

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SIMILAR PROVISIONS

Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

Pub. L. 113-76, div. B, title I, Jan. 17, 2014, 128 Stat. 50.

Pub. L. 113-6, div. B, title I, Mar. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 240.

§ 1544. Promotion of tourist travel

The Secretary of Commerce shall encourage, promote, and develop travel within the United States, including any Commonwealth, territory, and possession thereof, through activities which are in the public interest and which do not compete with activities of any State, city, or private agency.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 642, §1, 54 Stat. 773; Pub. L. 93-193, §2, Dec. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 94-55, §2(b), July 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 262.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 18 of Title 16, Conservation.

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-55 substituted “shall encourage, promote, and develop travel within the United States, including any Commonwealth, territory, and possession thereof, through activities which are in the public interest and which do not compete with activities of any State, city, or private agency” for “is authorized and directed to encourage, promote, and develop travel within the United States, its Territories and possessions, providing such activities do not compete with the activities of private agencies; and to administer all existing travel promotion functions of the Department of Commerce”.

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Pub. L. 93-193, §2, Dec. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 765, provided that:

“(a) There are hereby transferred to and vested in the Secretary of Commerce all functions, powers, and duties of the Secretary of the Interior and other offices and officers of the Department of the Interior under the Act of July 19, 1940 (54 Stat. 773; 16 U.S.C. 18-18d) [now 15 U.S.C. 1544-1548].

“(b) The assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, authorizations, and allocations, employed, held, used, rising from, available or to be made available in connection with the functions, powers, and duties transferred by subsection (a) of this section are hereby transferred to the Secretary of Commerce.”

§ 1545. Cooperation with travel agencies; publication of information

In carrying out the purposes of sections 1544 to 1548 of this title, the Secretary is authorized to cooperate with public and private tourist, travel, and other agencies in the display of exhibits, and in the collection, publication, and dissemination of information with respect to places of interest, routes, transportation facilities, accommodations, and such other matters as he deems advisable and advantageous for the purpose of encouraging, promoting, or developing such travel. Nothing in said sections shall prohibit the preparation of graphic materials in for-

eign languages, designed to call attention to the attractions and places of interest in the United States and to encourage the use of American registered ships and planes. The existing facilities of the United States Government in foreign countries are authorized to assist in the distribution of this material. The Secretary may enter into contracts with private publishers for such printing and binding as he may deem advisable in carrying out the purposes of said sections. The Secretary is also authorized to make charges for any publications made available to the public pursuant to said sections; and any proceeds from the sale of publications produced by the expenditure of contributed funds shall continue to be available for printing and binding as aforesaid.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 642, §2, 54 Stat. 773.)

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TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Secretary of the Interior to Secretary of Commerce, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 1544 of this title.

§ 1546. United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board**(a) In general**

There is established the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board (referred to in this section as the “Board”), the members of which shall be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce for 2-year terms from companies and organizations in the travel and tourism industry.

(b) Executive Director

The Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism shall serve as the Executive Director of the Board.

(c) Executive Secretariat

The National Travel and Tourism Office of the International Trade Administration shall serve as the Executive Secretariat for the Board.

(d) Functions

The Board’s Charter shall specify that the Board will—

(1) serve as the advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the travel and tourism industry in the United States;

(2) advise the Secretary of Commerce on government policies and programs that affect the United States travel and tourism industry;

(3) offer counsel on current and emerging issues;

(4) provide a forum for discussing and proposing solutions to problems related to the travel and tourism industry; and

(5) provide advice regarding the domestic travel and tourism industry as an economic engine.

(e) Recovery strategies

The Board shall assist the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Travel and Tourism in the de-