

Par. (9). Pub. L. 101-624, §1839(b), amended par. (9) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (9) read as follows: “The term ‘qualified loan’ means an obligation that—

“(A) is secured by a fee-simple or leasehold mortgage with status as a first lien on agricultural real estate located in the United States that is not subject to any legal or equitable claims deriving from a preceding fee-simple or leasehold mortgage;

“(B) is an obligation of—

“(i) a citizen or national of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; or

“(ii) a private corporation or partnership whose members, stockholders, or partners holding a majority interest in the corporation or partnership are individuals described in clause (i); and

“(C) is an obligation of a person, corporation, or partnership that has training or farming experience that, under criteria established by the Corporation, is sufficient to ensure a reasonable likelihood that the loan will be repaid according to its terms.”

1988—Par. (9)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 100-399 substituted “holding” for “hold” and struck out “and” before “are”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110-234 by Pub. L. 110-246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110-234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110-246, set out as an Effective Date note under section 8701 of Title 7, Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-399 effective as if enacted immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-233, which was approved Jan. 6, 1988, see section 1001(a) of Pub. L. 100-399, set out as a note under section 2002 of this title.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Pub. L. 100-233, title VII, §701, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1686, provided that: “It is the purpose of this subtitle [subtitle A (§§701-705) of title VII of Pub. L. 100-233, enacting this subchapter, amending sections 2012, 2033, 2072, and 2093 of this title and section 9105 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and enacting provisions set out as a note below]—

“(1) to establish a corporation chartered by the Federal Government;

“(2) to authorize the certification of agricultural mortgage marketing facilities by the corporation;

“(3) to provide for a secondary marketing arrangement for agricultural real estate mortgages that meet the underwriting standards of the corporation—

“(A) to increase the availability of long-term credit to farmers and ranchers at stable interest rates;

“(B) to provide greater liquidity and lending capacity in extending credit to farmers and ranchers; and

“(C) to provide an arrangement for new lending to facilitate capital market investments in providing long-term agricultural funding, including funds at fixed rates of interest; and

“(4) to enhance the ability of individuals in small rural communities to obtain financing for moderate-priced homes.”

GAO STUDIES

Pub. L. 100-233, title VII, §704, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1706, as amended by Pub. L. 100-399, title VI, §603, Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1006, directed Comptroller General of United States to conduct studies of (1) implementation of amendments made by subtitle A (§§701-705) of title VII of Pub. L. 100-233 (which enacted this subchapter and amended sections 2012, 2033, 2072, and 2093 of this title and section 9105 of Title 31, Money and Finance) by Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation and effect of operations of Corporation on producers, Farm

Credit System, and other lenders, and capital markets, (2) feasibility and appropriateness of promoting establishment of a secondary market for securities representing interests in, or obligations backed by, pools of agricultural real estate loans for which a guarantee had not been provided by Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, and (3) feasibility of expanding authority granted under amendments made by such subtitle A to authorize sale of securities based on or backed by a trust or pool consisting of loans made to farm-related and rural small businesses, and required, not later than Jan. 6, 1990, Comptroller General to transmit to Congress a report on the studies, including therein such recommendations for administrative action and legislation as might be appropriate.

PART A—ESTABLISHMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MORTGAGE CORPORATION

§ 2279aa-1. Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation

(a) Establishment

(1) In general

There is hereby established a corporation to be known as the Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, which shall be a federally chartered instrumentality of the United States.

(2) Institution within Farm Credit System

The Corporation shall be an institution of the Farm Credit System.

(3) Liability

(A) Corporation

The Corporation shall not be liable for any debt or obligation of any other institution of the Farm Credit System.

(B) System institutions

The Farm Credit System and System institutions (other than the Corporation) shall not be liable for any debt or obligation of the Corporation.

