

Amendment by section 1422(b)(3)(C) of Pub. L. 105-277 effective Apr. 1, 1999, see section 1401 of Pub. L. 105-277, set out as an Effective Date note under section 6561 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

§ 2705. Documentation of citizenship

The following documents shall have the same force and effect as proof of United States citizenship as certificates of naturalization or of citizenship issued by the Attorney General or by a court having naturalization jurisdiction:

(1) A passport, during its period of validity (if such period is the maximum period authorized by law), issued by the Secretary of State to a citizen of the United States.

(2) The report, designated as a "Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States", issued by a consular officer to document a citizen born abroad. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "consular officer" includes any United States citizen employee of the Department of State who is designated by the Secretary of State to adjudicate nationality abroad pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 33, as added and renumbered title I, Pub. L. 97-241, title I, § 117, title II, § 202(a), Aug. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 279, 282; amended Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2222(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-818.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 33 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 34 by section 117 of Pub. L. 97-241, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Par. (2). Pub. L. 105-277 inserted at end "For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'consular officer' includes any United States citizen employee of the Department of State who is designated by the Secretary of State to adjudicate nationality abroad pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe."

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

RECORD OF PLACE OF BIRTH FOR TAIWANESE-AMERICANS

Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 132, Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 395, as amended by Pub. L. 103-415, § 1(r), Oct. 25, 1994, 108 Stat. 4302, provided that: "For purposes of the registration of birth or certification of nationality or issuance of a passport of a United States citizen born in Taiwan, the Secretary of State shall permit the place of birth to be recorded as Taiwan."

§ 2706. Reprogramming of funds; notice requirements

(a) In general

Unless the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee

on Appropriations of the Senate are notified fifteen days in advance of the proposed reprogramming, funds appropriated for the Department of State shall not be available for obligation or expenditure through any reprogramming of funds—

- (1) which creates new programs;
- (2) which eliminates a program, project, or activity;
- (3) which increases funds or personnel by any means for any project or activity for which funds have been denied or restricted by the Congress;
- (4) which relocates an office or employees;
- (5) which reorganizes offices, programs, or activities;
- (6) which involves contracting out functions which had been performed by Federal employees; or
- (7) which involves a reprogramming in excess of \$1,000,000 or 10 per centum, whichever is less, and which (A) augments existing programs, projects, or activities, (B) reduces by 10 per centum or more the funding for any existing program, project, activity, or personnel approved by the Congress, or (C) results from any general savings from a reduction in personnel which would result in a change in existing programs, activities, or projects approved by the Congress.

(b) Final 15 days in which funds available

Funds appropriated for the Department of State may not be available for obligation or expenditure through any reprogramming described in subsection (a) during the period which is the last 15 days in which such funds are available unless notice of such reprogramming is made before such period.

(c) Waiver

The Secretary of State may waive the notification requirement of subsection (a), if the Secretary determines that failure to do so would pose a substantial risk to human health or welfare. In the case of any waiver under this subsection, notification to the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives shall be provided as soon as practicable, but not later than 3 days after taking the action to which the notification requirement was applicable, and shall contain an explanation of the emergency circumstances.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 34, as added Pub. L. 98-164, title I, § 123, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1025; amended Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 121, Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1339; Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 117(b), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 657; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 122(c), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 392; Pub. L. 105-277, div. G, subdiv. B, title XXII, § 2243, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-823.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 34 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered sections 35 and 36 by sections 123 and 124 of Pub. L. 98-164, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651

of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-277, § 2243(1), in introductory provisions, substituted “International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations” for “Foreign Affairs” and inserted “and the Committee on Appropriations” after “Foreign Relations”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-277, § 2243(2), added subsec. (c).
1994—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 103-236 substituted “\$1,000,000” for “\$500,000”.

1991—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 102-138 substituted “\$500,000” for “\$250,000”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-204 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on International Relations of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Foreign Affairs of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Tenth Congress, Jan. 5, 2007.

§ 2706a. Rewards payments

The Secretary may transfer to and merge with “Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service” for rewards payments unobligated balances of funds appropriated under “Diplomatic and Consular Programs” for this fiscal year and for each fiscal year on and after December 26, 2007, at no later than the end of the fifth fiscal year after the fiscal year for which any such funds were appropriated or otherwise made available.

(Pub. L. 110-161, div. J, title I (part), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2278.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Secretary, referred to in text, means the Secretary of State.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REFERENCES TO DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS ACCOUNT

References to the Diplomatic and Consular Programs account to be construed to include the Diplomatic Programs account in fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, see par. (7) of title I of div. G of Pub. L. 116-94, set out as a note under section 2651 of this title.

§ 2707. International communications and information policy; duties of Secretary of State

(a) Repealed. Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(k)(1)(A), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 408.

(b) The Secretary of State shall be responsible for formulation, coordination, and oversight of foreign policy related to international communications and information policy. The Secretary of State shall—

(1) exercise primary authority for the conduct of foreign policy with respect to such telecommunications functions, including the determination of United States positions and the conduct of United States participation in negotiations with foreign governments and international bodies. In exercising this responsibility, the Secretary shall coordinate with other agencies as appropriate, and, in par-

ticular, shall give full consideration to the authority vested by law or Executive order in the Federal Communications Commission, the Department of Commerce and the Office of the United States Trade Representative in this area;

(2) maintain continuing liaison with other executive branch agencies concerned with international communications and information policy and with the Federal Communications Commission, as appropriate;

(3) in accordance with such authority as may be delegated by the President pursuant to Executive order, supervise and coordinate the activities of any senior interagency policy-making group on international telecommunications and information policy and chair such interagency meetings as may be necessary to coordinate actions on pending issues;¹

(4) coordinate the activities of, and assist as appropriate, interagency working level task forces and committees concerned with specific aspects of international communications and information policy;

(5) maintain liaison with the members and staffs of committees of the Congress concerned with international communications and information policy and provide testimony before such committees;

(6) maintain appropriate liaison with representatives of the private sector to keep informed of their interests and problems, meet with them, and provide such assistance as may be needed to ensure that matters of concern to the private sector are promptly considered by the Department or other executive branch agencies; and

(7) assist in arranging meetings of such public sector advisory groups as may be established to advise the Department of State and other executive branch agencies in connection with international communications and information policy issues.

(Aug. 1, 1956, ch. 841, title I, § 35, as added Pub. L. 98-164, title I, § 124, Nov. 22, 1983, 97 Stat. 1025; amended Pub. L. 100-204, title I, § 173(a)(1), Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1360; Pub. L. 103-236, title I, § 162(k)(1), Apr. 30, 1994, 108 Stat. 408.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 35 of act Aug. 1, 1956, was renumbered section 36 by section 124 of Pub. L. 98-164, and subsequently renumbered, and set out as a Short Title of 1956 Amendment note under section 2651 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-138, title I, § 111(1), Oct. 28, 1991, 105 Stat. 654.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(k)(1)(A), struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: “The Secretary of State shall assign responsibility for international communications and information policy matters within the Department of State to an appropriate Under Secretary of State (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Under Secretary’).”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-236, § 162(k)(1)(B)(i), inserted introductory provisions and struck out former introductory provisions which read as follows: “The Sec-

¹ So in original.