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1994—Subsec. (b)(2)(B). Pub. L. 103-437 substituted “Natural Resources” for “Interior and Insular Affairs”.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Natural Resources of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Resources of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Fourth Congress, Jan. 4, 1995.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 698q, 698r, 698t of this title.

§ 698t. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as are necessary to carry out sections 698q to 698t of this title.

(Pub. L. 102-427, § 5, Oct. 21, 1992, 106 Stat. 2182.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 698q, 698r, 698s of this title.

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SUBCHAPTER I—GENERALLY

§ 701. Game and wild birds; preservation

The duties and powers of the Department of the Interior include the preservation, distribution, introduction, and restoration of game birds and other wild birds. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to adopt such measures as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, and to purchase such game birds and other wild birds as may be required therefor, subject, however, to the laws of the various States and Territories. The object and purpose of this Act is to aid in the restoration of such birds in those parts of the United States adapted thereto where the same have become scarce or extinct, and also to regulate the introduction of American or foreign birds or animals in localities where they have not heretofore existed.

The Secretary of the Interior shall from time to time collect and publish useful information as to the propagation, uses, and preservation of such birds.

And the Secretary of the Interior shall make and publish all needful rules and regulations for carrying out the purposes of this Act, and shall expend for said purposes such sums as Congress may appropriate therefor.

(May 25, 1900, ch. 553, §1, 31 Stat. 187; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is act May 25, 1900, section 1 of which is classified to this section. Sections 2 to 4 of the Act were repealed and restated by sections 241 to 244 of the Criminal Code of 1909 (approved Mar. 4, 1909, ch. 321) which were classified to sections 391 to 394 of former Title 18. Such sections were subsequently repealed and reenacted as sections 42 to 44 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure. Section 5 of the Act which was classified to section 667e of this title was repealed by Pub. L. 97-79, §9(b)(2), Nov. 16, 1981, 95 Stat. 1079.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior.

§ 702. Importation of eggs of game birds for propagation

The Secretary of the Interior shall have the power to authorize the importation of eggs of

game birds for purposes of propagation, and he shall prescribe all necessary rules and regulations governing the importation of eggs of said birds for such purposes.

(June 3, 1902, ch. 983, 32 Stat. 285; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 701 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER II—MIGRATORY BIRD TREATY

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in sections 459a-1, 668d, 695b, 695p, 715j, 718, 718f, 2404, 2407, 2408, 2912, 3125, 4402 of this title.

§ 703. Taking, killing, or possessing migratory birds unlawful

Unless and except as permitted by regulations made as hereinafter provided in this subchapter, it shall be unlawful at any time, by any means or in any manner, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill, attempt to take, capture, or kill, possess, offer for sale, sell, offer to barter, barter, offer to purchase, purchase, deliver for shipment, ship, export, import, cause to be shipped, exported, or imported, deliver for transportation, transport or cause to be transported, carry or cause to be carried, or receive for shipment, transportation, carriage, or export, any migratory bird, any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird, or any product, whether or not manufactured, which consists, or is composed in whole or part, of any such bird or any part, nest, or egg thereof, included in the terms of the conventions between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916 (39 Stat. 1702), the United States and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mammals concluded February 7, 1936, the United States and the Government of Japan for the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction, and their environment concluded March 4, 1972¹ and the convention between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the conservation of migratory birds and their environments concluded November 19, 1976.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §2, 40 Stat. 755; June 20, 1936, ch. 634, §3, 49 Stat. 1556; June 1, 1974, Pub. L. 93-300, §1, 88 Stat. 190; Dec. 13, 1989, Pub. L. 101-233, §15, 103 Stat. 1977.)

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1989—Pub. L. 101-233 struck out “and” after “1936,” and inserted before period at end “and the convention between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the conservation of migratory birds and their environments concluded November 19, 1976”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-300 substituted “any part, nest, or eggs of any such bird, or any product, whether or not manufactured, which consists, or is composed in whole

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.

or part, of any such bird or any part, nest, or egg thereof" for "any part, nest, or egg of any such birds", and included the convention between the United States and the Government of Japan concluded March 4, 1972.

1936—Act June 20, 1936, made changes in phraseology.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Section 3 of Pub. L. 93-300 provided that: "The amendments made by this Act [amending this section] shall take effect on the date on which the President proclaims the exchange of ratifications of the convention between the United States and the Government of Japan for the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction, and their environment, concluded March 4, 1972, or on the date of the enactment of this Act [June 1, 1974], whichever date is later."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1936 AMENDMENT

Section 1 of act June 20, 1936, in conjunction with sections 2 to 5 of that act, provided that the amendment of this section and sections 704, 705, 707, 708 and the enactment of section 709a of this title by that act, are effective as of the day on which the President shall proclaim the exchange of ratifications of the convention between the United States and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mammals concluded February 7, 1936, or on June 20, 1936, whichever date is later. Such proclamation was made on June 30, 1937.

SHORT TITLE

See section 710 of this title.

APPROPRIATION

Authorization of appropriation, see section 709a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 704 of this title.

§ 704. Determination as to when and how migratory birds may be taken, killed, or possessed

Subject to the provisions and in order to carry out the purposes of the conventions, referred to in section 703 of this title, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed, from time to time, having due regard to the zones of temperature and to the distribution, abundance, economic value, breeding habits, and times and lines of migratory flight of such birds, to determine when, to what extent, if at all, and by what means, it is compatible with the terms of the conventions to allow hunting, taking, capture, killing, possession, sale, purchase, shipment, transportation, carriage, or export of any such bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, and to adopt suitable regulations permitting and governing the same, in accordance with such determinations, which regulations shall become effective when approved by the President.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, § 3, 40 Stat. 755; June 20, 1936, ch. 634, § 2, 49 Stat. 1556; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

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1936—Act June 20, 1936, substituted "conventions" for "convention" wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1936 AMENDMENT

Section effective June 30, 1937, see section 1 of act of June 20, 1936, set out as a note under section 703 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan, No. II of 1939,

see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 701 of this title.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

For delegation to Secretary of the Interior of authority vested in President, see Ex. Ord. No. 10752, Feb. 12, 1958, 23 F.R. 973, set out as a note under section 715j of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Secretary of the Interior empowered to promulgate regulations under this section without approval, ratification, or other action of President, see section 2(b) of Ex. Ord. No. 10250, June 5, 1951, 16 F.R. 5385, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 708 of this title.

§ 705. Transportation or importation of migratory birds; when unlawful

It shall be unlawful to ship, transport, or carry, by any means whatever, from one State, Territory, or district to or through another State, Territory, or district, or to or through a foreign country, any bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried at any time contrary to the laws of the State, Territory, or district in which it was captured, killed, or taken, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried. It shall be unlawful to import any bird, or any part, nest, or egg thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried contrary to the laws of any Province of the Dominion of Canada in which the same was captured, killed, or taken, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, § 4, 40 Stat. 755; June 20, 1936, ch. 634, § 4, 49 Stat. 1556; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Dec. 5, 1969, Pub. L. 91-135, § 10, 83 Stat. 282.)

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1969—Pub. L. 91-135 repealed second par., which prohibited shipment of wild game mammals or parts thereof by any person of the United States to and from Mexico, except by permit from the Secretary of the Interior.

1936—Act June 20, 1936, inserted last sentence.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Section 11 of Pub. L. 91-135 provided that: "The provisions of sections 1 through 10 of this Act [enacting sections 668cc-1 to 668cc-6 of this title and amending this section, sections 851, 852, 852a, and 852d of this title, and sections 43, 44, 3054, and 3112 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure] shall be effective one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this Act [Dec. 5, 1969]."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1936 AMENDMENT

Section effective June 30, 1937, see section 1 of act June 20, 1936, set out as a note under section 703 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 701 of this title.