(b) Duties

The Corporation shall—

(1) in consultation with originators, develop uniform underwriting, security appraisal, and repayment standards for qualified loans;

(2) determine the eligibility of agricultural mortgage marketing facilities to contract with the Corporation for the provision of guarantees for specific mortgage pools;

(3) provide guarantees for the timely repayment of principal and interest on securities representing interests in, or obligations backed by, pools of qualified loans; and

(4) purchase qualified loans and issue securities representing interests in, or obligations backed by, the qualified loans, guaranteed for the timely repayment of principal and interest.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VIII, §8.1, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title VII, §702, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1687; amended Pub. L. 104-105, title I, §103, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 163.)

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1996—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 104-105 added par. (4).

§ 2279aa-2. Board of directors**(a) In general****(1) Establishment**

The Corporation shall be under the management of the board of directors.

(2) Composition

The Board shall consist of 15 members, of which—

(A) 5 members shall be elected by holders of common stock that are insurance companies, banks, or other financial institutions or entities;

(B) 5 members shall be elected by holders of common stock that are Farm Credit System institutions; and

(C) 5 members shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate—

(i) which members shall not be, or have been, officers or directors of any financial institutions or entities;

(ii) which members shall be representatives of the general public;

(iii) of which members not more than 3 shall be members of the same political party; and

(iv) of which members at least 2 shall be experienced in farming or ranching.

(3) Vacancy**(A) Elected members**

Subject to paragraph (5), a vacancy among the members elected to the Board in the manner described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) shall be filled by the Board from among persons eligible for election to the position for which the vacancy exists.

(B) Appointed members

A vacancy among the members appointed to the Board under paragraph (2)(C) shall be filled in the manner in which the original appointment was made.

(4) Continuation of membership

If—

(A) any member of the Board who was appointed or elected to the Board from among persons who are representatives of banks, other financial institutions or entities, insurance companies, or Farm Credit System institutions ceases to be such a representative; or

(B) any member who was appointed from persons who are not or have not been directors or officers of any financial institution or entity becomes a director or an officer of any financial institution or entity;

such member may continue as a member for not longer than the 45-day period beginning on the date such member ceases to be such a representative, officer, or employee or becomes such a director or officer, as the case may be.

(5) Terms**(A) Appointed members**

The members appointed by the President shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

(B) Elected members

The members elected under subparagraphs (A) and (B) of subsection (b)(2) shall each be

elected annually for a term ending on the date of the next annual meeting of the common stockholders of the Corporation and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified. Any seat on the Board that becomes vacant after the annual election of the directors shall be filled by the members of the Board from the same category of directors, but only for the unexpired portion of the term.

(C) Vacancy appointment

Any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of the term for which the predecessor of the member was appointed shall be appointed only for the remainder of such term.

(D) Service after expiration of term

A member may serve after the expiration of the term of the member until the successor of the member has taken office.

(6) Quorum

8 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

(7) No additional pay for Federal officers or employees

Members of the Board who are fulltime officers or employees of the United States shall receive no additional pay by reason of service on the Board.

(8) Chairperson

The President shall designate 1 of the members of the Board who are appointed by the President as the chairperson of the Board.

(9) Meetings

The Board shall meet at the call of the chairperson or a majority of its members.

(b) Officers and staff

The Board may appoint, employ, fix the pay of, and provide other allowances and benefits for such officers and employees of the Corporation as the Board determines to be appropriate.

(Pub. L. 92-181, title VIII, § 8.2, as added Pub. L. 100-233, title VII, § 702, Jan. 6, 1988, 101 Stat. 1688; amended Pub. L. 100-399, title VI, § 601(b), Aug. 17, 1988, 102 Stat. 1005; Pub. L. 115-334, title V, § 5411(43), Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4684.)

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2018—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(43)(A)-(C)(i), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a), substituted “In general” for “Permanent board” in heading and “Board” for “permanent board” wherever appearing in text, and struck out former subsec. (a) which established an interim board of directors until the first meeting of a permanent board of directors.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(43)(B), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which required the Corporation to establish a permanent board of directors for financial institutions once certain thresholds were met.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 115-334, § 5411(43)(C)(ii)-(iv), redesignated par. (4) as (3), substituted “paragraph (5)” for “paragraph (6)” in subpar. (A), and struck out former par. (3) which set a date by which the presidential appointees to the permanent board were to be appointed.