

quirements of section 1129(a) of this title, other than paragraphs (8), (10), and (15) of that section, are met with respect to a plan, the court, on request of the debtor, shall confirm the plan notwithstanding the requirements of such paragraphs if the plan does not discriminate unfairly, and is fair and equitable, with respect to each class of claims or interests that is impaired under, and has not accepted, the plan.

(c) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—For purposes of this section, the condition that a plan be fair and equitable with respect to each class of claims or interests includes the following requirements:

(1) With respect to a class of secured claims, the plan meets the requirements of section 1129(b)(2)(A) of this title.

(2) As of the effective date of the plan—

(A) the plan provides that all of the projected disposable income of the debtor to be received in the 3-year period, or such longer period not to exceed 5 years as the court may fix, beginning on the date that the first payment is due under the plan will be applied to make payments under the plan; or

(B) the value of the property to be distributed under the plan in the 3-year period, or such longer period not to exceed 5 years as the court may fix, beginning on the date on which the first distribution is due under the plan is not less than the projected disposable income of the debtor.

(3)(A)(i) The debtor will be able to make all payments under the plan; or

(ii) there is a reasonable likelihood that the debtor will be able to make all payments under the plan; and

(B) the plan provides appropriate remedies, which may include the liquidation of non-exempt assets, to protect the holders of claims or interests in the event that the payments are not made.

(d) **DISPOSABLE INCOME.**—For purposes of this section, the term “disposable income” means the income that is received by the debtor and that is not reasonably necessary to be expended—

(1) for—

(A) the maintenance or support of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor; or

(B) a domestic support obligation that first becomes payable after the date of the filing of the petition; or

(2) for the payment of expenditures necessary for the continuation, preservation, or operation of the business of the debtor.

(e) **SPECIAL RULE.**—Notwithstanding section 1129(a)(9)(A) of this title, a plan that provides for the payment through the plan of a claim of a kind specified in paragraph (2) or (3) of section 507(a) of this title may be confirmed under subsection (b) of this section.

(Added Pub. L. 116-54, §2(a), Aug. 23, 2019, 133 Stat. 1082; amended Pub. L. 116-260, div. N, title III, §320(c), (f)(2)(A)(iii), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2016, 2017.)

AMENDMENT OF SECTION AND TERMINATION OF AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-260, div. N, title III, §320(c), (f)(1), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2016, provided

that, effective on the date on which the Administrator of the Small Business Administration submits to the Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees a written determination that, subject to satisfying any other eligibility requirements, any debtor in possession or trustee that is authorized to operate the business of the debtor under section 1183, 1184, 1203, 1204, or 1304 of this title would be eligible for a loan under paragraphs (36) and (37) of section 636(a) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and applicable to any case pending on or commenced on or after such effective date, this section is amended by adding at the end the following:

(f) Special Provision Related to COVID-19 Pandemic.—Notwithstanding section 1129(a)(9)(A) of this title and subsection (e) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed under subsection (b) of this section if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.

Pub. L. 116-260, div. N, title III, §320(f)(2), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2016, provided that, if the amendment made to this section by Pub. L. 116-260, §320(c), takes effect, effective on the date that is 2 years after Dec. 27, 2020, with provisions relating to applicability to cases commenced before such date, this section is amended by striking subsection (f).

See 2020 Amendment notes below.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 116-260, §320(f)(2)(A)(iii), contingent on its addition by Pub. L. 116-260, §320(c), struck out subsec. (f). Text read as follows: “Notwithstanding section 1129(a)(9)(A) of this title and subsection (e) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed under subsection (b) of this section if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.”

Pub. L. 116-260, §320(c), added subsec. (f).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 320(c) of div. N of Pub. L. 116-260 effective on the date on which the Administrator of the Small Business Administration submits to the Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees a written determination relating to loan eligibility under pars. (36) and (37) of section 636(a) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and applicable to any case pending on or commenced on or after such date, and amendment by section 320(f)(2)(A)(iii) of div. N of Pub. L. 116-260, relating to repeal of such amendment if it became effective, effective two years after Dec. 27, 2020, see section 320(f) of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 364 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Aug. 23, 2019, see section 5 of Pub. L. 116-54, set out as an Effective Date of 2019 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 1192. Discharge

