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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-482 applicable only with respect to amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2007 or subsequent fiscal years, see section 109 of Pub. L. 109-482, set out as a note under section 281 of this title.

PART D—NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE

SUBPART 1—GENERAL PROVISIONS

**§ 286. National Library of Medicine**

**(a) Purpose and establishment**

In order to assist the advancement of medical and related sciences and to aid the dissemination and exchange of scientific and other information important to the progress of medicine and to the public health, there is established the National Library of Medicine (hereafter in this part referred to as the "Library").

**(b) Functions**

The Secretary, through the Library and subject to subsection (d) of this section, shall—

- (1) acquire and preserve books, periodicals, prints, films, recordings, and other library materials pertinent to medicine;
- (2) organize the materials specified in paragraph (1) by appropriate cataloging, indexing, and bibliographical listings;
- (3) publish and disseminate the catalogs, indexes, and bibliographies referred to in paragraph (2);
- (4) make available, through loans, photographic or other copying procedures, or otherwise, such materials in the Library as the Secretary determines appropriate;
- (5) provide reference and research assistance;
- (6) publicize the availability from the Library of the products and services described in any of paragraphs (1) through (5);
- (7) promote the use of computers and telecommunications by health professionals (including health professionals in rural areas) for the purpose of improving access to biomedical information for health care delivery and medical research; and
- (8) engage in such other activities as the Secretary determines appropriate and as the Library's resources permit.

**(c) Exchange, destruction, or disposal of materials not needed**

The Secretary may exchange, destroy, or otherwise dispose of any books, periodicals, films, and other library materials not needed for the permanent use of the Library.

**(d) Availability of publications, materials, facilities, or services; prescription of rules**

(1) The Secretary may, after obtaining the advice and recommendations of the Board of Re-

gents, prescribe rules under which the Library will—

- (A) provide copies of its publications or materials,
- (B) will make available its facilities for research, or
- (C) will make available its bibliographic, reference, or other services,

to public and private entities and individuals.

(2) Rules prescribed under paragraph (1) may provide for making available such publications, materials, facilities, or services—

- (A) without charge as a public service,
- (B) upon a loan, exchange, or charge basis, or
- (C) in appropriate circumstances, under contract arrangements made with a public or other nonprofit entity.

**(e) Regional medical libraries; establishment**

Whenever the Secretary, with the advice of the Board of Regents, determines that—

- (1) in any geographic area of the United States there is no regional medical library adequate to serve such area;
- (2) under criteria prescribed for the administration of section 286b-6 of this title, there is a need for a regional medical library to serve such area; and
- (3) because there is no medical library located in such area which, with financial assistance under section 286b-6 of this title, can feasibly be developed into a regional medical library adequate to serve such area,

the Secretary may establish, as a branch of the Library, a regional medical library to serve the needs of such area.

**(f) Acceptance and administration of gifts; memorials**

Section 238 of this title shall be applicable to the acceptance and administration of gifts made for the benefit of the Library or for carrying out any of its functions, and the Board of Regents shall make recommendations to the Secretary relating to establishment within the Library of suitable memorials to the donors.

**(g) "Medicine" and "medical" defined**

For purposes of this part, the terms "medicine" and "medical", except when used in section 286a of this title, include preventive and therapeutic medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, hospitalization, nursing, public health, and the fundamental sciences related thereto, and other related fields of study, research, or activity.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, §465, as added Pub. L. 99-158, §2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 857; amended Pub. L. 99-660, title III, §311(b)(1), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3779; Pub. L. 100-202, §101(h) [title II, §215], Dec. 22, 1987, 101 Stat. 1329-256, 1329-275; Pub. L. 100-607, title II, §204(2), Nov. 4, 1988, 102 Stat. 3079; Pub. L. 100-690, title II, §2620(b)(1), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4244; Pub. L. 101-381, title I, §102(2), Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 585; Pub. L. 103-43, title XIV, §1401(a), (c)(1), title XX, §2010(b)(3), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 170, 214.)

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-43, §1401(c)(1), repealed amendment by Pub. L. 100-202. See 1987 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (b)(6) to (8). Pub. L. 103-43, §1401(a), added pars. (6) and (7) and redesignated former par. (6) as (8).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 103-43, §2010(b)(3), substituted "Section 238" for "Section 300aaa".

