

evade the spirit and purpose of this subsection shall be prohibited.

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PART V—IMMUNITY OF WITNESSES

CHAPTER 601—IMMUNITY OF WITNESSES

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AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, §330013(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2146, added heading for chapter 601.

1970—Pub. L. 91-452, title II, §201(a), Oct. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 926, added part V and items 6001 to 6005.

§ 6001. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

(1) “agency of the United States” means any executive department as defined in section 101 of title 5, United States Code, a military department as defined in section 102 of title 5, United States Code, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the China Trade Act registrar appointed under 53 Stat. 1432 (15 U.S.C. sec. 143), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Maritime Commission, the Federal Power Commission, the Federal Trade Commission, the Surface Transportation Board, the National Labor Relations Board, the National Transportation Safety Board, the Railroad Retirement Board, an arbitration board established under 48 Stat. 1193 (45 U.S.C. sec. 157), the Securities and Exchange Commission, or a board established under 49 Stat. 31 (15 U.S.C. sec. 715d);

(2) “other information” includes any book, paper, document, record, recording, or other material;

(3) “proceeding before an agency of the United States” means any proceeding before such an agency with respect to which it is authorized to issue subpoenas and to take testimony or receive other information from witnesses under oath; and

(4) “court of the United States” means any of the following courts: the Supreme Court of the United States, a United States court of appeals, a United States district court established under chapter 5, title 28, United States Code, a United States bankruptcy court established under chapter 6, title 28, United States Code, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, the District Court of Guam, the District Court of the Virgin Islands, the United States Court of Federal Claims, the Tax Court of the United States, the Court of International Trade, and the Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

(Added Pub. L. 91-452, title II, §201(a), Oct. 15, 1970, 84 Stat. 926; amended Pub. L. 95-405, §25,

Sept. 30, 1978, 92 Stat. 877; Pub. L. 95-598, title III, §314(D), Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 2678; Pub. L. 96-417, title VI, §601(1), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1744; Pub. L. 97-164, title I, §164(1), Apr. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 50; Pub. L. 102-550, title XV, §1543, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 4069; Pub. L. 102-572, title IX, §902(b)(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4516; Pub. L. 103-272, §4(d), July 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 1361; Pub. L. 103-322, title XXXIII, §330013(2), (3), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 2146; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title IX, §924(d)(1)(B), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2832; Pub. L. 104-88, title III, §303(2), Dec. 29, 1995, 109 Stat. 943.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1995—Par. (1). Pub. L. 104-88 substituted “Surface Transportation Board” for “Interstate Commerce Commission”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-322, §330013(3), substituted “chapter” for “part” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-322, §330013(2), substituted “Nuclear Regulatory Commission” for “Atomic Energy Commission” and struck out “the Subversive Activities Control Board,” after “Securities and Exchange Commission.”

Pub. L. 103-272 struck out “the Civil Aeronautics Board,” before “the Commodity Futures”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 103-337 substituted “Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces” for “Court of Military Appeals”.

1992—Par. (1). Pub. L. 102-550 inserted “the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System,” after “the Atomic Energy Commission.”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 102-572 substituted “United States Court of Federal Claims” for “United States Claims Court”.

1982—Par. (4). Pub. L. 97-164 substituted “the United States Claims Court” for “the United States Court of Claims, the United States Court of Customs and Patent Appeals”.

1980—Par. (4). Pub. L. 96-417 redesignated the Customs Court as the Court of International Trade.

1978—Par. (1). Pub. L. 95-405 inserted “the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,” after “Civil Aeronautics Board.”

Par. (4). Pub. L. 95-598 inserted “a United States bankruptcy court established under chapter 6, title 28, United States Code,” after “title 28, United States Code.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1995 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-88 effective Jan. 1, 1996, see section 2 of Pub. L. 104-88, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1301 of Title 49, Transportation.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-572 effective Oct. 29, 1992, see section 911 of Pub. L. 102-572, set out as a note under section 171 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1982 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-164 effective Oct. 1, 1982, see section 402 of Pub. L. 97-164, set out as a note under section 171 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-417 effective Nov. 1, 1980, and applicable with respect to civil actions pending on or commenced on or after such date, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 96-417, set out as a note under section 251 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.