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§ 80102. Purposes

The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and shall comply with the requirements for classification as an exempt organization under section 501(c)(3). The charitable purposes of the corporation shall be achieved through volunteer efforts by the members of the corporation, including arts programs, conservation programs, educational programs, homelife programs, international affairs, public affairs programs advancing information about public affairs, and community improvement programs.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80102	36:3501(b).	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §1(b), as added Aug. 7, 1986, Pub. L. 99–376, §1(3), 100 Stat. 804.

§ 80103. Constitution and bylaws

The corporation shall have a constitution and may adopt bylaws for the admission and qualifications of members, the management of its property, and the regulation of its affairs. The corporation may amend its constitution and bylaws.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80103	36:3503 (1st sentence).	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §3 (1st sentence), 31 Stat. 1439.

The words “at pleasure” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 80104. Property

The corporation may—

- (1) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and
- (2) issue instruments of indebtedness in relation to its real property.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80104	36:3502.	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §2, 31 Stat. 1439; Apr. 6, 1922, ch. 121, 42 Stat. 490; June 7, 1934, ch. 425, 48 Stat. 925; Dec. 15, 1975, Pub. L. 94–151, §1, 89 Stat. 809.

Clause (1) is substituted for “acquire, by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as shall or may be required for the purpose of its incorporation with authority in said corporation, should it be by it deemed necessary so to do, to mortgage or otherwise encumber the real estate which it may hereafter own or acquire” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

Clause (2) is substituted for “and may give therefor such evidences of indebtedness as such corporation may decide upon” to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “instruments” is substituted for “evidences” for consistency in the revised title.

§ 80105. Principal office and meetings

(a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia.

(b) MEETINGS.—The corporation may hold its meetings at places outside the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80105(a)	36:3503 (last sentence).	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §3 (last sentence), 31 Stat. 1439.
80105(b)	36:3504.	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §4, as added Apr. 28, 1904, ch. 1790, 33 Stat. 542; June 7, 1934, ch. 425, 48 Stat. 925.

In subsection (b), the word “may” is substituted for “be, and it is hereby, authorized to”, and the words “as it from time to time may deem best” are omitted, to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 80106. Distribution of assets on dissolution

On dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall liquidate and distribute its assets to organizations qualified as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) with purposes similar to those of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80106	36:3501(c).	Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 860, §1(c), as added Aug. 7, 1986, Pub. L. 99–376, §1(3), 100 Stat. 804.

CHAPTER 803—GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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§ 80301. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Girl Scouts of the United States of America (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.

(b) DOMICILE.—The domicile of the corporation is the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1361.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80301	36:31. 36:32 (words before 2d comma).	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, §§1, 2 (words before 2d comma), 64 Stat. 22.

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate executed and unnecessary words.

§ 80302. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote the qualities of truth, loyalty, helpfulness, friendliness, courtesy, purity, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness, and kindred virtues among girls, as a preparation for their responsibilities in the home and for service to the community;

(2) to direct and coordinate the Girl Scout movement in the United States and territories and possessions of the United States; and

(3) to fix and maintain standards for the movement that will inspire the rising generation with the highest ideals of character, patriotism, conduct, and attainment.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80302	36:33 (words before 19th comma).	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, §3 (words before 19th comma), 64 Stat. 23.

§ 80303. Governing body

(a) NATIONAL COUNCIL.—(1) There shall be a National Council of Girl Scouts. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the Council are as provided in the constitution of the corporation, except that members of the Council must be citizens of the United States.

(2) The Council may adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws and elect a board of directors, officers, and agents.

(3) The constitution may prescribe the number of members of the Council necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority of the entire Council.

(4) Meetings of the Council shall be held as provided in the constitution to hold elections and receive reports of the officers and board of directors. Special meetings may be called as provided in the constitution.

(b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) To the extent provided in the constitution and bylaws, the board of directors shall have the powers of the Council and manage the activities of the corporation between meetings of the Council. The number, qualifications, and term of office of directors are as provided in the constitution.

(2) The constitution may prescribe the number of directors necessary for a quorum. That number shall be at least 20 or two-fifths of the entire board.

(c) EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES.—The bylaws may provide for—

(1) an executive committee to carry out the powers of the board of directors between meetings of the board; and

(2) other committees to operate under the general supervision of the board of directors.

(d) LOCATION OF MEETINGS AND RECORDS.—The Council and the board of directors may hold meetings and keep the seal and records of the corporation in or outside the District of Columbia.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80303(a)(1) ..	36:34 (1st sentence words before 1st comma, 2d sentence).	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, §§4 (1st–7th sentences), 5, 64 Stat. 23, 24; Aug. 14, 1953, ch. 486, §1, 67 Stat. 582.
80303(a)(2) ..	36:34 (1st sentence words after 1st comma).	
80303(a)(3) ..	36:34 (3d sentence).	
80303(a)(4) ..	36:35 (1st, 2d sentences).	
80303(b)(1) ..	36:34 (4th sentence words before 1st comma, 5th, 7th sentences).	
80303(b)(2) ..	36:34 (6th sentence).	
80303(c)	36:34 (4th sentence words after 1st comma).	
80303(d)	36:35 (last sentence).	

