

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF STATE

Except as otherwise provided, Secretary of State to have and exercise any authority vested by law in any official or office of Department of State and references to such officials or offices deemed to refer to Secretary of State or Department of State, as appropriate, see section 2651a of this title and section 161(d) of Pub. L. 103-236, set out as a note under section 2651a of this title.

**§ 2687. Use of appropriated funds for unusual expenses of United States Representative to Organization of American States**

The Secretary of State is authorized to use appropriated funds for unusual expenses similar to those authorized by section 5913 of title 5 incident to the operation and maintenance of the living quarters of the United States Representative to the Organization of American States.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §17, as added Pub. L. 94-141, title I, §101(c), Nov. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 756; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

**§ 2688. Ambassadors; criteria regarding selection and confirmation**

It is the sense of the Congress that the position of United States ambassador to a foreign country should be accorded to men and women possessing clearly demonstrated competence to perform ambassadorial duties. No individual should be accorded the position of United States ambassador to a foreign country primarily because of financial contributions to political campaigns.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §18, as added Pub. L. 94-141, title I, §104, Nov. 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 757; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

**§ 2689. American Sections, International Joint Commission, United States and Canada; funds for representation expenses and official entertainment within the United States**

Each fiscal year (beginning with fiscal year 1977), the Secretary of State may use funds appropriated for the American Sections, International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, for representation expenses and official entertainment within the United States for such American Sections.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §19, as added Pub. L. 94-350, title I, §104, July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 824; amended Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §110(a), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 967; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282.)

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## AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-426 struck out “not to exceed \$1,500 of the” after “the Secretary of State may use”.

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## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §110(b), Oct. 7, 1978, 92 Stat. 967, provided that: “The amendment made by this section

[amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1978.”

**§ 2690. Foreign gifts; audit; reports to Congress**

Any expenditure for any gift for any person of any foreign country which involves any funds made available to meet unforeseen emergencies arising in the Diplomatic and Consular Service shall be audited by the Comptroller General and reports thereon made to the Congress to such extent and at such times as he may determine necessary. The representatives of the Government Accountability Office shall have access to all books, accounts, records, reports, files, and all other papers, things, or property pertaining to such expenditure and necessary to facilitate the audit.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §20, as added Pub. L. 94-350, title I, §116(a), July 12, 1976, 90 Stat. 827; renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 282; amended Pub. L. 108-271, §8(b), July 7, 2004, 118 Stat. 814.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-271 substituted “Government Accountability Office” for “General Accounting Office”.

**§ 2691. Repealed. Pub. L. 101-649, title VI, § 603(a)(18), Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 5084**

Section, act Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, §21, as added Aug. 17, 1977, Pub. L. 95-105, title I, §112, 91 Stat. 848; amended Oct. 7, 1978, Pub. L. 95-426, title I, §119, 92 Stat. 970; Aug. 15, 1979, Pub. L. 96-60, title I, §109, 93 Stat. 397; renumbered title I, Aug. 24, 1982, Pub. L. 97-241, title II, §202(a), 96 Stat. 282, related to compliance with the Helsinki Final Act in the granting of nonimmigrant visas to aliens who are excludible from the United States by reason of membership in or affiliation with a proscribed organization but who are otherwise admissible, and provided that this section not apply to representatives of labor organizations that are instruments of a totalitarian state or aliens connected with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

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## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Section repealed applicable to individuals entering United States on or after June 1, 1991, see section 601(e)(1) of Pub. L. 101-649, set out as an Effective Date of 1990 Amendment note under section 1101 of Title 8, Aliens and Nationality.

**§ 2692. Compensation for persons participating in State Department proceedings; availability of funds**

(a) The Secretary of State may compensate, pursuant to regulations which he shall prescribe, for the cost of participating in any proceeding or on any advisory committee or delegation of the Department of State, any organization or person—

(1) who is representing an interest which would not otherwise be adequately represented and whose participation is necessary for a fair determination of the issues taken as a whole; and

(2) who would otherwise be unable to participate in such proceeding or on such committee or delegation because such organization or