

career appointees paid performance awards under this section during any fiscal year to 50 percent of the number of Senior Executive Service positions in such agency, except for an agency having less than 4 such positions.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(h) [title VI, §632(b)], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-480, 2681-523, provided that: "The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1998, or the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998], whichever is later."

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-615 effective following expiration of 90-day period beginning on Nov. 8, 1984, see section 307 of Pub. L. 98-615, set out as a note under section 3393 of this title.

#### 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(a)(1), (b) of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 3131 of this title.

#### LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR CAREER APPOINTEES

Section 306(c) of S. 2939, Ninety-seventh Congress, 2nd Session, as reported Sept. 22, 1982, and incorporated by reference in Pub. L. 97-276, §101(e), Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1189, to be effective as if enacted into law, provided that: "None of the funds appropriated by this Act or any other Act shall be used by any agency to pay performance awards in fiscal year 1983 under section 5384 of title 5, United States Code, or any comparable personnel system established on or after October 13, 1978, to more than 20 per centum of the number of Senior Executive Service or comparable personnel system positions in such agency: *Provided*, That an agency with less than five Senior Executive Service employees or equivalent positions may grant one such performance award."

Similar provisions were contained in the following acts:

Pub. L. 97-51, §§101(c), 124, Oct. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 959, 965.

Pub. L. 96-536, §101(c), Dec. 16, 1980, 94 Stat. 3167.

Pub. L. 96-369, §101(c), Oct. 1, 1980, 94 Stat. 1352.

Pub. L. 96-304, title III, §303, July 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 927.

### § 5385. Regulations

The Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations to carry out the purpose of this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 95-454, title IV, §407(a), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1172.)

#### 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(a)(1), (b) of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 3131 of this title.

### SUBCHAPTER IX—SPECIAL OCCUPATIONAL PAY SYSTEMS

#### AMENDMENTS

1992—Pub. L. 102-378, §2(36), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1351, struck out subchapter analysis, consisting of item 5391 "Definitions" and item 5392 "Establishment of special occupational pay systems".

### § 5391. Definitions

For the purposes of this subchapter, "agency", "employee", and "position" have the meanings given them by section 5102.

(Added Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title I, §105(a)(1)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1447.)

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective on such date as the President shall determine, but not earlier than 90 days, and not later than 180 days, after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 529 [title III, §305] of Pub. L. 101-509, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 5301 of this title.

### § 5392. Establishment of special occupational pay systems

(a) Authority under this section may be exercised with respect to any occupation or group of occupations to which subchapter III applies (or would apply but for this section).

(b) Subject to subsection (a), the President's pay agent (as referred to in section 5304(d)) may establish one or more special occupational pay systems for any positions within occupations or groups of occupations that the pay agent determines, for reasons of good administration, should not be classified under chapter 51 or subject to subchapter III.

(c) In establishing special occupational pay systems, the pay agent shall—

(1) identify occupations or groups of occupations for which chapter 51 and subchapter III do not function adequately;

(2) consider alternative approaches for determining the pay for employees in positions in such occupations or groups of occupations;

(3) give thorough consideration to the views of agencies employing such employees and labor organizations representing such employees, as well as other interested parties;

(4) publish a proposed plan for determining the pay of such employees in the Federal Register;

(5) conduct one or more public hearings;

(6) provide each House of Congress with a report at least 90 days in advance of the date the system is to take effect setting forth the details of the proposed plan; and

(7) not later than 30 days before the date the system is to take effect, publish in the Federal Register the details of the final plan for the special occupational pay system.

(d) A special occupational pay system may not—

(1) provide for a waiver of any law, rule, or regulation that could not be waived under section 4703(c); or

(2) provide a rate of basic pay for any employee in excess of the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule.

(e) Subject to subsection (d)(2), effective at the beginning of the first applicable pay period commencing on or after the first day of the month in which an adjustment takes effect under section 5303 in the rates of pay under the General Schedule, each rate of pay established under this section shall be adjusted by such amount as the Office considers appropriate.

(Added Pub. L. 101-509, title V, §529 [title I, §105(a)(1)], Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1427, 1448.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Level V of the Executive Schedule, referred to in subsection (d)(2), is set out in section 5316 of this title.