

structure of a lasting peace may be established; and

**(m) Other related problems**

such related problems as the Secretary of State may determine to be in need of research, development, or study in order to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §301, formerly §31, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 633; Pub. L. 88-186, §5, Nov. 26, 1963, 77 Stat. 342; Pub. L. 95-108, §3, Aug. 17, 1977, 91 Stat. 871; Pub. L. 97-339, §4, Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1636; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §719(c), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 501; renumbered §301 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(6), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(6)(A)-(E), in introductory provisions, inserted “this subchapter in” after “powers in”, substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” wherever appearing and “ensure” for “insure” in two places, struck out “in accordance with procedures established under section 2575 of this title” after “other Government agencies”, and substituted “The authority of the Secretary under this chapter with respect to research, development, and other studies concerning arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament shall be limited to participation in the following:” for “The authority of the Director with respect to research, development, and other studies shall be limited to participation in the following insofar as they relate to arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament:”.

Subsec. (l). Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(6)(F), inserted “and” at end.

Subsec. (m). Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(6)(B), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-236, in introductory provisions, substituted “fields of arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament” for “field of arms control and disarmament” in three places, in first sentence, inserted “and nonproliferation” after “disarmament”, and in fourth sentence, inserted “, nonproliferation,” after “arms control” wherever appearing.

1982—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 97-339 inserted “and of all aspects of antisatellite activities”.

1977—Pub. L. 95-108 struck out “United States” before “private” in cl. (2) of opening par.

1963—Pub. L. 88-186 inserted “United States” before “private” in cl. (2) of opening par.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1201 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6511 of this title.

REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF  
CONVENTIONAL ARMS

Pub. L. 92-352, title III, §302, July 13, 1972, 86 Stat. 495, directed Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, with cooperation of other agencies, to prepare a comprehensive report on international transfer of conventional arms and submit this report no later than one year after July 13, 1972, with an interim report submitted no later than six months after July 13, 1972.

**§ 2572. Patents; availability to general public; protection of background rights**

All research within the United States contracted for, sponsored, cosponsored, or author-

ized under authority of this chapter, shall be provided for in such manner that all information as to uses, products, processes, patents, and other developments resulting from such research developed by Government expenditure will (with such exceptions and limitations, if any, as the Secretary of State may find to be necessary in the public interest) be available to the general public. This section shall not be so construed as to deprive the owner of any background patent relating thereto of such rights as he may have thereunder.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §302, formerly §32, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; renumbered §302 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(7), (21), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1998—Pub. L. 105-277, §1223(7), substituted “Secretary of State” for “Director” and “section” for “subsection”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

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**§ 2573. Policy formulation**

**(a) Formulation**

The Secretary of State shall prepare for the President, and the heads of such other Government agencies as the President may determine, recommendations and advice concerning United States arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy.

**(b) Prohibition**

No action shall be taken pursuant to this chapter or any other Act that would obligate the United States to reduce or limit the Armed Forces or armaments of the United States in a militarily significant manner, except pursuant to the treaty-making power of the President set forth in Article II, Section 2, Clause 2 of the Constitution or unless authorized by the enactment of further affirmative legislation by the Congress of the United States.

**(c) Statutory construction**

Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to authorize any policy or action by any Government agency which would interfere with, restrict, or prohibit the acquisition, possession, or use of firearms by an individual for the lawful purpose of personal defense, sport, recreation, education, or training.

(Pub. L. 87-297, title III, §303, formerly §33, Sept. 26, 1961, 75 Stat. 634; Pub. L. 88-186, §3, Nov. 26, 1963, 77 Stat. 342; Pub. L. 103-236, title VII, §709, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 494; renumbered §303 and amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. A, title XII, §1223(8), (21), subdiv. B, title XXVI, §2602, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-769, 2681-772, 2681-839.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (c), was in the original “this chapter” and was translated as reading