If the plan of the debtor is confirmed under section 1191(b) of this title, as soon as prac-

licable after completion by the debtor of all payments due within the first 3 years of the plan, or such longer period not to exceed 5 years as the court may fix, unless the court approves a written waiver of discharge executed by the debtor after the order for relief under this chapter, the court shall grant the debtor a discharge of all debts provided in section 1141(d)(1)(A) of this title, and all other debts allowed under section 503 of this title and provided for in the plan, except any debt—

(1) on which the last payment is due after the first 3 years of the plan, or such other time not to exceed 5 years fixed by the court; or

(2) of the kind specified in section 523(a) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 116-54, §2(a), Aug. 23, 2019, 133 Stat. 1083.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Aug. 23, 2019, see section 5 of Pub. L. 116-54, set out as an Effective Date of 2019 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 1193. Modification of plan

(a) MODIFICATION BEFORE CONFIRMATION.—The debtor may modify a plan at any time before confirmation, but may not modify the plan so that the plan as modified fails to meet the requirements of sections 1122 and 1123 of this title, with the exception of subsection (a)(8) of such section 1123. After the modification is filed with the court, the plan as modified becomes the plan.

(b) MODIFICATION AFTER CONFIRMATION.—If a plan has been confirmed under section 1191(a) of this title, the debtor may modify the plan at any time after confirmation of the plan and before substantial consummation of the plan, but may not modify the plan so that the plan as modified fails to meet the requirements of sections 1122 and 1123 of this title, with the exception of subsection (a)(8) of such section 1123. The plan, as modified under this subsection, becomes the plan only if circumstances warrant the modification and the court, after notice and a hearing, confirms the plan as modified under section 1191(a) of this title.

(c) CERTAIN OTHER MODIFICATIONS.—If a plan has been confirmed under section 1191(b) of this title, the debtor may modify the plan at any time within 3 years, or such longer time not to exceed 5 years, as fixed by the court, but may not modify the plan so that the plan as modified fails to meet the requirements of section 1191(b) of this title. The plan as modified under this subsection becomes the plan only if circumstances warrant such modification and the court, after notice and a hearing, confirms such plan, as modified, under section 1191(b) of this title.

(d) HOLDERS OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST.—If a plan has been confirmed under section 1191(a) of this title, any holder of a claim or interest that has accepted or rejected the plan is deemed to have accepted or rejected, as the case may be, the plan as modified, unless, within the time fixed by the court, such holder changes the previous acceptance or rejection of the holder.

(Added Pub. L. 116-54, §2(a), Aug. 23, 2019, 133 Stat. 1083.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Aug. 23, 2019, see section 5 of Pub. L. 116-54, set out as an Effective Date of 2019 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 1194. Payments

(a) RETENTION AND DISTRIBUTION BY TRUSTEE.—Payments and funds received by the trustee shall be retained by the trustee until confirmation or denial of confirmation of a plan. If a plan is confirmed, the trustee shall distribute any such payment in accordance with the plan. If a plan is not confirmed, the trustee shall return any such payments to the debtor after deducting—

(1) any unpaid claim allowed under section 503(b) of this title;

(2) any payment made for the purpose of providing adequate protection of an interest in property due to the holder of a secured claim; and

(3) any fee owing to the trustee.

(b) OTHER PLANS.—If a plan is confirmed under section 1191(b) of this title, except as otherwise provided in the plan or in the order confirming the plan, the trustee shall make payments to creditors under the plan.

(c) PAYMENTS PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION.—Prior to confirmation of a plan, the court, after notice and a hearing, may authorize the trustee to make payments to the holder of a secured claim for the purpose of providing adequate protection of an interest in property.

(Added Pub. L. 116-54, §2(a), Aug. 23, 2019, 133 Stat. 1084.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Aug. 23, 2019, see section 5 of Pub. L. 116-54, set out as an Effective Date of 2019 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

§ 1195. Transactions with professionals

Notwithstanding section 327(a) of this title, a person is not disqualified for employment under section 327 of this title, by a debtor solely because that person holds a claim of less than \$10,000 that arose prior to commencement of the case.

(Added Pub. L. 116-54, §2(a), Aug. 23, 2019, 133 Stat. 1084.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective 180 days after Aug. 23, 2019, see section 5 of Pub. L. 116-54, set out as an Effective Date of 2019 Amendment note under section 101 of this title.

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