

to the Department of Agriculture (excluding the Forest Service) shall be available for uniforms or allowances as authorized by law (5 U.S.C. 5901-5902).

(Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §702, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2149.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title VII, §702, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2838.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §702, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 31.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, §702, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 38.

Pub. L. 107-76, title VII, §702, Nov. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 731.

Pub. L. 106-387, §1(a) [title VII, §702], Oct. 28, 2000, 114 Stat. 1549, 1549A-28.

Pub. L. 106-78, title VII, §702, Nov. 28, 2001, 113 Stat. 1160.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. A, §101(a) [title VII, §702], Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-25.

Pub. L. 105-86, title VII, §702, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 2104.

Pub. L. 104-180, title VII, §702, Aug. 6, 1996, 110 Stat. 1596.

Pub. L. 104-37, title VII, §702, Oct. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 329.

Pub. L. 103-330, title VII, §702, Sept. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 2466.

Pub. L. 103-111, title VII, §702, Oct. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 1078.

Pub. L. 102-341, title VII, §702, Aug. 14, 1992, 106 Stat. 906.

Pub. L. 102-142, title VII, §703, Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 911.

Pub. L. 101-506, title VI, §603, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1346.

Pub. L. 101-161, title VI, §603, Nov. 21, 1989, 103 Stat. 982.

Pub. L. 100-460, title VI, §603, Oct. 1, 1988, 102 Stat. 2259.

Pub. L. 100-202, §101(k) [title VI, §603], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329, 1329-353.

Pub. L. 99-500, §101(a) [title VI, §603], Oct. 18, 1986, 100 Stat. 1783, 1783-27, and Pub. L. 99-591, §101(a) [title VI, §603], Oct. 30, 1986, 100 Stat. 3341, 3341-27.

Pub. L. 97-370, title VI, §603, Dec. 18, 1982, 96 Stat. 1810.

Pub. L. 97-103, title VI, §603, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1487.

Pub. L. 96-108, title VI, §602, Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 840.

Pub. L. 95-448, title VI, §602, Oct. 11, 1978, 92 Stat. 1092.

Pub. L. 94-351, title VI, §602, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 868.

Pub. L. 94-122, title VI, §602, Oct. 21, 1975, 89 Stat. 666.

Pub. L. 93-563, title V, §502, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1842.

Pub. L. 93-135, title V, §503, Oct. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 489.

Pub. L. 92-399, title V, §503, Aug. 22, 1972, 86 Stat. 611.

Pub. L. 92-73, title V, §503, Aug. 10, 1971, 85 Stat. 201.

Pub. L. 91-566, title V, §503, Dec. 22, 1970, 84 Stat. 1496.

Pub. L. 91-127, title V, §503, Nov. 26, 1969, 83 Stat. 260.

Pub. L. 90-463, title V, §503, Aug. 8, 1968, 82 Stat. 653.

Pub. L. 90-113, title V, §503, Oct. 24, 1967, 81 Stat. 334.

Pub. L. 89-556, title V, §503, Sept. 7, 1966, 80 Stat. 703.

Pub. L. 89-316, title V, §503, Nov. 2, 1965, 79 Stat. 1179.

Pub. L. 88-574, title V, §503, Sept. 2, 1964, 78 Stat. 876.

Pub. L. 88-250, title VI, §603, Dec. 30, 1963, 77 Stat. 833.

Pub. L. 87-879, title VI, §603, Oct. 24, 1962, 76 Stat. 1215.

Pub. L. 87-112, title V, §503, July 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 240.

Pub. L. 86-532, title IV, §403, June 29, 1960, 74 Stat. 244.

Pub. L. 86-80, title IV, §403, July 8, 1959, 73 Stat. 179.

Pub. L. 85-459, title IV, §403, June 13, 1958, 72 Stat. 199.

Pub. L. 85-119, title V, §503, Aug. 2, 1957, 71 Stat. 340.

**§2209h. Reimbursement of Office of the General Counsel**

On and after November 10, 2005, agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may utilize any unobligated salaries and expenses funds to reimburse the Office of the General Counsel for salaries and expenses of personnel, and for other related expenses, incurred in representing such agencies and offices in the resolution of complaints by employees or applicants for employment, and in cases and other matters pending before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Federal Labor Relations Authority, or the Merit Systems Protection Board with the prior approval of the Committees on Appropriations of both Houses of Congress.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §732, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2154.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title VII, §736, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2844.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §732, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 35.

Pub. L. 108-7, div. A, title VII, §739, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 43.

**§2209i. Funding for preparation of final agency decisions regarding discrimination complaints**

On and after November 10, 2005, agencies and offices of the Department of Agriculture may utilize any available discretionary funds to cover the costs of preparing, or contracting for the preparation of, final agency decisions regarding complaints of discrimination in employment or program activities arising within such agencies and offices.

(Pub. L. 109-97, title VII, §751, Nov. 10, 2005, 119 Stat. 2156.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 108-447, div. A, title VII, §763, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 2847.

Pub. L. 108-199, div. A, title VII, §762, Jan. 23, 2004, 118 Stat. 39.

**§2209j. Permanent debarment from participation in Department of Agriculture programs for fraud**

**(a) In general**

Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of Agriculture shall permanently debar an individual, organization, corporation, or other entity convicted of a felony for knowingly defrauding the United States in connection with any program administered by the Department of Agriculture from any subsequent participation in Department of Agriculture programs.

**(b) Exceptions**

**(1) Secretary determination**

The Secretary may reduce a debarment under subsection (a) to a period of not less