§ 706. Arrests; search warrants

Any employee of the Department of the Interior authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce the provisions of this subchapter

shall have power, without warrant, to arrest any person committing a violation of this subchapter in his presence or view and to take such person immediately for examination or trial before an officer or court of competent jurisdiction; shall have power to execute any warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction for the enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter; and shall have authority, with a search warrant, to search any place. The several judges of the courts established under the laws of the United States, and United States magistrate judges may, within their respective jurisdictions, upon proper oath or affirmation showing probable cause, issue warrants in all such cases. All birds, or parts, nests, or eggs thereof, captured, killed, taken, sold or offered for sale, bartered or offered for barter, purchased, shipped, transported, carried, imported, exported, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this subchapter or of any regulation prescribed thereunder shall, when found, be seized and, upon conviction of the offender or upon judgment of a court of the United States that the same were captured, killed, taken, sold or offered for sale, bartered or offered for barter, purchased, shipped, transported, carried, imported, exported, or possessed contrary to the provisions of this subchapter or of any regulation prescribed thereunder, shall be forfeited to the United States and disposed of by the Secretary of the Interior in such manner as he deems appropriate.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, § 5, 40 Stat. 756; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 17, 1968, Pub. L. 90-578, title IV, § 402(b)(2), 82 Stat. 1118; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, § 3(h)(1), 92 Stat. 3111; Dec. 1, 1990, Pub. L. 101-650, title III, § 321, 104 Stat. 5117.)

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1978—Pub. L. 95-616 made provisions respecting seizures and judgment of court applicable to birds, or parts, nests, or eggs sold or offered for sale, bartered or offered for barter, purchased, imported and exported and substituted “any regulation prescribed thereunder” in two places for “any regulations made pursuant thereto” and “any regulation made pursuant thereto” and provision for disposition of the birds, etc., by Secretary of the Interior in such manner as he deems appropriate for prior provision for such disposition as directed by court having jurisdiction.

CHANGE OF NAME

“United States magistrate judges” substituted for “United States magistrates” in text pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. Previously, “United States magistrates” substituted in text for “United States commissioners” pursuant to Pub. L. 90-578. See chapter 43 (§ 631 et seq.) of Title 28.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of the Interior related to compliance with protection of certain birds under this subchapter with respect to pre-construction, construction, and initial operation of transportation system for Canadian and Alaska natural gas transferred to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, until first anniversary of date of initial operation of Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, see Reorg. Plan No. 1 of 1979, §§ 102(e), 203(a), 44 F.R. 33663, 33666, 93 Stat. 1373, 1376, effective

July 1, 1979, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees. Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System abolished and functions and authority vested in Inspector transferred to Secretary of Energy by section 3012(b) of Pub. L. 102-486, set out as an Abolition of Office of Federal Inspector note under section 719e of Title 15, Commerce and Trade.

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 701 of this title.

§ 707. Violations and penalties; forfeitures

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, any person, association, partnership, or corporation who shall violate any provisions of said conventions or of this subchapter, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any regulation made pursuant to this subchapter shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than \$500 or be imprisoned not more than six months, or both.

(b) Whoever, in violation of this subchapter, shall knowingly—

(1) take by any manner whatsoever any migratory bird with intent to sell, offer to sell, barter or offer to barter such bird, or

(2) sell, offer for sale, barter or offer to barter, any migratory bird shall be guilty of a felony and shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

(c) All guns, traps, nets and other equipment, vessels, vehicles, and other means of transportation used by any person when engaged in pursuing, hunting, taking, trapping, ensnaring, capturing, killing, or attempting to take, capture, or kill any migratory bird in violation of this subchapter with the intent to offer for sale, or sell, or offer for barter, or barter such bird in violation of this subchapter shall be forfeited to the United States and may be seized and held pending the prosecution of any person arrested for violating this subchapter and upon conviction for such violation, such forfeiture shall be adjudicated as a penalty in addition to any other provided for violation of this subchapter. Such forfeited property shall be disposed of and accounted for by, and under the authority of, the Secretary of the Interior.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, § 6, 40 Stat. 756; June 20, 1936, ch. 634, § 2, 49 Stat. 1556; Sept. 8, 1960, Pub. L. 86-732, 74 Stat. 866; Nov. 10, 1986, Pub. L. 99-645, title V, § 501, 100 Stat. 3590.)

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1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-645 substituted “shall knowingly” for “shall” in introductory provisions.

1960—Pub. L. 86-732 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted “Except as otherwise provided in this section”, and added subsecs. (b) and (c).

1936—Act June 20, 1936, substituted “conventions” for “convention”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1936 AMENDMENT

Section effective June 30, 1937, see section 1 of act June 20, 1936, set out as a note under section 703 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of certain enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of the Interior

under this subchapter to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, and subsequent transfer to Secretary of Energy, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 706 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 718g, 4406 of this title; title 43 section 1474c.

§ 708. State or Territorial laws or regulations

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent the several States and Territories from making or enforcing laws or regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of said conventions or of this subchapter, or from making or enforcing laws or regulations which shall give further protection to migratory birds, their nests, and eggs, if such laws or regulations do not extend the open seasons for such birds beyond the dates approved by the President in accordance with section 704 of this title.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §7, 40 Stat. 756; June 20, 1936, ch. 634, §2, 49 Stat. 1556.)

AMENDMENTS

1936—Act June 20, 1936, substituted “conventions” for “convention”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1936 AMENDMENT

Section effective June 30, 1937, see section 1 of act June 20, 1936, set out as a note under section 703 of this title.

§ 709. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §8, 40 Stat. 756, authorized taking and use of migratory birds, nests, or eggs for scientific or propagating purposes until adoption and approval, pursuant to section 704 of this title, of regulations dealing therewith. Regulations were promulgated by Proc. July 31, 1918, 40 Stat. 1812.

§ 709a. Authorization of appropriations

There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, from time to time, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amounts as may be necessary to carry out the provisions and to accomplish the purposes of said conventions and of this subchapter and regulations made pursuant thereto, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized out of such moneys to employ in the city of Washington and elsewhere such persons and means as he may deem necessary for such purpose and may cooperate with local authorities in the protection of migratory birds and make the necessary investigations connected therewith.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §9, as added June 20, 1936, ch. 634, §5, 49 Stat. 1556; amended 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective June 30, 1937, see section 1 of act June 30, 1936, set out as a note under section 703 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of certain enforcement functions of Secretary or other official in Department of the Interior

under this subchapter to Federal Inspector, Office of Federal Inspector for Alaska Natural Gas Transportation System, and subsequent transfer to Secretary of Energy, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 706 of this title.

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 701 of this title.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Section 6 of act June 20, 1936, provided: “That all moneys now or hereafter available for administration and enforcement of said Act approved July 3, 1918 [this subchapter], shall be equally available for the administration and enforcement of said Act as hereby amended.”

§ 710. Partial invalidity; short title

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this subchapter, which shall be known by the short title of the “Migratory Bird Treaty Act”, shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §§1, 10, 40 Stat. 755, 757.)

CODIFICATION

The provisions of this section relating to short title are from section 1 of act July 3, 1918, and the provisions relating to severability are from section 10 of that act.

§ 711. Breeding and sale for food supply

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent the breeding of migratory game birds on farms and preserves and the sale of birds so bred under proper regulation for the purpose of increasing the food supply.

(July 3, 1918, ch. 128, §12, 40 Stat. 757.)

§ 712. Treaty and convention implementing regulations; seasonal taking of migratory birds for essential needs of indigenous Alaskans to preserve and maintain stocks of the birds; protection and conservation of the birds

(1) In accordance with the various migratory bird treaties and conventions with Canada, Japan, Mexico, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue such regulations as may be necessary to assure that the taking of migratory birds and the collection of their eggs, by the indigenous inhabitants of the State of Alaska, shall be permitted for their own nutritional and other essential needs, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior, during seasons established so as to provide for the preservation and maintenance of stocks of migratory birds.

