

(3) “State” includes a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, and any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1002(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2136, §1952A; renumbered §1958 and amended Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §§7053(a), 7058(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4402, 4403; Pub. L. 101-647, title XII, §1205(k), title XXXV, §3558, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4831, 4927; Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60003(a)(11), title XIV, §140007(b), title XXXII, §320105, title XXXIII, §330016(1)(L), (N), (Q), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1969, 2033, 2111, 2147, 2148; Pub. L. 104-294, title VI, §§601(g)(3), 605(a), Oct. 11, 1996, 110 Stat. 3500, 3509; Pub. L. 108-458, title VI, §6704, Dec. 17, 2004, 118 Stat. 3766.)

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AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-458, §6704(1), substituted “facility of” for “facility in”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-458, §6704(2), inserted “or foreign” after “interstate”.

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-294 substituted comma for “or who conspires to do so” after “or who conspires to do so” and substituted “this title or imprisoned” for “this title and imprisoned” before “for not more than twenty years”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(1)(Q), which directed the amendment of this section by substituting “under this title” for “not more than \$50,000”, could not be executed because the phrase “not more than \$50,000” did not appear in text subsequent to amendment of subsec. (a) by Pub. L. 103-322, §60003(a)(11). See below.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(1)(N), substituted “fined under this title” for “fined not more than \$20,000” after “injury results, shall be”.

Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(1)(L), substituted “fined under this title” for “fined not more than \$10,000” before “or imprisoned for not more than ten years”.

Pub. L. 103-322, §§140007(b), 320105, each amended subsec. (a) by inserting “or who conspires to do so” after “anything of pecuniary value.”.

Pub. L. 103-322, §60003(a)(11), substituted “and if death results, shall be punished by death or life imprisonment, or shall be fined not more than \$250,000, or both” for “and if death results, shall be subject to imprisonment for any term of years or for life, or shall be fined not more than \$50,000, or both” before period at end.

1990—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-647, §3558, substituted “section 1959” for “section 1952B” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 101-647, §1205(k), added par. (3).

1988—Pub. L. 100-690, §7053(a), renumbered section 1952A of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-690, §7058(b), substituted “ten years” for “five years”.

§ 1959. Violent crimes in aid of racketeering activity

(a) Whoever, as consideration for the receipt of, or as consideration for a promise or agreement to pay, anything of pecuniary value from an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, or for the purpose of gaining entrance to or maintaining or increasing position in an enterprise engaged in racketeering activity, murders, kidnaps, maims, assaults with a dangerous weapon, commits assault resulting in serious bodily injury upon, or threatens to commit a crime of violence against any individual in violation of the laws of any State or the United States, or attempts or conspires so to do, shall be punished—

(1) for murder, by death or life imprisonment, or a fine under this title, or both; and for kidnapping, by imprisonment for any term of years or for life, or a fine under this title, or both;

(2) for maiming, by imprisonment for not more than thirty years or a fine under this title, or both;

(3) for assault with a dangerous weapon or assault resulting in serious bodily injury, by imprisonment for not more than twenty years or a fine under this title, or both;

(4) for threatening to commit a crime of violence, by imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine under this title, or both;

(5) for attempting or conspiring to commit murder or kidnapping, by imprisonment for not more than ten years or a fine under this title, or both; and

(6) for attempting or conspiring to commit a crime involving maiming, assault with a dangerous weapon, or assault resulting in serious bodily injury, by imprisonment for not more than three years or a fine of¹ under this title, or both.

(b) As used in this section—

(1) “racketeering activity” has the meaning set forth in section 1961 of this title; and

(2) “enterprise” includes any partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity, and any union or group of individuals associated in fact although not a legal entity, which is engaged in, or the activities of which affect, interstate or foreign commerce.

(Added Pub. L. 98-473, title II, §1002(a), Oct. 12, 1984, 98 Stat. 2137, §1952B; renumbered §1959, Pub. L. 100-690, title VII, §7053(b), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4402; Pub. L. 103-322, title VI, §60003(a)(12), title XXXIII, §§330016(1)(J), (2)(C), 330021(1), Sept. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 1969, 2147, 2148, 2150.)

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AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(2)(C), substituted “fine under this title” for “fine of not more than \$250,000” in two places.

Pub. L. 103-322, §60003(a)(12), amended par. (1) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (1) read as follows:

“(1) for murder or kidnaping, by imprisonment for any term of years or for life or a fine of not more than \$50,000, or both;”.

Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(2)(C), substituted “fine under this title” for “fine of not more than \$30,000” in par. (2), “fine of not more than \$20,000” in par. (3), and “fine of not more than \$5,000” in par. (4).

Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 103-322, §330021(1), substituted “kidnaping” for “kidnaping”.

Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(2)(C), substituted “fine under this title” for “fine of not more than \$10,000”.

Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 103-322, §330016(1)(J), substituted “under this title” for “not more than \$3,000” after “fine of”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-690 renumbered section 1952B of this title as this section.

§ 1960. Prohibition of unlicensed money transmitting businesses

(a) Whoever knowingly conducts, controls, manages, supervises, directs, or owns all or part

¹ So in original. The word “of” probably should not appear.