

tion under subsection (a) together with a copy of its complaint, except that if it is not feasible for the State to provide such prior notice, the State shall provide such notice immediately upon instituting such action.

**(c) Intervention by the Commission**

The Commission may intervene in such civil action and upon intervening—

- (1) be heard on all matters arising in such civil action; and
- (2) file petitions for appeal of a decision in such civil action.

**(d) Construction**

Nothing in this section shall be construed—

- (1) to prevent the attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, from exercising the powers conferred on the attorney general, or other authorized State officer, by the laws of such State; or
- (2) to prohibit the attorney general of a State, or other authorized State officer, from proceeding in State or Federal court on the basis of an alleged violation of any civil or criminal statute of that State.

**(e) Limitation**

No separate suit shall be brought under this section if, at the time the suit is brought, the same alleged violation is the subject of a pending action by the Federal Trade Commission or the United States under this chapter.

(Pub. L. 111-345, §6, Dec. 29, 2010, 124 Stat. 3621.)

**CHAPTER 111—WEATHER RESEARCH AND FORECASTING INNOVATION**

Sec. 8501. Definitions.

**SUBCHAPTER I—UNITED STATES WEATHER RESEARCH AND FORECASTING IMPROVEMENT**

- 8511. Public safety priority.
- 8512. Weather research and forecasting innovation.
- 8513. Tornado warning improvement and extension program.
- 8514. Hurricane forecast improvement program.
- 8515. Weather research and development planning.
- 8516. Observing system planning.
- 8517. Observing System Simulation Experiments.
- 8518. Computing resource efficiency improvement and annual report.
- 8519. Authorization of appropriations.
- 8520. United States Weather Research Program.
- 8521. Weather and climate information in agriculture.

**SUBCHAPTER II—WEATHER SATELLITE AND DATA INNOVATION**

- 8531. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration satellite and data management.
- 8532. Commercial weather data.
- 8533. Unnecessary duplication.

**SUBCHAPTER III—FEDERAL WEATHER COORDINATION**

- 8541. Environmental Information Services Working Group.
- 8542. Interagency weather research and forecast innovation coordination.
- 8543. Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and National Weather Service exchange program.
- 8544. Visiting fellows at National Weather Service.
- 8545. Warning coordination meteorologists at weather forecast offices of National Weather Service.

- Sec. 8546. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Ready All Hazards Award Program.
- 8547. Report on contract positions at National Weather Service.
- 8548. Weather enterprise outreach.
- 8549. Hurricane hunter aircraft.
- 8550. Improvements to Cooperative Observer Program of National Weather Service.

**§ 8501. Definitions**

In this chapter:

**(1) Seasonal**

The term “seasonal” means the time range between 3 months and 2 years.

**(2) State**

The term “State” means a State, a territory, or possession of the United States, including a Commonwealth, or the District of Columbia.

**(3) Subseasonal**

The term “subseasonal” means the time range between 2 weeks and 3 months.

**(4) Under Secretary**

The term “Under Secretary” means the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

**(5) Weather industry and weather enterprise**

The terms “weather industry” and “weather enterprise” are interchangeable in this chapter, and include individuals and organizations from public, private, and academic sectors that contribute to the research, development, and production of weather forecast products, and primary consumers of these weather forecast products.

(Pub. L. 115-25, §2, Apr. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 92.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 115-25, April 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 91, known as the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**SHORT TITLE OF 2019 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 115-423, §1, Jan. 7, 2019, 132 Stat. 5454, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 8550 of this title and section 4010 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, amending sections 313d, 8512, 8518 to 8521, 8531, and 8532 of this title and sections 4001 to 4002 and 4009 of Title 33, enacting provisions set out as a note under section 4001 of Title 33, and amending provisions set out as a note under section 313d of this title] may be cited as the ‘National Integrated Drought Information System Reauthorization Act of 2018’.”

**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 115-25, §1(a), Apr. 18, 2017, 131 Stat. 91, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter and sections 3206a and 3208 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, amending sections 3201 to 3207 of Title 33, and enacting and repealing provisions set out as notes under section 3201 of Title 33] may be cited as the ‘Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017’.”