(2) The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue such regulations as may be necessary to implement the provisions of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916, the convention between the United States and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mam-

mals concluded February 7, 1936, the convention between the United States and the Government of Japan for the protection of migratory birds in danger of extinction, and their environment concluded March 4, 1972, and the convention between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the conservation of migratory birds and their environment concluded November 19, 1976.

(Pub. L. 95-616, §3(h)(2), (3), Nov. 8, 1978, 92 Stat. 3112.)

CODIFICATION

Par. (1) of section 3(h) of Pub. L. 95-616 amended section 706 of this title. Pars. (2) and (3) of such section 3(h) were redesignated (1) and (2) for codification purposes.

Section was enacted as part of the Fish and Wildlife Improvement Act of 1978, and not as part of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act which comprises this subchapter.

SUBCHAPTER III—MIGRATORY BIRD CONSERVATION

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in sections 668dd, 669b, 669c, 669d, 669g-1, 669h, 695p, 715s, 718, 718d, 1534, 2912, 3922 of this title.

§ 715. Short title

This subchapter shall be known by the short title of "Migratory Bird Conservation Act."

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §1, 45 Stat. 1222.)

SHORT TITLE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-215, §1, Feb 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 189, provided: "That this Act [amending sections 668dd, 715a, 715k-3, 715k-5, 718a, 718b, and 718d of this title] may be cited as the 'Wetlands Loan Extension Act of 1976'."

§ 715a. Migratory Bird Conservation Commission; creation; composition; duties; approval of areas of land and water recommended for purchase or rental

A commission to be known as the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, consisting of the Secretary of the Interior, as chairman, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of Agriculture and two Members of the Senate, to be selected by the President of the Senate, and two Members of the House of Representatives to be selected by the Speaker, is created and authorized to consider and pass upon any area of land, water, or land and water that may be recommended by the Secretary of the Interior for purchase or rental under this subchapter, and to fix the price or prices at which such area may be purchased or rented; and no purchase or rental shall be made of any such area until it has been duly approved for purchase or rental by said commission. Any Member of the House of Representatives who is a member of the commission, if reelected to the succeeding Congress, may serve on the commission notwithstanding the expiration of a Congress. Any vacancy on the commission shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment. The ranking officer of the branch or department of a State to which is committed the administration of its game laws, or his authorized representative, and in a State having

no such branch or department, the governor thereof, or his authorized representative, shall be a member ex officio of said commission for the purpose of considering and voting on all questions relating to the acquisition, under this subchapter, of areas in his State. For purposes of this subchapter, the purchase or rental of any area of land, water, or land and water includes the purchase or rental of any interest in any such area of land, water, or land and water.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §2, 45 Stat. 1222; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), (h), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Mar. 2, 1968, Pub. L. 90-261, 82 Stat. 39; Feb. 17, 1976, Pub. L. 94-215, §4, 90 Stat. 190; Dec. 13, 1989, Pub. L. 101-233, §13, 103 Stat. 1977.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Pub. L. 101-233 substituted "Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency" for "Secretary of Transportation".

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 inserted provision including in the purchase or rental of any area of land, water, or land and water the purchase or rental of any interest in any such area of land, water, or land and water.

1968—Pub. L. 90-261 substituted the Secretary of Transportation for the Secretary of Commerce in the membership of the Commission.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior, and provided that Secretary of the Interior should be chairman of Migratory Bird Conservation Commission and that Secretary of Agriculture should be a member thereof.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 715b, 4402 of this title.

§ 715b. Annual report

The commission created by section 715a of this title shall, through its chairman, annually report in detail to Congress, not later than the first Monday in December, the operations of the commission during the preceding fiscal year.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §3, 45 Stat. 1223.)

§ 715c. Areas recommended for approval; character

The Secretary of the Interior may not recommend any area for purchase or rental under the terms of this subchapter unless the Secretary of the Interior—

(1) has determined that such area is necessary for the conservation of migratory birds; and

(2) has consulted with the county or other unit of local government in which such area is located and with the Governor of the State concerned or the appropriate State agency.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §4, 45 Stat. 1223; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, §7(a), 80 Stat. 929; Oct. 30, 1978, Pub. L. 95-552, §2, 92 Stat. 2071.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-552 substituted "may not recommend any area" for "shall recommend no area", incorporated existing provision in item (1) and added item (2).

1966—Pub. L. 89-669 struck out “game” from “migratory game birds”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715d. Purchase or rental of approved areas or interests therein; gifts and devises; United States lands

The Secretary of the Interior may—

(1) purchase or rent such areas or interests therein as have been approved for purchase or rental by the Commission at the price or prices fixed by the Commission; and

(2) acquire, by gift or devise, any area or interests therein;

which he determines to be suitable for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds. The Secretary may pay, when deemed necessary by him and from moneys authorized to be appropriated for the purposes of this subchapter (A) the purchase or rental price of any such area or interest therein, and (B) the expenses incident to the location, examination, survey, and acquisition of title (including options) of any such area or interest therein. No lands acquired, held, or used by the United States for military purposes shall be subject to any provisions of this subchapter.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 5, 45 Stat. 1223; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, § 5(a), 92 Stat. 3113.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-616 incorporated existing provisions in pars. (1) and (2) and cls. (A) and (B), made provisions applicable to interests in approved areas, and inserted authority for purchase or acquisition for other management purposes.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§§ 715d-1, 715d-2. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-669, § 8(a), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930

Sections, act June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title III, §§ 302, 303, 49 Stat. 382, provided for acceptance of land in exchange for other land or timber, etc. rights and for acceptance of land in exchange for patent to nonmineral public land. See section 668dd(b)(3) of this title.

§ 715d-3. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title V, § 501, 49 Stat. 383, authorized President to allocate out of appropriation made to him by resolution of April 8, 1935, a sum for acquisition of areas for bird sanctuaries and refuges.

§ 715e. Examination of title; easements and reservations

The Secretary of the Interior may do all things and make all expenditures necessary to secure the safe title in the United States to the

areas which may be acquired under this subchapter, but no payment shall be made for any such areas until the title thereto shall be satisfactory to the Attorney General or his designee, but the acquisition of such areas by the United States shall in no case be defeated because of rights-of-way, easements, and reservations which from their nature will in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior in no manner interfere with the use of the areas so enumerated for the purposes of this subchapter, but such rights-of-way, easements, and reservations retained by the grantor or lessor from whom the United States receives title under this subchapter or any other Act for the acquisition by the Secretary of the Interior of areas for wildlife refuges shall be subject to rules and regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for the occupation, use, operation, protection, and administration of such areas as inviolate sanctuaries for migratory birds or as refuges for wildlife; and it shall be expressed in the deed or lease that the use, occupation, and operation of such rights-of-way, easements, and reservations shall be subordinate to and subject to such rules and regulations as are set out in such deed or lease or, if deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Interior, to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by him from time to time.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 6, 45 Stat. 1223; June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title III, § 301, 49 Stat. 381; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Sept. 1, 1970, Pub. L. 91-393, § 6, 84 Stat. 835.)

AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-393 inserted “or his designee” after “Attorney General”.

1935—Act June 15, 1935, inserted “under said sections or any other Act for the acquisition by the Secretary of Agriculture of areas for wildlife refuges” and “or as refuges for wildlife”, and inserted clause beginning “as are set out in such deed or lease or, if deemed necessary” etc.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715e-1. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, act June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title III, § 304, 49 Stat. 382, applying section 715e of this title to exchanges effected under former sections 715d-1 and 715d-2, has been omitted due to the repeal of sections 715d-1 and 715d-2 by Pub. L. 89-669, § 8(a), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930.

§ 715f. Consent of State to conveyance in fee

No deed or instrument of conveyance in fee shall be accepted by the Secretary of the Interior under this subchapter unless the State in which the area lies shall have consented by law to the acquisition by the United States of lands in that State.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 7, 45 Stat. 1223; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 31, 1994, Pub. L. 103-434, title XIII, 108 Stat. 4565.)

