

Sec.
548. Advisory Committee on United States Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117-263, div. E, title LI, § 5102(a), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 3205, added item 548.

Pub. L. 117-137, §1(b), June 7, 2022, 136 Stat. 1255, added item 531 and struck out former item 531 “Requirement relating to naming of Department property”.

2021—Pub. L. 116-315, title V, § 5303(b), title VII, § 7002(a)(2), Jan. 5, 2021, 134 Stat. 5041, 5057, added items 533 and 547.

2015—Pub. L. 114-58, title VI, § 601(2), Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 538, which directed amendment of this analysis by striking item “521A” and adding item 521A, was executed by striking item 521A “Adaptive sports programs for disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces” and adding item 521A, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2013—Pub. L. 113-59, § 5(h)(2), Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 662, which directed amendment of this analysis by striking item 521A and adding item “512A”, was executed by striking item 521A “Assistance for United States Olympic Committee” and adding item 512A in the position for item 521A, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 113-37, § 2(b)(3), Sept. 30, 2013, 127 Stat. 524, added item 521A and struck out former item 521A “Assistance for United States Paralympics, Inc.”

2012—Pub. L. 112-154, title VII, §§ 707(b), 709(b)(2), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1207, 1208, added item 517 and substituted “Authority to advertise in national media; VetStar Award Program” for “Authority to advertise in national media” in item 532.

2008—Pub. L. 110-389, title II, § 214(b), title VII, § 702(b), title VIII, § 809(b), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4154, 4183, 4190, added items 521A, 532, and 546.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title IX, § 906(b), title X, § 1001(a)(2), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3362, 3363, added items 530 and 531.

1997—Pub. L. 105-114, title I, § 101(a)(2), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2279, added item 516.

1996—Pub. L. 104-262, title III, § 333(a)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3200, added item 545.

1994—Pub. L. 103-446, title V, § 510(b), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4670, added item 544.

1992—Pub. L. 102-405, title I, § 105(b)(2), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1976, added item 543.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL AUTHORITIES

§ 501. Rules and regulations

(a) The Secretary has authority to prescribe all rules and regulations which are necessary or appropriate to carry out the laws administered by the Department and are consistent with those laws, including—

- (1) regulations with respect to the nature and extent of proof and evidence and the method of taking and furnishing them in order to establish the right to benefits under such laws;
- (2) the forms of application by claimants under such laws;
- (3) the methods of making investigations and medical examinations; and
- (4) the manner and form of adjudications and awards.

(b) Any rule, regulation, guideline, or other published interpretation or order (and any amendment thereto) issued pursuant to the authority granted by this section or any other pro-

vision of this title shall contain citations to the particular section or sections of statutory law or other legal authority upon which such issuance is based. The citation to the authority shall appear immediately following each substantive provision of the issuance.

(c) In applying section 552(a)(1) of title 5 to the Department, the Secretary shall ensure that subparagraphs (C), (D), and (E) of that section are complied with, particularly with respect to opinions and interpretations of the General Counsel.

(d) The provisions of section 553 of title 5 shall apply, without regard to subsection (a)(2) of that section, to matters relating to loans, grants, or benefits under a law administered by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 386.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 501 was renumbered section 1501 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in sections 210(c)(1) and 223(a), (b) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a).

§ 502. Judicial review of rules and regulations

An action of the Secretary to which section 552(a)(1) or 553 of title 5 (or both) refers is subject to judicial review. Such review shall be in accordance with chapter 7 of title 5 and may be sought only in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. However, if such review is sought in connection with an appeal brought under the provisions of chapter 72 of this title, the provisions of that chapter shall apply rather than the provisions of chapter 7 of title 5.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 386; amended Pub. L. 110-389, title I, § 102, Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4148.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 502 was renumbered section 1502 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 223(c) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a).

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-389 struck out “(other than an action relating to the adoption or revision of the schedule of ratings for disabilities adopted under section 1155 of this title)” after “refers”.

§ 503. Administrative error; equitable relief

(a) If the Secretary determines that benefits administered by the Department have not been provided by reason of administrative error on the part of the Federal Government or any of its employees, the Secretary may provide such relief on account of such error as the Secretary determines equitable, including the payment of moneys to any person whom the Secretary determines is equitably entitled to such moneys.

(b) If the Secretary determines that a veteran, surviving spouse, child of a veteran, or other