1990—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 101-381 made technical amendment to reference to section 300aaa of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act.

1988—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100-690 made technical amendment to reference to section 300aaa of this title to reflect renumbering of corresponding section of original act.

Pub. L. 100-607 substituted "300aaa" for "300cc".

1987—Pub. L. 100-202, which directed the amendment of "Section 465(B) of 42 U.S.C. 286" by inserting "between (5) and (6) an additional charge to the Secretary to 'publicize the availability of the above products and services of the National Library of Medicine'", was repealed by Pub. L. 103-43, §1401(c)(1).

1986—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 99-660 substituted "section 300cc of this title" for "section 300aa of this title".

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-690 effective immediately after enactment of Pub. L. 100-607, which was approved Nov. 4, 1988, see section 2600 of Pub. L. 100-690, set out as a note under section 242m of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-660 effective Dec. 22, 1987, see section 323 of Pub. L. 99-660, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 300aa-1 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN NEW AUTHORITY

Section 1401(c)(2) of Pub. L. 103-43 provided that: "With respect to the authority established for the National Library of Medicine in section 465(b)(6) of the Public Health Service Act, as added by subsection (a) of this section [subsec. (b)(6) of this section], such authority shall be effective as if the authority had been established on December 22, 1987."

### § 286a. Board of Regents

#### (a) Membership; ex officio members

(1)(A) The Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine consists of ex officio members and ten members appointed by the Secretary.

(B) The ex officio members are the Surgeons General of the Public Health Service, the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Dean of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, the Assistant Director for Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences of the National Science Foundation, the Director of the National Agricultural Library, and the Librarian of Congress (or their designees).

(C) The appointed members shall be selected from among leaders in the various fields of the fundamental sciences, medicine, dentistry, public health, hospital administration, pharmacology, health communications technology, or scientific or medical library work, or in public affairs. At least six of the appointed members shall be selected from among leaders in the fields of medical, dental, or public health research or education.

(2) The Board shall annually elect one of the appointed members to serve as chairman until the next election. The Secretary shall designate a member of the Library staff to act as executive secretary of the Board.

#### (b) Recommendations on matters of policy; recommendations included in annual report; use of services of members by Secretary

The Board shall advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary on matters of policy in regard to the Library, including such matters as the acquisition of materials for the Library, the scope, content, and organization of the Library's services, and the rules under which its materials, publications, facilities, and services shall be made available to various kinds of users. The Secretary shall include in the annual report of the Secretary to the Congress a statement covering the recommendations made by the Board and the disposition thereof. The Secretary may use the services of any member of the Board in connection with matters related to the work of the Library, for such periods, in addition to conference periods, as the Secretary may determine.

#### (c) Term of office; vacancy; reappointment

Each appointed member of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years, except that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which the predecessor of such member was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. None of the appointed members shall be eligible for reappointment within one year after the end of the preceding term of such member.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, §466, as added Pub. L. 99-158, §2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 859; amended Pub. L. 102-405, title III, §302(e)(1), Oct. 9, 1992, 106 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 103-43, title XX, §2008(b)(11), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 211.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 103-43 substituted "Department of Veterans Affairs" for "Veterans' Administration".

1992—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 102-405 substituted "Under Secretary for Health" for "Chief Medical Director".

#### § 286a-1. Library facilities

The Administrator of General Services may acquire, by purchase, condemnation, donation, or otherwise, a suitable site or sites, selected by the Secretary in accordance with the direction of the Board, for suitable and adequate buildings and facilities for use of the Library and to erect thereon, furnish, and equip such buildings and facilities. Amounts appropriated to carry out this section may be used for the cost of preparation of drawings and specifications, supervision of construction, and other administrative expenses incident to the work. The Administrator of General Services shall prepare the plans and specifications, make all necessary contracts, and supervise construction.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, §467, as added Pub. L. 99-158, §2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 859; amended Pub. L. 109-482, title I, §103(b)(38), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3688.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2007—Pub. L. 109-482 substituted "for suitable and adequate buildings and facilities for use of the Library" for "for such buildings and facilities" and

“Amounts appropriated to carry out this section may be used for” for “The amounts authorized to be appropriated by this section include” and struck out first sentence which read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated amounts sufficient for the erection and equipment of suitable and adequate buildings and facilities for use of the Library.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-482 applicable only with respect to amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2007 or subsequent fiscal years, see section 109 of Pub. L. 109-482, set out as a note under section 281 of this title.