AMENDMENTS

1994—Pub. L. 103-434 inserted “in fee” after “conveyance”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715g. Jurisdiction of State over areas acquired

The jurisdiction of the State, both civil and criminal, over persons upon areas acquired under this subchapter shall not be affected or changed by reason of their acquisition and administration by the United States as migratory-bird reservations, except so far as the punishment of offenses against the United States is concerned.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 8, 45 Stat. 1224.)

§ 715h. Operation of State game laws

Nothing in this subchapter is intended to interfere with the operation of the game laws of the several States applying to migratory game birds insofar as they do not permit what is forbidden by Federal law.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 9, 45 Stat. 1224.)

§ 715i. Administration**(a) Treaty obligations; rules and regulations**

Areas of lands, waters, or interests therein acquired or reserved pursuant to this subchapter shall, unless otherwise provided by law, be administered by the Secretary of the Interior under rules and regulations prescribed by him to conserve and protect migratory birds in accordance with treaty obligations with Mexico, Canada, Japan, and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, and other species of wildlife found thereon, including species that are listed pursuant to section 1533 of this title as endangered species or threatened species, and to restore or develop adequate wildlife habitat.

(b) Management and public and private agency agreements authorization

In administering such areas, the Secretary is authorized to manage timber, range, and agricultural crops; to manage other species of animals, including but not limited to fenced range animals, with the objectives of perpetuating, distributing, and utilizing the resources; and to enter into agreements with public and private agencies.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 10, 45 Stat. 1224; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, § 7(b), 80 Stat. 929; Dec. 28, 1973, Pub. L. 93-205, § 13(b), 87 Stat. 902; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, § 5(b), 92 Stat. 3114.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-616 provided for treaty obligations with Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-205 substituted “listed pursuant to section 1533 of this title as endangered species or threatened species,” for “threatened with extinction.”

1966—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 89-669 added subsecs. (a) and (b). Former paragraph prohibited acts on acquired areas and is now covered by section 668dd(c) and (d)(1) of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-205 effective Dec. 28, 1973, see section 16 of Pub. L. 93-205, set out as a note under section 1531 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715j. “Migratory birds” defined

For the purposes of this subchapter and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.), migratory birds are those defined as such by the treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916 (39 Stat. 1702), the treaty between the United States and the United Mexican States for the protection of migratory birds and game mammals concluded February 7, 1936 (50 Stat. 1311), the Convention between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan for the Protection of Migratory Birds and Birds in Danger of Extinction, and their Environment concluded March 4, 1972, and the Convention between the United States and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics for the Conservation of Migratory Birds and their Environment concluded November 19, 1976.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 11, 45 Stat. 1224; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, § 7(c), 80 Stat. 930; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, § 5(c), 92 Stat. 3114.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, referred to in text, is act July 3, 1918, ch. 128, 40 Stat. 755, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§ 703 et seq.) of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 710 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-616 defined migratory birds for purposes of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and to include those defined in the Convention of Mar. 4, 1972, concluded with Government of Japan and the Convention of Nov. 19, 1976, concluded with Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

1966—Pub. L. 89-669 inserted “(39 Stat. 1702)” and defined migratory birds to include those defined in the Treaty of Feb. 7, 1936 (50 Stat. 1311) with the United Mexican States.

§ 715k. Authorization of appropriations for purposes of subchapter; disposal; reservation protectors

For the acquisition, including the location, examination, and survey, of suitable areas of land, water, or land and water, for use as migratory bird reservations, and necessary expenses incident thereto, and for the administration, maintenance, and development of such areas and other preserves, reservations, or breeding grounds frequented by migratory birds and under the administration of the Secretary of the Interior, including the construction of dams, dikes, ditches, flumes, spillways, buildings, and

other necessary improvements, and for the elimination of the loss of migratory birds from alkali poisoning, oil pollution of waters, or other causes, for cooperation with local authorities in wildlife conservation, for investigations and publications relating to North American birds, for personal services, printing, engraving, and issuance of circulars, posters, and other necessary matter and for the enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter, there are hereby authorized to be appropriated, in addition to all other amounts authorized by law to be appropriated, \$200,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940, and for each fiscal year thereafter. No part of any appropriation authorized by this section shall be used for payment of the salary, compensation, or expenses of any United States protector, except reservation protectors for the administration, maintenance and protection of such reservations and the birds thereon: *Provided*, That reservation protectors appointed under the provisions of this subchapter, shall be selected, when practicable, from qualified citizens of the State in which they are to be employed. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to make such expenditures and to employ such means, including personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing objects.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §12, 45 Stat. 1224; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, §7(a), 80 Stat. 929.)

CODIFICATION

Provisions of this section which related to appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1930, to June 30, 1939, were omitted.

AMENDMENTS

1966—Pub. L. 89-669 substituted “grounds frequented by migratory birds” for “grounds frequented by migratory game birds”, and “United States protector” for “United States game protector”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715k-1. Expenditures for personal services

In the execution of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make such expenditures for personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere as he shall deem necessary.

(June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title VII, §701, 49 Stat. 384; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, probably means the act of June 15, 1935, ch. 261, 49 Stat. 378, as amended, which is classified in part to certain sections of this subchapter and of subchapter IV of this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

CODIFICATION

Act June 15, 1935, in addition to the provisions set out in the text, made an appropriation for the acquisition

of lands necessary to provide for the restoration, rehabilitation and protection of migratory waterfowl and other wildlife and for the erection and construction of necessary buildings, dikes, dams, canals, and other works.

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715k-2. Omitted

CODIFICATION

Section, acts June 29, 1937, ch. 404, title I, 50 Stat. 421; June 16, 1938, ch. 464, title I, 52 Stat. 736; June 30, 1939, ch. 253, title I, 53 Stat. 965, made an earlier specific appropriation available for maintenance and operation of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles.

§ 715k-3. Authorization of appropriations for the preservation of wetlands and other waterfowl habitat

In order to promote the conservation of migratory waterfowl and to offset or prevent the serious loss of important wetlands and other waterfowl habitat essential to the preservation of such waterfowl, there is authorized to be appropriated for the period beginning on July 1, 1961, and ending when all amounts authorized to be appropriated have been expended, not to exceed \$200,000,000.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §1, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813; Pub. L. 90-205, §1(a), Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 94-215, §2(a), Feb. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 189; Pub. L. 98-200, §1, Dec. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 1378; Pub. L. 98-548, title I, §101, Oct. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 2774; Pub. L. 99-645, title I, §101(a), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3584; Pub. L. 100-653, title III, §301, Nov. 14, 1988, 102 Stat. 3827.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1988—Pub. L. 100-653 substituted “when all amounts authorized to be appropriated have been expended” for “at the close of September 30, 1988”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-645 substituted “September 30, 1988” for “September 30, 1986”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-548 substituted “September 30, 1986” for “September 30, 1984”.

1983—Pub. L. 98-200 substituted “September 30, 1984” for “September 30, 1983”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 substituted “period beginning on July 1, 1961, and ending at the close of September 30, 1983, not to exceed \$200,000,000” for “fifteen-year period beginning with fiscal year 1962, not to exceed \$105,000,000”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-205 substituted “fifteen-year period” for “seven-year period”.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 87-383, which enacted this section and sections 715k-4 and 715k-5 of this title, is popularly known as the “Wetlands Loan Act”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 715k-4 of this title.

§ 715k-4. Accounting and use of appropriations

Funds appropriated each fiscal year pursuant to sections 715k-3 to 715k-5 of this title shall be accounted for, added to, and used for purposes of the migratory bird conservation fund established pursuant to section 718d of this title.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §2, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

§ 715k-5. Acquisition of lands

No land shall be acquired with moneys from the migratory bird conservation fund unless the acquisition thereof has been approved by the Governor of the State or appropriate State agency.