In subsection (a)(1), the words “(hereinafter referred to as the ‘national council’)” are omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (a)(3), the words “entire Council” are substituted for “whole number” for clarity.

In subsection (b)(1), the first sentence is substituted for “The affairs of the corporation between meetings of the national council shall be managed by a board of directors” and “The board of directors, to the extent provided in the constitution and bylaws, shall have the powers of the national council, in the interim between its meetings” to eliminate unnecessary words.

§ 80304. Powers

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations, including regulations for the election of associates and successors;

(2) adopt and alter a seal;

(3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Columbia and in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

(4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property, and use any income from the property, as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and the purposes of the corporation.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
80304	36:32 (words after 2d comma).	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, §§2 (words after 2d comma), 8, 64 Stat. 23, 24.
	36:34 (last sentence).	
	36:38.	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, §4 (last sentence), 64 Stat. 23; Aug. 14, 1953, ch. 486, §1, 67 Stat. 582.

In this section, the text of 36:38 is omitted as executed and obsolete.

In clause (1), the word “amend” is substituted for “and from time to time to alter such constitution, by-laws, rules, and regulations” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words. The word “rules” is omitted as included in “regulations”. The words “not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or any State thereof” are omitted as unnecessary.

In clause (2), the word “destroy” is omitted as unnecessary and for consistency in the revised title.

In clause (3), the word “activities” is substituted for “business and affairs” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (4), the words “acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property, and use any income from the property, as necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation” are substituted for “take, receive, and hold, in trust or otherwise, and to sell and convey real and personal property necessary for its corporate purposes, and other real and personal property, the income from which shall be applied to its corporate purposes” in 36:32 and “authorize and cause to be executed leases, mortgages, and liens upon, and sales and conveyances of, any of the property of the corporation; and the proceeds arising therefrom shall be applied or invested for the use and benefit of the corporation” in 36:34 (last sentence) for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In clause (5), the words “in courts of law and equity” are omitted as unnecessary.

§ 80305. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and words

The corporation has the exclusive right to use all emblems and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation adopts, including the badge of the Girl Scouts, Incorporated, referred to in the Act of August 12, 1937 (ch. 590, 50 Stat. 623), and to authorize their use, during the life of the corporation, in connection with the manufacture, advertisement, and sale of equipment and merchandise. This section does not affect any vested rights.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
80305	36:36.	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, § 6, 64 Stat. 24; Aug. 17, 1951, ch. 328, 65 Stat. 192.

The word “sole” is omitted as included in “exclusive”. The words “to have” and “in carrying out its purposes” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “the corporation adopts” are substituted for “now or heretofore used by the old corporation and by its successor” for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate obsolete language. (The term “old corporation” is defined in 36:31.) The words “in carrying out its program” are omitted as unnecessary. The words “including the badge of the Girl Scouts, Incorporated, referred to in the Act of August 12, 1937 (ch. 590, 50 Stat. 623), and to authorize their use” are substituted for “including the sole and exclusive right to use, or to authorize the use of . . . the badge of the Girl Scouts, Incorporated, which is referred to in the Act of August 12, 1937 (Public, Numbered 259, Seventy-fifth Congress; 50 Stat. 623), and all the other aforesaid emblems and badges, descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases” to eliminate unnecessary words.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Act of August 12, 1937 (ch. 590, 50 Stat. 623), referred to in text, is not classified to the Code.

§ 80306. Restrictions

(a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
80306	36:33 (words after 19th comma).	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, § 3 (words after 19th comma), 64 Stat. 23.

In subsection (a), the word “pecuniary” is omitted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b), the words “The corporation shall be” are substituted for “which purposes shall be” for clarity and consistency in the revised title.

§ 80307. Annual report

Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be printed each year, with accompanying illustrations, as a separate House document of the session of the Congress to which the report is submitted.

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HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised Section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
80307	36:37.	Mar. 16, 1950, ch. 62, § 7, 64 Stat. 24; Aug. 14, 1953, ch. 486, § 2, 67 Stat. 583; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88–504, § 4(2), 78 Stat. 636.
	36:39.	Apr. 16, 1951, ch. 29, 65 Stat. 31.

TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in the first sentence of this section relating to the requirement that the corporation submit a report to Congress not later than April 1 of each year, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104–66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and page 200 of House Document No. 103–7.

CHAPTER 805—GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA

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§ 80501. Definition

For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia and the territories and possessions of the United States.

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