

flood control or the production of power, or be construed as the release or relinquishment of any rights of the United States arising under the constitutional authority of Congress to regulate or improve navigation, or to provide for flood control or the production of power.

**(c) Navigational servitude and powers of regulation for purposes of commerce, navigation, national defense, and international affairs**

The United States retains all of its navigational servitude and rights in and powers of regulation and control of the lands conveyed by section 1705 of this title, and the navigable waters overlying such lands, for the constitutional purposes of commerce, navigation, national defense, and international affairs, all of which shall be paramount to, but shall not be deemed to include, proprietary rights of ownership, or the rights of management, administration, leasing, use, and development of the lands and natural resources which are specifically conveyed to the government of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Virgin Islands, or American Samoa, as the case may be, by section 1705 of this title.

**(d) Status of lands beyond the three-mile limit**

Nothing in this Act shall affect the status of lands beyond the three-mile limit described in section 1705 of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-435, §2, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1211; Pub. L. 113-34, §1(a), Sept. 18, 2013, 127 Stat. 518.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b), and (d), is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, as amended, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and repealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsecs. (a), (c). Pub. L. 113-34 inserted “the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,” after “Guam,”.

**§ 1707. Payment of rents, royalties, and fees to local government**

On and after the date of enactment of this Act, all rents, royalties, or fees from leases, permits, or use rights, issued prior to such date of enactment by the United States with respect to the land conveyed by this Act, or by the amendment made by this Act, and rights of action for damages for trespass occupancies of such lands shall accrue and belong to the appropriate local government under whose jurisdiction the land is located.

(Pub. L. 93-435, §4, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1212.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Date of enactment, referred to in text, is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 93-435, which was approved Oct. 5, 1974.

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and re-

pealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The amendment made by this Act, referred to in text, means the amendment made by section 3 of Pub. L. 93-435 to section 1545(b) of this title.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

REFERENCES TO “DATE OF ENACTMENT”

For the purposes of the amendment made by subsection (a) of section 1 of Pub. L. 113-34, amending sections 1705 and 1706 of this title, the references to “date of enactment” in text shall be considered to be references to Sept. 18, 2013, see section 1(b) of Pub. L. 113-34, set out as a note under section 1705 of this title.

**§ 1708. Discrimination prohibited in rights of access to, and benefits from, conveyed lands**

No person shall be denied access to, or any of the benefits accruing from, the lands conveyed by this Act, or by the amendment made by this Act, on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry: *Provided, however*, That this section shall not be construed in derogation of any of the provisions of the April 17, 1900 cession of Tutuila and Aunuu or the July 16, 1904 cession of the Manu’s Islands, as ratified by the Act of February 20, 1929 (45 Stat. 1253) and the Act of May 22, 1929 (46 Stat. 4).

(Pub. L. 93-435, §6, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1212.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, as amended, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and repealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The amendment made by this Act, referred to in text, means the amendment made by section 3 of Pub. L. 93-435 to section 1545(b) of this title.

Act of February 20, 1929, referred to in text, is act Feb. 20, 1929, ch. 281, 45 Stat. 1253, as amended, which enacted section 1661 of this title.

Act of May 22, 1929, referred to in text, is act May 22, 1929, ch. 6, 46 Stat. 4, which amended section 1661 of this title.

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