(Pub. L. 87-383, §3, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 813; Pub. L. 90-205, §1(b), Dec. 15, 1967, 81 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 94-215, §2(b), Feb. 17, 1976, 90 Stat. 189; Pub. L. 98-200, §2, Dec. 2, 1983, 97 Stat. 1378; Pub. L. 98-548, title I, §102, Oct. 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 2774; Pub. L. 99-645, title I, §101(b), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3584.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99-645 struck out first three sentences which read as follows: “Funds appropriated pursuant to sections 715k-3 to 715k-5 of this title shall be treated as an advance, without interest, to the migratory bird conservation fund. Such appropriated funds, beginning on October 1, 1986, shall be repaid to the Treasury out of the migratory bird conservation fund, such repayment shall be made in annual amounts comprising 75 per centum of the moneys accruing annually to such fund. In the event the full amount authorized by section 715k-3 of this title is appropriated before October 1, 1986, the repayment of such funds pursuant to this section shall begin with the next full fiscal year.”

1984—Pub. L. 98-548 substituted “October 1, 1986” for “October 1, 1984” in two places.

1983—Pub. L. 98-200 substituted “October 1, 1984” for “October 1, 1983” in two places.

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 substituted “on October 1, 1983” for “with fiscal year 1977”, “before October 1, 1983” for “prior to the end of the aforesaid fifteen-year period” and “year. No” for “year: *Provided further*, That no”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-205 made minor structural changes and substituted “1977” for “1969” and “fifteen-year period” for “seven-year period”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 715k-4 of this title.

§§ 715l, 715m. Repealed. Pub. L. 89-669, §7(d), Oct. 15, 1966, 80 Stat. 930

Sections, act Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §§13, 14, 45 Stat. 1225, related to: execution of provisions, powers and duties of United States judges, commissioners and employees of Department of the Interior; and penalty for violation of provisions. See section 668dd(f) and (e) of this title, respectively.

§ 715n. “Take” defined

For the purposes of this subchapter the word “take” shall be construed to mean pursue, hunt,

shoot, capture, collect, kill, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill, unless the context otherwise requires.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §15, 45 Stat. 1225.)

§ 715o. National forest and power sites; use for migratory bird reservations

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed as authorizing or empowering the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission herein created, the Secretary of the Interior, or any other board, commission, or officer, to declare, withdraw, or determine, except heretofore designated, any part of any national forest or power site, a migratory bird reservation under any of the provisions of this subchapter, except by and with the consent of the legislature of the State wherein such forest or power site is located.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §16, 45 Stat. 1225; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein created, referred to in text, means created by section 715a of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715p. Cooperation of State in enforcement of provisions

When any State shall, by suitable legislation, make provision adequately to enforce the provisions of this subchapter and all regulations promulgated thereunder, the Secretary of the Interior may so certify, and then and thereafter said State may cooperate with the Secretary of the Interior in the enforcement of this subchapter and the regulations thereunder.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §17, 45 Stat. 1225; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

§ 715q. Expenses of commission; authorization of appropriations

A sum sufficient to pay the necessary expenses of the commission and its members, not to exceed an annual expenditure of \$7,500, is authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated. Said appropriation shall be paid out on the audit and order of the chairman of said commission, which audit and order shall be conclusive and binding upon the General Accounting Office as to the correctness of the accounts of said commission.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, §18, 45 Stat. 1225; Oct. 15, 1962, Pub. L. 87-812, 76 Stat. 922.)

AMENDMENTS

1962—Pub. L. 87-812 increased annual expenditures from not more than \$5,000 to not more than \$7,500 and corrected a misspelling of “commission”.

§ 715r. Partial invalidity; validity of remainder

If any provision of this subchapter or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid the validity of the remainder of this subchapter and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

(Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, § 19, 45 Stat. 1226.)

§ 715s. Participation of local governments in revenue from areas administered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service**(a) Separate fund in the United States Treasury; availability of funds until expended; "National Wildlife Refuge System" defined**

Beginning with the next full fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, all revenues received by the Secretary of the Interior from the sale or other disposition of animals, salmonoid carcasses,¹ timber, hay, grass, or other products of the soil, minerals, shells, sand, or gravel, from other privileges, or from leases for public accommodations or facilities incidental to but not in conflict with the basic purposes for which those areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System were established, during each fiscal year in connection with the operation and management of those areas of the National Wildlife Refuge System, National Fish Hatcheries, or other areas, that are solely or primarily administered by him, through the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, shall be covered into the United States Treasury and be reserved in a separate fund for disposition as hereafter prescribed. Amounts in the fund shall remain available until expended, and may be expended by the Secretary without further appropriation in the manner hereafter prescribed. The National Wildlife Refuge System (hereafter referred to as the "system") includes those lands and waters administered by the Secretary as wildlife refuges, lands acquired or reserved for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife that are listed pursuant to section 1533 of this title as endangered species or threatened species, wildlife ranges, game ranges, wildlife management areas, and waterfowl production areas established under any law, proclamation, Executive, or public land order.

(b) Deduction of expenses

The Secretary may pay from the fund any necessary expenses incurred by him in connection with the revenue-producing and revenue-sharing measures.

(c) Payment to counties

(1) The Secretary shall pay out the fund, for each fiscal year beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, to each county in which is situated any fee area whichever of the following amounts is greater:

(A) An amount equal to the product of 75 cents multiplied by the total acreage of that portion of the fee area which is located within such county.

(B) An amount equal to three-fourths of 1 per centum of the fair market value, as deter-

mined by the Secretary, of that portion of the fee area (excluding any improvements thereto made after the date of Federal acquisition) which is located within such county.

(C) An amount equal to 25 per centum of the net receipts collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation and management of such fee area during such fiscal year; but if a fee area is located in two or more counties, the amount each such county is entitled to shall be the amount which bears to such 25 per centum the same ratio as that portion of the fee area acreage which is within such county bears to the total acreage of such fee area.

(2) At the end of each fiscal year the Secretary shall pay out of the fund for such fiscal year to each county in which any reserve area is situated, an amount equal to 25 per centum of the net receipts collected by the Secretary in connection with the operation and management of such area during such fiscal year: *Provided*, That when any such area is situated in more than one county the distributive share to each county from the aforesaid receipts shall be proportional to its acreage of such reserve area.

(3) For purposes of this section, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands shall each be treated as a county.

(4)(A) For purposes of determining the fair market value of fee areas under paragraph (1)(B), the Secretary shall—

(i) appraise before September 30, 1979, all fee areas for which payments under this section were not authorized for fiscal years occurring before October 1, 1977; and

(ii) appraise all other fee areas, within five years after October 17, 1978, in the order in which such areas were first established by the Service.

After initial appraisal under clause (i) or (ii), each fee area shall thereafter be reappraised by the Secretary at least once during each five-year period occurring after the date of the initial appraisal. Until any fee area referred to in clause (ii) is initially appraised under this subparagraph, the fair market value of such area shall be deemed to be that adjusted cost of the area which was used to determine payments under this subsection for fiscal year 1977; and in no case may the amount of any payment to any local government under paragraph (1)(B) with respect to any fee area be less than the amount paid under paragraph (2)(A) of this subsection (as in effect on September 30, 1977) with respect to such area.

(B) The Secretary shall make the determinations required under this subsection in such manner as the Secretary considers to be equitable and in the public interest. All such determinations shall be final and conclusive.

(5)(A) Each county which receives payments under paragraphs (1) and (2) with respect to any fee area or reserve area shall distribute, under guidelines established by the Secretary, such payments on a proportional basis to those units of local government (including, but not limited to, school districts and the county itself in appropriate cases) which have incurred the loss or reduction of real property tax revenues by reason of the existence of such area. In any case in

¹ So in original. Probably should be "carcasses,".

which a unit of local government other than the county acts as the collecting and distributing agency for real property taxes, the payments under paragraphs (1) and (2) shall be made to such other unit which shall distribute the payments in accordance with the guidelines.

