

“(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 foreign 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.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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 development and implementation of the recovery strategies required under section 9803(e)(1) of this title.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 642, § 3, 54 Stat. 773; Pub. L. 97-31, § 12(10), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 154; Pub. L. 98-443, § 9(o), Oct. 4, 1984, 98 Stat. 1708; Pub. L. 117-328, div. BB, title VI, § 607, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 5569.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section authorized creation of an advisory committee for promotion of tourist travel.

1984—Pub. L. 98-443 struck out “the Civil Aeronautics Authority,” after “the Interstate Commerce Commission.”

1981—Pub. L. 97-31 substituted “Department of Transportation” for “United States Maritime Commission”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-443 effective Jan. 1, 1985, see section 9(v) of Pub. L. 98-443, set out as a note under section 5314 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1547. Rules and regulations; employees

In the performance of his functions and duties under the provisions of sections 1544 to 1548 of this title, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized—

(a) To prescribe, amend, and repeal such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary, and to accept contributions for carrying out the purposes of said sections; and

(b) To employ, subject to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, one special assistant and not to exceed five artists and illustrators.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 642, §4, 54 Stat. 774; Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, title XI, §1106(a), 63 Stat. 972; Pub. L. 93-193, §2, Dec. 19, 1973, 87 Stat. 765.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

Provisions of par. (b) authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to employ “without regard to the civil-service laws” were omitted as such employment is subject to the civil service laws unless specifically excepted by those laws or by laws enacted subsequent to Executive Order 8743, Apr. 23, 1941, issued by the President pursuant to the Act of Nov. 26, 1940, ch. 919, title I, §1, 54 Stat. 1211, which covered most excepted positions into the classified (competitive) civil service. The Order is set out as a note under section 3301 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

“Chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5” substituted in par. (b) for “the Classification Act of 1949, as amended” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5.

AMENDMENTS

1949—Par. (b). Act Oct. 28, 1949, substituted “Classification Act of 1949” for “Classification Act of 1923”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REPEALS

Act Oct. 28, 1949, ch. 782, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed (subject to a savings clause) by Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, §8, 80 Stat. 632, 655.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Secretary of Commerce substituted for Secretary of the Interior in view of transfer of functions to Secretary of Commerce from Secretary of the Interior by section 2 of Pub. L. 93-193. See Transfer of Functions note set out under section 1544 of this title.

§ 1548. Authorization of appropriations

For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of sections 1544 to 1548 of this title, there are authorized to be appropriated not to exceed \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976; \$625,000 for the transition period of July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976; \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977, and \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1978.

(July 19, 1940, ch. 642, §5, 54 Stat. 774; Pub. L. 91-549, Dec. 14, 1970, 84 Stat. 1437; Pub. L. 94-55, §2(a), July 9, 1975, 89 Stat. 262.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-55 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations not to exceed \$2,500,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, \$625,000 for the transition period of July 1, 1976 through Sept. 30, 1976, \$2,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1977, and \$2,500,000 for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1978, for provisions authorizing appropriations not to exceed \$250,000 for fiscal year 1971 and \$750,000 for fiscal year 1972.

1970—Pub. L. 91-549 substituted provisions authorizing appropriations of not more than \$250,000 for fiscal year 1971 and not more than \$750,000 for fiscal year 1972,

for provisions which authorized appropriations of not more than \$100,000 annually.

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