

related to the promotion of travel to and within the United States.

(3) Duties

The Director shall be responsible for ensuring the office is carrying out its functions effectively and shall report to the Secretary.

(c) Functions

The Office shall—

(1) serve as liaison to the Corporation for Travel Promotion established by subsection (b) of section 11 of the Travel Promotion Act of 2009¹ and support and encourage the development of programs to increase the number of international visitors to the United States for business, leisure, educational, medical, exchange, and other purposes;

(2) work with the Corporation, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security—

(A) to disseminate information more effectively to potential international visitors about documentation and procedures required for admission to the United States as a visitor;

(B) to ensure that arriving international visitors are generally welcomed with accurate information and in an inviting manner;

(C) to collect accurate data on the total number of international visitors that visit each State; and

(D) enhance the entry and departure experience for international visitors through the use of advertising, signage, and customer service; and

(3) support State, regional, and private sector initiatives to promote travel to and within the United States.

(d) Reports to Congress

Within a year after March 4, 2010, and periodically thereafter as appropriate, the Secretary shall transmit a report to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, the House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce, the House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security, and the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs describing the Office's work with the Corporation, the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to carry out subsection (c)(2).

(Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §202, as added Pub. L. 111-145, §9(i), formerly §9(g), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 63; renumbered 9(i), Pub. L. 113-235, div. B, title VI, §606(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2219.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Subsection (b) of section 11 of the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), probably should be a reference to subsection (b) of the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, which is classified to section 2131(b) of this title.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2123, Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §202, formerly §3, June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 130; Pub. L. 91-477, §§1,

2, Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1071, 1072; renumbered and amended Pub. L. 97-63, §3(c), (d), (e)(1), Oct. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1012, 1013; Pub. L. 102-372, §§4(n), 6(b), (c), 7, 8(b), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1174, 1176, 1178, enumerated duties of Secretary of Commerce in carrying out national tourism policy, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-288, §9(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3407.

§ 2123a. Research program

(a) In general

The Office of Travel and Tourism Industries shall expand and continue its research and development activities in connection with the promotion of international travel to the United States, including—

(1) expanding access to the official Mexican travel surveys data to provide the States with traveler characteristics and visitation estimates for targeted marketing programs;

(2) expanding the number of inbound air travelers sampled by the Commerce Department's Survey of International Travelers to reach a 1 percent sample size and revising the design and format of questionnaires to accommodate a new survey instrument, improve response rates to at least double the number of States and cities with reliable international visitor estimates and improve market coverage;

(3) developing estimates of international travel exports (expenditures) on a State-by-State basis to enable each State to compare its comparative position to national totals and other States;

(4) evaluate the success of the Corporation in achieving its objectives and carrying out the purposes of section 2131 of this title; and

(5) research to support the annual reports required by section 2123(d) of this title.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Commerce for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §203, as added Pub. L. 111-145, §9(j), formerly §9(h), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 64; renumbered 9(j), Pub. L. 113-235, div. B, title VI, §606(1), Dec. 16, 2014, 128 Stat. 2219.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2123a, Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §203, as added Pub. L. 102-372, §8(a), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1177, provided for program of financial assistance to cooperative tourism marketing programs, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-288, §9(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3407.

Another prior section 2123a, Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §203, formerly §5, June 29, 1961, 75 Stat. 130; renumbered title II, §203, and amended Pub. L. 97-63, §3(e), Oct. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1013, directed Secretary to submit annual reports to President and Congress on activities under this chapter, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-372, §8(a), Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1177. Section was formerly classified to section 2125 of this title prior to its renumbering by Pub. L. 97-63.

§§ 2123b to 2123d. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-288, § 9(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3407

Section 2123b, Pub. L. 87-63, title II, §204, as added Pub. L. 102-372, §9, Sept. 30, 1992, 106 Stat. 1178, provided

¹ See References in Text note below.