(B) The Secretary may prescribe regulations under which payments under this paragraph may be made to units of local government in cases in which subparagraph (A) will not effect the purposes of this paragraph.

(C) Payments received by units of local government under this subsection may be used by such units for any governmental purpose.

(d) Authorization of appropriations equal to difference between amount of net receipts and aggregate amount of required payments

If the net receipts in the fund which are attributable to revenue collections for any fiscal year do not equal the aggregate amount of payments required to be made for such fiscal year under subsection (c) of this section to counties, there are authorized to be appropriated to the fund an amount equal to the difference between the total amount of net receipts and such aggregate amount of payments.

(e) Transfer and use of excess of net receipts over aggregate amount of required payments

If the net receipts in the fund which are attributable to revenue collections for any fiscal year exceed the aggregate amount of payments required to be made for such fiscal year under subsection (c) of this section to counties, the amount of such excess shall be transferred to the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund for use in the acquisition of suitable areas for migratory bird refuges under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715-715r).

(f) Terms, conditions, and regulations for execution of revenue producing activities; disposal of animals

The Secretary shall carry out any revenue producing activity referred to in subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section within any fee area or reserve area subject to such terms, conditions, or regulations, including sales in the open markets, as the Secretary determines to be in the best interest of the United States. The Secretary may, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe, dispose of animals which are surplus to any such area by exchange of the same or other kinds, gift or loan to public institutions for exhibition or propagation purposes, and for the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination of information relating to the conservation of wildlife.

(g) Definitions

As used in this section—

(1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Interior.

(2) The term “fee area” means any area which was acquired in fee by the United States and is administered, either solely or primarily, by the Secretary through the Service.

(3) The term “reserve area” means any area of land withdrawn from the public domain and administered, either solely or primarily, by the Secretary through the Service.

(4) The term “Service” means the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(5) The term “county” means any county, parish, or organized or unorganized borough.

(June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title IV, § 401, 49 Stat. 383; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; 1940 Reorg. Plan No. III, § 3, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2108, 54 Stat. 1232; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, § 2(13), 65 Stat. 707; Aug. 30, 1964, Pub. L. 88-523, 78 Stat. 701; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, § 8(b), 80 Stat. 930; Dec. 28, 1973, Pub. L. 93-205, § 13(b), 87 Stat. 902; Dec. 3, 1974, Pub. L. 93-509, § 4, 88 Stat. 1603; Oct. 17, 1978, Pub. L. 95-469, § 1(a), 92 Stat. 1319; Sept. 13, 1982, Pub. L. 97-258, § 5(b), 96 Stat. 1068.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Beginning with the next full fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, referred to in subsec. (a), probably means the next full fiscal year following Aug. 30, 1964, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 88-523, which amended this section.

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, referred to in subsec. (e), is act Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, 45 Stat. 1222, as amended, which is classified generally to this subchapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 715 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

The reference in subsec. (f) to “revenue producing activity referred to in subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section”, enacted as an amendment to subsec. (f) by section 1(a)(3) of Pub. L. 95-469, is a reference to the proposed amendment as set out on pg. 1 of House Report No. 95-1197 of the 95th Congress, 2d Session, May 15, 1978, and reading in part:

“(a) All revenues received during each fiscal year by the Secretary in connection with the operation and management of fee areas and reserve areas from—

“(1) the sale or disposition of animals, salmonoid carcasses, products of the soil (including, but not limited to, timber, hay, and grass), minerals (including, but not limited to, crude petroleum and natural gas), shells, sand, and gravel;

“(2) leases for public accommodations or facilities incidental to, but not in conflict with, the major purposes of such areas; and

“(3) other privileges; shall be covered” which was not enacted by the Congress but subsec. (a) was amended as provided in the 1978 Amendment note below.

Section was not enacted as part of the “Migratory Bird Conservation Act” which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1982—Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 97-258 struck out subsec. (h) which had provided for administration of payments to local governments for entitlement lands, reserve areas as entitlement lands, and payments received by any unit of local government to be deemed payments under specified provisions. See sections 6901 and 6903 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-469, § 1(a)(1), authorized the separate fund in the United States Treasury to include revenues from sale or other disposition of salmonoid carcasses and extended the operation and management provision to areas of National Fish Hatcheries and other areas administered by the Secretary.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-469, § 1(a)(2), substituted “revenue-producing and revenue-sharing measures” for “revenue-producing measures set forth in subsection (a) of this section”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-469, § 1(a)(3), in revising subsec. (c), substituted pars. (1) to (5) for prior text consisting of: introductory text authorizing expenditures solely for benefit of public schools and roads, now covered in

par. (5)(C); par. (1) of first sentence, now included in par. (2); par. (2) of first sentence, now covered in pars. (1)(B), (C) and (4) in part; and second sentence now incorporated in par. (4)(B).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(3), substituted provision for authorization of appropriations equal to difference between amount of net receipts and aggregate amount of required payments for prior provision limiting amount payable to the counties to amount of net receipts in the fund for any fiscal year and a proportionate reduction of payments when net receipts are insufficient for aggregate amount of payments for any fiscal year.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(3), in revising subsec. (e), substituted provision authorizing use of surplus funds for acquisition of suitable areas for migratory bird refuges for prior provision making remaining funds available for such land acquisition and eliminated provision prohibiting funds available for the Management of the National Wildlife Refuge System or for enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act from being diminished by the amendments made by Pub. L. 93-509 to this subsection unless by specific congressional enactment.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(3), substituted "The Secretary shall carry out any revenue producing activity referred to in subsection (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section within any fee area or reserve area subject to such terms, conditions, or regulations, including sales in the open markets, as the Secretary determines to be in the best interest of the United States." for "The disposition or sale of surplus animals, minerals, and other products, the grant of privileges, and the carrying out of any other activities that result in the collection of revenues within any areas of the System may be accomplished upon such terms, conditions, or regulations, including sale in the open markets, as the Secretary shall determine to be in the best interest of the United States." and reenacted substance of second sentence, setting out provision for regulations at beginning rather than end of sentence.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(3), substituted definitions of certain terms for prior provision for superseded by Pub. L. 88-523 of repealed paragraph of "Management of National Wildlife Refuges" in the General Appropriation Act, 1951, approved Sept. 6, 1950 (64 Stat. 595, 693 to 694).

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 95-469, §1(a)(4), added subsec. (h). 1974—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 93-509 substituted provisions that moneys remaining in the fund after all payments under this section are made for any fiscal year shall be transferred to the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund and shall be available for land acquisition under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act with exception that the funds available for the management of the National Wildlife Refuge System or for enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act shall not be diminished for provisions that moneys remaining in the fund after all payments are made for any fiscal year may be used by the Secretary thereafter for management of the System, including but not limited to the construction, improvement, repair, and alteration of buildings, roads, and other facilities, and for enforcement of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-205 substituted "listed pursuant to section 1533 of this title as endangered species or threatened species," for "threatened with extinction,".

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-669 defined the National Wildlife Refuge System to include lands acquired or reserved for the protection and conservation of fish and wildlife that are threatened with extinction.

1964—Pub. L. 88-523 substituted provisions designated as subsecs. (a) to (g) for former provisions constituting one paragraph consisting of a first clause with three provisos and a second clause; required in subsec. (a) all receipts from the National Wildlife Refuge System to be covered into a separate fund in the United States Treasury, made the fund available until expended, provided for expenditures without further appropriation,

and defined the National Wildlife Refuge System; incorporated the third proviso of the first clause and the second clause in subsec. (b) and the parenthetical matter of subsec. (c); incorporated in the reserved public lands provision of subsec. (c)(1) the formula of the first clause for returning twenty-five per centum of the net revenues from the System to the counties in which the producing refuges are located for the benefit of the public schools and roads therein; incorporated the first proviso of the first clause in subsec. (c)(1) proviso; substituted subsec. (c)(2) providing an option plan for payment of either 25 per centum of the net receipts from lands acquired in fee by the United States to the counties in which such acquired lands are located or three-fourths of 1 per centum of the adjusted cost of the acquired lands, whichever is higher, for the formula of the first clause for returning 25 per centum of the revenues; inserted provisions of subsecs. (d), (e), and (g); and incorporated the second proviso of the first clause in subsec. (f).

