

other characteristics of the small business investment companies using the instrument during the previous fiscal year, including the extent to which the investment companies have used the leverage from each instrument to make loans or equity investments in rural areas; and

(I) the actions of the Secretary to carry out this subchapter.

(2) Prohibition

In compiling the report required under paragraph (1), the Secretary may not—

(A) compile the report in a manner that permits identification of any particular type of investment by an individual rural business investment company or small business concern in which a rural business investment company invests; and

(B) may not release any information that is prohibited under section 1905 of title 18.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384K, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 398.)

§ 2009cc-11. Examinations

(a) In general

Each rural business investment company that participates in the program established under this subchapter shall be subject to examinations made at the direction of the Secretary in accordance with this section.

(b) Assistance of private sector entities

An examination under this section may be conducted with the assistance of a private sector entity that has the qualifications and the expertise necessary to conduct such an examination.

(c) Costs

(1) In general

The Secretary may assess the cost of an examination under this section, including compensation of the examiners, against the rural business investment company examined.

(2) Payment

Any rural business investment company against which the Secretary assesses costs under this paragraph shall pay the costs.

(d) Deposit of funds

Funds collected under this section shall—

(1) be deposited in the account that incurred the costs for carrying out this section;

(2) be made available to the Secretary to carry out this section, without further appropriation; and

(3) remain available until expended.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384L, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 399.)

§ 2009cc-12. Injunctions and other orders

(a) In general

(1) Application by Secretary

Whenever, in the judgment of the Secretary, a rural business investment company or any other person has engaged or is about to engage

in any act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of a provision of this subchapter (including any rule, regulation, order, or participation agreement under this subchapter), the Secretary may apply to the appropriate district court of the United States for an order enjoining the act or practice, or for an order enforcing compliance with the provision, rule, regulation, order, or participation agreement.

(2) Jurisdiction; relief

The court shall have jurisdiction over the action and, on a showing by the Secretary that the rural business investment company or other person has engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice described in paragraph (1), a permanent or temporary injunction, restraining order, or other order, shall be granted without bond.

(b) Jurisdiction

(1) In general

In any proceeding under subsection (a), the court as a court of equity may, to such extent as the court considers necessary, take exclusive jurisdiction over the rural business investment company and the assets of the rural business investment company, wherever located.

(2) Trustee or receiver

The court shall have jurisdiction in any proceeding described in paragraph (1) to appoint a trustee or receiver to hold or administer the assets.

(c) Secretary as trustee or receiver

(1) Authority

The Secretary may act as trustee or receiver of a rural business investment company.

(2) Appointment

On the request of the Secretary, the court shall appoint the Secretary to act as a trustee or receiver of a rural business investment company unless the court considers the appointment inequitable or otherwise inappropriate by reason of any special circumstances involved.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384M, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 399.)

§ 2009cc-13. Additional penalties for noncompliance

(a) In general

With respect to any rural business investment company that violates or fails to comply with this subchapter (including any rule, regulation, order, or participation agreement under this subchapter), the Secretary may, in accordance with this section—

(1) void the participation agreement between the Secretary and the rural business investment company; and

(2) cause the rural business investment company to forfeit all of the rights and privileges derived by the rural business investment company under this subchapter.

(b) Adjudication of noncompliance**(1) In general**

Before the Secretary may cause a rural business investment company to forfeit rights or privileges under subsection (a), a court of the United States of competent jurisdiction must find that the rural business investment company committed a violation, or failed to comply, in a cause of action brought for that purpose in the district, territory, or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, in which the principal office of the rural business investment company is located.

(2) Parties authorized to file causes of action

Each cause of action brought by the United States under this subsection shall be brought by the Secretary or by the Attorney General.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384N, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 400.)

§ 2009cc-14. Unlawful acts and omissions; breach of fiduciary duty**(a) Parties deemed to commit a violation**

Whenever any rural business investment company violates this subchapter (including any rule, regulation, order, or participation agreement under this subchapter), by reason of the failure of the rural business investment company to comply with this subchapter or by reason of its engaging in any act or practice that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this subchapter, the violation shall also be deemed to be a violation and an unlawful act committed by any person that, directly or indirectly, authorizes, orders, participates in, causes, brings about, counsels, aids, or abets in the commission of any acts, practices, or transactions that constitute or will constitute, in whole or in part, the violation.

(b) Fiduciary duties

It shall be unlawful for any officer, director, employee, agent, or other participant in the management or conduct of the affairs of a rural business investment company to engage in any act or practice, or to omit any act or practice, in breach of the fiduciary duty of the officer, director, employee, agent, or participant if, as a result of the act or practice, the rural business investment company suffers or is in imminent danger of suffering financial loss or other damage.

(c) Unlawful acts

Except with the written consent of the Secretary, it shall be unlawful—

(1) for any person to take office as an officer, director, or employee of any rural business investment company, or to become an agent or participant in the conduct of the affairs or management of a rural business investment company, if the person—

(A) has been convicted of a felony, or any other criminal offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust; or

(B) has been found liable in a civil action for damages, or has been permanently or temporarily enjoined by an order, judgment,

or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, by reason of any act or practice involving fraud or breach of trust; and

(2) for any person to continue to serve in any of the capacities described in paragraph (1), if—

(A) the person is convicted of a felony or any other criminal offense involving dishonesty or breach of trust; or

(B) the person is found liable in a civil action for damages, or is permanently or temporarily enjoined by an order, judgment, or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, by reason of any act or practice involving fraud or breach of trust.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384O, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 400.)

§ 2009cc-15. Removal or suspension of directors or officers

Using the procedures established by the Secretary for removing or suspending a director or an officer of a rural business investment company, the Secretary may remove or suspend any director or officer of any rural business investment company.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384P, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 401.)

§ 2009cc-16. Repealed. Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6027(e), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1183, and Pub. L. 110-246, §4(a), title VI, §6027(e), June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 1944

Section, Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384Q, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 401, related to interagency agreement to carry out day-to-day management and operation of the program.

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.

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 this title.

§ 2009cc-17. Regulations

The Secretary may promulgate such regulations as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384R, as added Pub. L. 107-171, title VI, §6029, May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 401.)

§ 2009cc-18. Authorization of appropriations

There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this subchapter \$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 87-128, title III, §384S, as added Pub. L. 110-234, title VI, §6027(f), May 22, 2008, 122 Stat.