

(b) Composition**(1) In general**

The Board shall be composed of at least 7 employees of the Department of Agriculture selected by the Secretary.

(2) Chairperson

A member of the Board shall be designated by the Secretary to serve as chairperson of the Board.

(c) Duties

The Board shall advise the Secretary regarding the administration of this subchapter, including the formulation of policies for carrying out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1533, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 273.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3456, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1533, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1339, related to technical and financial assistance to carry out specified works of improvement, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 3457. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title II, § 2805(d), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1089, and Pub. L. 110-246, § 4(a), title II, § 2805(d), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1817

Section, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1534, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 273, related to evaluation of program established under this subchapter and submission of report not later than June 30, 2005.

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-234 and Pub. L. 110-246 repealed this section. Pub. L. 110-234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110-246.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3457, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1534, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340, related to the Resource Conservation and Development Policy Board, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal 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.

§ 3458. Limitation on assistance

In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall provide technical assistance and financial assistance with respect to not more than 450 active designated areas.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1535, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3458, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1535, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340, related to program evaluation, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

§ 3459. Supplemental authority of the Secretary

The authority of the Secretary under this subchapter to assist councils in the development and implementation of area plans shall be supplemental to, and not in lieu of, any authority of the Secretary under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1536, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 3459, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1536, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1452(a), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3611, related to limitation on assistance, prior to the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

§ 3460. Authorization of appropriations**(a) In general**

There are authorized to be¹ such sums as are necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(b) Loans

The Secretary shall not use more than \$15,000,000 of any funds made available for a fiscal year to make loans under this subchapter.

(c) Availability

Funds appropriated to carry out this subchapter shall remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1537, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title II, §2504, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 274.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 3460 and 3461 were omitted in the general amendment of this subchapter by Pub. L. 107-171.

Section 3460, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1537, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1340, related to supplemental authority of Secretary.

Section 3461, Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1538, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1341; Pub. L. 101-624, title XIV, §1452(b), Nov. 28, 1990, 104 Stat. 3611; Pub. L. 104-127, title III, §383, Apr. 4, 1996, 110 Stat. 1016, authorized appropriations for each of the fiscal years 1996 through 2002.

¹So in original. Probably should be followed by "appropriated".

SUBCHAPTER VI—MISCELLANEOUS
PROVISIONS

§ 3471. Payments for land removed from production for conservation purposes; authorization of appropriations

(a) The Secretary of Agriculture may enter into contracts to provide financial assistance in the form of payments to owners and operators of cropland located in counties where the soil normally freezes to a depth of at least four inches annually who remove such land from agricultural production for a period not to exceed one year for the purpose of installing enduring conservation measures which involve excavation of the soil. The payments under such contracts shall be in such amounts as determined by the Secretary to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this subchapter but shall not exceed an amount equal to the number of acres of cropland removed from agricultural production for such purpose multiplied by 50 per centum of the typical annual rent, as determined by the Secretary, paid for similar land in the county. Financial assistance may not be provided under this section with respect to any conservation measure without the approval of the soil and water conservation district board for the district in which the land is located, and may not, in the aggregate, be provided in any year with respect to more than one-half of 1 per centum of the cropland in any county.

(b) There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section, such sums to remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1552, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1344.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle J (§§1550-1554) of title XV of Pub. L. 97-98, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1344, which enacted this subchapter and section 2273 of Title 7, Agriculture, and amended section 1236 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining. For complete classification of subtitle J to the Code, see Tables.

§ 3472. Conservation tillage; Congressional findings, etc.

(a) Congress finds that—

(1) domestic and international demand for agricultural products from the United States is great and is expected to significantly increase over the next twenty years;

(2) the ability of the United States to provide agricultural products to meet that demand is seriously impaired by the annual loss of five billion tons of soil due to wind and water erosion;

(3) the battle against soil erosion is being lost despite the annual expenditure of millions of dollars by the Federal Government on research, technical assistance, and conservation incentives to control soil erosion;

(4) conservation tillage practices are estimated to reduce soil erosion by 50 to 90 per centum over conventional farming practices; and

(5) conservation tillage may result in better yields, greater land use flexibility, decreased fuel use, decreased labor and equipment costs, increased retention of soil moisture, and more productive land than conventional farming practices and may be adaptable to a broad range of soil types and slopes throughout the country.

(b) It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Agriculture should, and is hereby urged and requested to—

(1) direct the attention of our Nation’s farmers to the costs and benefits of conservation tillage as a means of controlling soil erosion and improving profitability; and

(2) conduct a program of research designed to resolve any unanswered questions regarding the advantages and disadvantages of conservation tillage over other soil conservation practices.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1553, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1345.)

§ 3473. Regulations

The Secretary of Agriculture shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 97-98, title XV, §1554, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1345.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title XV of Pub. L. 97-98, Dec. 22, 1981, 95 Stat. 1328, which enacted this chapter and sections 2272 and 2273 and chapter 73 (§4201 et seq.) of Title 7, Agriculture, amended sections 1002 to 1005 of this title, section 1010 of Title 7, section 714b of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 1236 of Title 30, Mineral Lands and Mining, and enacted a provision set out as a note under section 2272 of Title 7.

§ 3474. Conservation incentives landowner education program

(a) In general

Not later than 1 year after March 12, 2019, the Secretary shall establish a conservation incentives landowner education program (referred to in this section as the “program”).

(b) Purpose of program

The program shall provide information on Federal conservation programs available to landowners interested in undertaking conservation actions on the land of the landowners, including options under each conservation program available to achieve the conservation goals of the program, such as—

(1) fee title land acquisition;

(2) donation; and

(3) perpetual and term conservation easements or agreements.

(c) Availability

The Secretary shall ensure that the information provided under the program is made available to—

(1) interested landowners; and

(2) the public.