1951—Act Oct. 31, 1951, in second proviso, inserted reference to application regulations of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, and, in third proviso, inserted reference to section 485 of Title 40.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT; FISCAL YEAR OF AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION

Section 2 of Pub. L. 95-469 provided that: "The amendments made by this Act [amending this section and sections 1603, 1605 and 1606 of former Title 31, Money and Finance], shall apply with respect to payments made to counties under title IV of the Act of June 15, 1935 [this section], for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1979, and for fiscal years thereafter; except that the amendments made to such title IV [this section] which amend section 401(a) and (g), add paragraph (4) to section 401(c) [subsecs. (a) and (g), and (c)(4) of this section], and amend the title heading [of this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 1978]. No authorization for appropriation shall be available under this Act before the fiscal year ending September 30, 1980."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-205 effective Dec. 28, 1973, see section 16 of Pub. L. 93-205, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1531 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of other officers, employees, and agencies of Department of the Interior, with certain exceptions, to Secretary of the Interior, with power to delegate, see Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1950, §§1, 2, eff. May 24, 1950, 15 F.R. 3174, 64 Stat. 1262, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Reorg. Plan No. III of 1940, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, consolidated Bureau of Fisheries and Bureau of Biological Survey, with their respective functions, into one agency in Department of the Interior to be known as the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 715a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 666g, 1535 of this title; title 31 sections 6901, 6903.

SUBCHAPTER IV—HUNTING AND CONSERVATION STAMP TAX

SUBCHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This subchapter is referred to in sections 668dd, 670b, 6701 of this title; title 18 section 504; title 25 section 564w-1.

§ 718. Definitions

(a) Terms defined in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.], or the Migratory Bird Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 715 et seq.], shall, when used in this subchapter, have the meaning assigned to such terms in such Acts, respectively.

(b) As used in this subchapter (1) the term “migratory waterfowl” means the species enumerated in paragraph (a) of subdivision 1 of article I of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds concluded August 16, 1916 (39 Stat. 1702); (2) the term “State” includes the several States and Territories of the United States and the District of Columbia; and (3) the term “take” means pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill, or attempt to pursue, hunt, shoot, capture, collect, or kill.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 9, 48 Stat. 452.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act July 3, 1918, ch. 128, 40 Stat. 755, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§703 et seq.) of this chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 710 of this title and Tables.

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is act Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, 45 Stat. 1222, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§715 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 715 of this title and Tables.

SHORT TITLE

Act of Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, 48 Stat. 451, as amended, which is classified generally to this subchapter, is popularly known as the “Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act” and also as the “Duck Stamp Act”.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 718e of this title.

§ 718a. Hunting and conservation stamp for taking migratory waterfowl

No person who has attained the age of sixteen years shall take any migratory waterfowl unless at the time of such taking he carries on his person an unexpired Federal migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamp validated by his signature written by himself in ink across the face of the stamp prior to his taking such birds; except that no such stamp shall be required for the taking of migratory waterfowl by Federal or State institutions or official agencies, or for propagation, or by the resident owner, tenant, or share cropper of the property or officially designated agencies of the Department of the Interior for the killing, under such restrictions as the Secretary of the Interior may by regulation prescribe, of such waterfowl when found injuring crops or other property. Any person to whom a stamp has been sold under section 718b of this title shall upon request exhibit such stamp for inspection to any officer or employee of the Department of the Interior authorized to enforce the provisions of this subchapter or to any officer of any State or any political subdivision thereof authorized to enforce game laws.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 1, 48 Stat. 451; June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title I, § 1, 49 Stat. 378; 1939 Reorg.

Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; July 30, 1956, ch. 782, § 1, 70 Stat. 722; Feb. 17, 1976, Pub. L. 94-215, § 3(a), 90 Stat. 189.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 substituted “hunting and conservation stamp” for “hunting stamp” in first sentence.

1956—Act July 30, 1956, substituted “no person who has attained the age of sixteen years”, for “no person over sixteen years of age”.

1935—Act June 15, 1935, substituted “validated by his signature written by himself in ink across the face of the stamp prior to his taking such birds” for “issued to him in the manner hereinafter provided,” and struck out provisions which authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to adopt and promulgate regulations for the protection of private property in the injury of crops.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 670i, 718b, 718e of this title.

§ 718b. Issuance and sale of stamps; deposit of funds in migratory bird conservation fund; fees; validity; expiration; redemption; “retail dealers” and “hunting year” defined**(a) Sales; fund disposition; unsold stamps**

The stamps required by section 718a of this title shall be issued and sold by the Postal Service and may be sold by the Department of the Interior, pursuant to regulations prescribed jointly by the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior, at (1) each post office of the first- and second-class, and (2) any establishment, facility, or location as the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior shall direct or authorize. The funds received from the sale of such stamps by the Department of the Interior shall be deposited in the migratory bird conservation fund in accordance with the provisions of section 718d of this title. Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for any hunting year there shall be collected by the Postal Service a sum of not less than \$3 and not more than \$5 as determined by the Secretary of the Interior after taking into consideration, among other matters, the increased cost of lands needed for the conservation of migratory birds. No such stamp shall be valid under any circumstances to authorize the taking of migratory waterfowl except in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations and then only when the person so taking such waterfowl shall himself have written his signature in ink across the face of the stamp prior to such taking. Such stamps shall be usable as migratory-bird hunting stamps only during the year for which issued. The Postal Service, pursuant to regulations prescribed by it, shall provide for the redemption, on or before the 30th day of June of each year, of blocks composed of two or more attached unused stamps issued for such year (A) that were sold on consignment to any person, including, but not limited to, retail deal-

ers for resale to their customers, and (B) that have not been resold by any such person. As used in this section, the term “retail dealers” means persons regularly engaged in the business of retailing hunting or fishing equipment, and persons duly authorized to act as agents of a State or political subdivision thereof for the sale of State or county hunting or fishing licenses.

(b) Cost of stamp

The Postal Service shall collect \$10.00 for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for hunting years 1987 and 1988, \$12.50 for hunting years 1989 and 1990, and \$15.00 for each hunting year thereafter, if the Secretary of the Interior determines, at any time before February 1 of the calendar year in which such hunting year begins, that all sums in the migratory bird conservation fund available for obligation and attributable to—

(1) amounts appropriated pursuant to this subchapter for the fiscal year ending in the immediately preceding calendar year; and

(2) the sale of stamps under this section during such fiscal year

have been obligated for expenditure. For purposes of this section, the term “hunting year” means the 12-month period beginning on July 1 of any such year.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 2, 48 Stat. 451; June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title I, § 2, 49 Stat. 379; Aug. 12, 1949, ch. 421, § 1, 63 Stat. 599; July 30, 1956, ch. 782, §§ 2, 3(b), 70 Stat. 722; Aug. 1, 1958, Pub. L. 85-585, § 1, 72 Stat. 486; Dec. 22, 1971, Pub. L. 92-214, §§ 1, 2, 85 Stat. 777; Feb. 17, 1976, Pub. L. 94-215, § 3(b), (c), 90 Stat. 189; Apr. 21, 1976, Pub. L. 94-273, § 34, 90 Stat. 380; Oct. 30, 1978, Pub. L. 95-552, § 1, 92 Stat. 2071; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, § 7(a), 92 Stat. 3114; Nov. 7, 1986, Pub. L. 99-625, § 3, 100 Stat. 3502; Nov. 10, 1986, Pub. L. 99-645, title II, § 202, 100 Stat. 3586.)

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-645, § 202(1), (2), in introductory provisions, substituted “\$10.00 for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for hunting years 1987 and 1988, \$12.50 for hunting years 1989 and 1990, and \$15.00 for each hunting year thereafter, if” for “\$7.50 for each stamp sold under the provisions of this section for any hunting year if”.

