. (3). Pub. L. 96-54 substituted “National Oceanic and Atmospheric” for “Environmental Science Services”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

SHORT TITLE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-339, §1, Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3182, provided that: “This Act [enacting sections 3330a to 3330c of this title, section 1316a of Title 2, The Congress, section 115 of Title 3, The President, and section 1354 of Title 31, Money and Finance, amending sections 2108, 2302, and 3304 of this title and section 4212 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits, repealing section 1599c of Title 10, Armed Forces, enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2302 of this title and section 601 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, and amending

provisions set out as a note under section 106 of Title 49, Transportation] may be cited as the ‘Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1998’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-226, §1, Mar. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 111, provided that: “This Act [amending sections 3381, 4101, 4103, 4105, 4107, 4108, 4113, 4118, 5597, 8351, 8433 to 8435, 8437, 8440a to 8440d of this title and section 1206 of Title 45, Railroads, repealing sections 4106 and 4114 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 3101, 3381, 5597, 8331, and 8351 of this title, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 403-4 of Title 50, War and National Defense] may be cited as the ‘Federal Workforce Restructuring Act of 1994’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-508, title VII, §7202(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-335, provided that: “This section [amending sections 2105, 3502, 5334, 5335, 5365, 5551, 6308, 6312, 8331, 8347, 8401, 8461, and 8901 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under section 2105 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Portability of Benefits for Nonappropriated Fund Employees Act of 1990’.”

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

COORDINATION OF TITLE VII OF PUB. L. 101-508 WITH SECTION 909 OF TITLE 2

Pub. L. 101-508, title VII, §7301, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-341, provided that: “For purposes of section 202 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Reaffirmation Act of 1987 [probably means section 202 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Reaffirmation Act of 1987, Pub. L. 100-119, which was formerly classified to section 909 of Title 2, The Congress], this title and the amendments made by this title [amending sections 552a, 2105, 3502, 5334, 5335, 5365, 5551, 6308, 6312, 8331, 8334, 8339, 8342, 8343a, 8347, 8348, 8401, 8420a, 8461, 8901, 8902, 8904, 8906, 8909, and 8910 of this title, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 552a, 2105, 8334, 8343a, 8348, 8902, 8904, and 8906 of this title, amending provisions set out as notes under sections 8343a and 8906 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as notes under sections 8343a and 8348 of this title] shall be considered an exception under subsection (b) of such section.”

§ 2101a. The Senior Executive Service

The “Senior Executive Service” consists of Senior Executive Service positions (as defined in section 3132(a)(2) of this title).

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §401(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1154.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 9 months after Oct. 13, 1978, and congressional review of provisions of sections 401 through 412 of Pub. L. 95-454, see section 415 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 3131 of this title.

§ 2102. The competitive service

(a) The “competitive service” consists of—

(1) all civil service positions in the executive branch, except—

(A) positions which are specifically excepted from the competitive service by or under statute;