**§ 286a-2. Repealed. Pub. L. 109-482, title I, § 103(b)(39), Jan. 15, 2007, 120 Stat. 3688**

Section, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 468, as added Pub. L. 103-43, title XIV, § 1402(a), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 170, authorized appropriations for this part.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal applicable only with respect to amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2007 or subsequent fiscal years, see section 109 of Pub. L. 109-482, set out as an Effective Date of 2007 Amendment note under section 281 of this title.

SUBPART 2—FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

**§ 286b. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-43, title XIV, § 1402(b), June 10, 1993, 107 Stat. 171**

Section, act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 469, as added Nov. 20, 1985, Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, 99 Stat. 860; amended Nov. 4, 1988, Pub. L. 100-607, title I, § 146(a), 102 Stat. 3058, authorized appropriations for grants and contracts under sections 286b-3 through 286b-7 of this title.

**§ 286b-1. Definitions**

As used in this subpart—

- (1) the term “medical library” means a library related to the sciences related to health; and
- (2) the term “sciences related to health” includes medicine, osteopathy, dentistry, and public health, and fundamental and applied sciences when related thereto.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 470, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 860.)

**§ 286b-2. National Medical Libraries Assistance Advisory Board**

**(a) Board of Regents of National Library of Medicine to serve as**

The Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine shall also serve as the National Medical Libraries Assistance Advisory Board (hereafter in this subpart referred to as the “Board”).

**(b) Functions**

The Board shall advise and assist the Secretary in the preparation of general regulations and with respect to policy matters arising in the administration of this subpart.

**(c) Use of services of members by Secretary**

The Secretary may use the services of any member of the Board, in connection with matters related to the administration of this part for such periods, in addition to conference periods, as the Secretary may determine.

**(d) Compensation**

Appointed members of the Board who are not otherwise in the employ of the United States, while attending conferences of the Board or otherwise serving at the request of the Secretary in connection with the administration of this subpart, shall be entitled to receive compensation, per diem in lieu of subsistence, and travel expenses in the same manner and under the same conditions as that prescribed under section 210(c) of this title when attending conferences, traveling, or serving at the request of the Secretary in connection with the Board’s function under this section.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 471, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 860.)

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY BOARDS

Advisory boards established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a board established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such board is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a board established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Pub. L. 93-641, § 6, Jan. 4, 1975, 88 Stat. 2275, set out as a note under section 217a of this title, provided that an advisory committee established pursuant to the Public Health Service Act shall terminate at such time as may be specifically prescribed by an Act of Congress enacted after Jan. 4, 1975.

**§ 286b-3. Grants for training in medical library sciences**

The Secretary shall make grants—

- (1) to individuals to enable them to accept traineeships and fellowships leading to post-baccalaureate academic degrees in the field of medical library science, in related fields pertaining to sciences related to health, or in the field of the communication of information;
- (2) to individuals who are librarians or specialists in information on sciences relating to health, to enable them to undergo intensive training or retraining so as to attain greater competence in their occupations (including competence in the fields of automatic data processing and retrieval);

(3) to assist appropriate public and private nonprofit institutions in developing, expanding, and improving training programs in library science and the field of communications of information pertaining to sciences relating to health; and

(4) to assist in the establishment of internship programs in established medical libraries meeting standards which the Secretary shall prescribe.

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 472, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 860.)

(July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title IV, § 472, as added Pub. L. 99-158, § 2, Nov. 20, 1985, 99 Stat. 860.)

**§ 286b-4. Assistance for projects in sciences related to health, for research and development in medical library science, and for development of education technologies**

**(a) Compilation of existing and original writings on health**

The Secretary shall make grants to physicians and other practitioners in the sciences related