

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-191 effective Dec. 18, 1973, see section 14 of Pub. L. 93-191, set out as a note under section 3210 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective July 1, 1971, pursuant to Resolution No. 71-9 of the Board of Governors. See section 15(a) of Pub. L. 91-375, set out as a note preceding section 101 of this title.

§ 3219. Mailgrams

Any Mailgram sent by the Vice President, a Member of or Member-elect to Congress, the Secretary of the Senate, the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate, an elected officer of the House of Representatives (other than a Member of the House), the Legislative Counsel of the House of Representatives or the Senate, the Law Revision Counsel of the House of Representatives, or the Senate Legal Counsel, and then delivered by the Postal Service, shall be considered as franked mail, subject to section 3216(a)(2) of this title, if such Mailgram contains matter of the kind authorized to be sent by that official as franked mail under section 3210 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 93-191, §12(a), Dec. 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 746; amended Pub. L. 95-521, title VII, §714(c), Oct. 26, 1978, 92 Stat. 1884; Pub. L. 97-263, §1(4), Sept. 24, 1982, 96 Stat. 1132.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1982—Pub. L. 97-263 inserted reference to Law Revision Counsel of House of Representatives.

1978—Pub. L. 95-521 inserted reference to Senate Legal Counsel.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-521 effective Jan. 3, 1979, see section 717 of Pub. L. 95-521, set out as an Effective Date note under section 288 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 18, 1973, see section 14 of Pub. L. 93-191, set out as an Effective Date of 1976 Amendment note under section 3210 of this title.

§ 3220. Use of official mail in the location and recovery of missing children

(a)(1) The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, after consultation with appropriate public and private agencies, shall prescribe general guidelines under which penalty mail may be used to assist in the location and recovery of missing children. The guidelines shall provide information relating to—

(A) the form and manner in which materials and information relating to missing children (such as biographical data and pictures, sketches, or other likenesses) may be included in penalty mail;

(B) appropriate sources from which such materials and information may be obtained;

(C) the procedures by which such materials and information may be obtained; and

(D) any other matter which the Office considers appropriate.

(2) Each executive department and independent establishment of the Government of the United States shall prescribe regulations under which penalty mail sent by such department or establishment may be used in conformance with the guidelines prescribed under paragraph (1).

(b) The Senate Committee on Rules and Administration and the House Communications Standards Commission shall prescribe for their respective Houses rules and regulations, and shall take such other action as the Committee or Commission considers necessary and proper, in order that purposes similar to those of subsection (a) may, in the discretion of the congressional official or office concerned, be carried out by the use of franked mail sent by such official or office.

(c) As used in this section, “Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention” and “Office” each means the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the Department of Justice, as established by section 201 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974.

(Added Pub. L. 99-87, §1(a)(1), Aug. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 290; Pub. L. 116-260, div. I, title I, §116(b)(2)(A)(iii), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 1637.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 201 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, referred to in subsec. (c), is section 201 of Pub. L. 93-415, which enacted section 11111 of Title 34, Crime Control and Law Enforcement, and amended section 5108 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-260 substituted “House Communications Standards Commission” for “House Commission on Congressional Mailing Standards”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116-260 applicable with respect to communications disseminated on or after Dec. 27, 2020, see section 116(f) of div. I of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 501 of Title 2, The Congress.

TERMINATION DATE

Pub. L. 99-87, §5, Aug. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 290, as amended by Pub. L. 100-202, §101(m) [title VI, §627(a)], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-390, 1329-430; Pub. L. 102-514, §1(2), Oct. 24, 1992, 106 Stat. 3371; Pub. L. 105-126, §1(2), Dec. 1, 1997, 111 Stat. 2542, which provided that the amendments made by section 1 of Pub. L. 99-87, enacting this section and amending sections 3201 and 3204 of this title and section 733 of Title 44, Public Printing and Documents, and any guidelines, rules, or regulations prescribed to carry out such amendments were to cease to be effective after December 31, 2002, was repealed by Pub. L. 109-426, §1, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2911.

ISSUANCE OF GUIDELINES, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

Pub. L. 99-87, §2, Aug. 9, 1985, 99 Stat. 291, provided that:

“(a) GUIDELINES.—The guidelines described in section 3220(a)(1) of title 39, United States Code, as added by this Act, shall be prescribed not later than ninety days after the date of the enactment of this Act (Aug. 9, 1985).

“(b) RULES AND REGULATIONS.—The regulations described in subsection (a)(2) of section 3220 of title 39,