Pub. L. 99-625 and Pub. L. 99-645, § 202(3), amended subsec. (b) identically, inserting “available for obligation” before “attributable to”.

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-616 substituted “June” for “September” in sixth sentence.

Pub. L. 95-552, § 1(1), (2), designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted in third sentence introductory text “Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section,” and “for any hunting year” before “there shall be collected”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-552, § 1(3), added subsec. (b).

1976—Pub. L. 94-273 substituted “the year” for “the fiscal year” and “each year” for “each fiscal year”.

Pub. L. 94-215 authorized sale of stamps by the Department of the Interior, substituted provision for prescription of regulations jointly by the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior for prior provision for such prescription by the Postal Service and provision for sale of stamps at any establishment, facility, or location as the Postal Service and the Secretary of the Interior shall direct and authorize for prior provision for sale of stamps at such post offices other than first- and second-class post offices as the Postal Service shall

direct and inserted provision respecting deposit of funds from sale of stamps by the Department of the Interior in the migratory bird conservation fund; and substituted “September” for “June” in relation to redemption of blocks of stamps, designated existing provisions as cls. (A) and (B), and substituted “consignment to any person, including, but not limited to, “retail dealers” for “consignment to retail dealers” in cl. (A) and “by any such person” for “by such dealers” in cl. (B), respectively.

1971—Pub. L. 92-214 substituted “Postal Service” for “Post Office Department” and “Postmaster General” and inserted provisions authorizing the collection of up to \$5 for each stamp sold to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior after taking into consideration, among other matters, the increased cost of lands needed for the conservation of migratory birds.

1958—Pub. L. 85-585 increased cost of stamp from \$2 to \$3.

1956—Act July 30, 1956, § 2, struck out in existing next to last sentence requirement that stamps remaining unsold by the Post Office Department subsequent to becoming void after the 30th day of June next succeeding issuance be destroyed, substituted provisions in existing last sentence relating to redemption of blocks of unused stamps sold on consignment to retail dealers for resale to their customers, for provisions prohibiting the redemption by the Department in cash or kind of stamps sold under this Act, and inserted sentence defining “retail dealers”. For further amendment of next to last sentence of this section, see section 3(b) of act July 30, 1956, set out below.

Act July 30, 1956, § 3(b), substituted provisions in fourth sentence authorizing use as migratory-bird stamps only during fiscal year for which issued, for provisions requiring stamps to expire and be void after the 30th day of June next succeeding issuance. Amendment of fourth sentence by section 3(b) further amends amendments made to next to last sentence by section 2 of act July 30, 1956, as set out above.

1949—Act Aug. 12, 1949, increased cost of stamp from \$1 to \$2.

1935—Act June 15, 1935, amended section generally.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Section 4 of Pub. L. 85-585 provided that: “The amendment made by the first section of this Act [amending this section] shall become effective on July 1, 1959. The amendment made by section 2 of this Act [amending section 718d of this title] making available the net proceeds of all moneys received in the migratory bird conservation fund for the location, ascertainment, and acquisition of Waterfowl Production Areas and suitable areas for migratory bird refuges shall become effective on July 1, 1960. The remaining amendments made by this Act [amending section 718d of this title] shall become effective on the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 1, 1958]. Any unobligated balance remaining in the migratory bird conservation fund on June 30, 1960, shall thereafter be available for expenditure only for the purposes specified in the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act of March 16, 1934 [this subchapter], as amended by this Act.”

SPENDING OF STAMP MONEY

Section 1 of act Aug. 12, 1949, provided in part: “That the moneys derived from the sale of such stamps shall be spent only upon specific appropriation by the Congress.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 718a, 718e, 3911 of this title.

§ 718b-1. Disposition of unsold stamps; collectors' supply; destruction of surplus

On or after July 30, 1956, such quantity of migratory-bird hunting stamps, not sold at the end

of the fiscal year for which issued, as determined by the Postal Service to be (1) required to supply the market for sale to collectors, and (2) in suitable condition for such sale to collectors, shall be turned over to the Philatelic Agency and therein placed on sale. Any surplus stock of such migratory-bird hunting stamps may be destroyed in such manner as the Postal Service shall direct.

(July 30, 1956, ch. 782, §3(a), 70 Stat. 722; Dec. 22, 1971, Pub. L. 92-214, §3, 85 Stat. 777.)

CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of act Mar. 16, 1934, which comprises this subchapter.

AMENDMENTS

1971—Pub. L. 92-214 substituted “Postal Service” for “Postmaster General”.

§ 718c. Compliance with treaty or convention regulations and State game laws

Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to authorize any person to take any migratory waterfowl otherwise than in accordance with regulations adopted and approved pursuant to any treaty or convention heretofore or hereafter entered into between the United States and any other country for the protection of migratory birds, nor to exempt any person from complying with the game laws of the several States.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, §3, 48 Stat. 451; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, §7(b), 92 Stat. 3114.)

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-616 provided for convention regulations.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 718e of this title.

§ 718d. Disposition of receipts from sale of stamps

All moneys received for such stamps shall be accounted for by the Postal Service or the Department of the Interior, whichever is appropriate, and paid into the Treasury of the United States, and shall be reserved and set aside as a special fund to be known as the migratory bird conservation fund, to be administered by the Secretary of the Interior. All moneys received into such fund are appropriated for the following objects and shall be available therefor until expended:

(a) Advance allotments to Postal Service

So much as may be necessary shall be used by the Secretary of the Interior to make advance allotments to the Postal Service at such times and in such amounts as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the Postal Service for direct expenditure by the Postal Service for engraving, printing, issuing, selling, and accounting for migratory bird hunting stamps and moneys received from the sale thereof, in addition to expenses for personal services in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, and such other expenses as may be necessary in executing the duties and functions required of the Postal Service.

(b) Acquisition of bird refuges

Except as authorized in subsection (c) of this section, the remainder shall be available for the location, ascertainment, and acquisition of suitable areas for migratory bird refuges under the provisions of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 715 et seq.] and for the administrative costs incurred in the acquisition of such areas.

(c) Waterfowl Production Areas

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to utilize funds made available under subsection (b) of this section for the purposes of such subsection, and such other funds as may be appropriated for the purposes of such subsection, or of this subsection, to acquire, or defray the expense incident to the acquisition by gift, devise, lease, purchase, or exchange of, small wetland and pothole areas, interests therein, and rights-of-way to provide access thereto. Such small areas, to be designated as “Waterfowl Production Areas”, may be acquired without regard to the limitations and requirements of the Migratory Bird Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 715 et seq.], but all of the provisions of such Act which govern the administration and protection of lands acquired thereunder, except the inviolate sanctuary provisions of such Act, shall be applicable to areas acquired pursuant to this subsection.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, §4, 48 Stat. 451; June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title I, §§3, 4, 49 Stat. 379, 380; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Aug. 12, 1949, ch. 421, §2, 63 Stat. 600; Oct. 20, 1951, ch. 520, 65 Stat. 451; Aug. 1, 1958, Pub. L. 85-585, §2, 3, 72 Stat. 486, 487; Oct. 15, 1966, Pub. L. 89-669, §6, 80 Stat. 929; Dec. 22, 1971, Pub. L. 92-214, §2, 85 Stat. 777; Feb. 17, 1976, Pub. L. 94-215, §3(d), 90 Stat. 190.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Migratory Bird Conservation Act, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c), is act Feb. 18, 1929, ch. 257, 45 Stat. 1222, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter III (§715 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 715 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-215 inserted “or the Department of the Interior, whichever is appropriate,” after “Postal Service” in first sentence.

1971—Pub. L. 92-214 substituted “Postal Service” for “Post Office Department” in introductory provisions and “Postal Service” for “Post Office Department” and “Postmaster General” in subsec. (a).

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-669 struck out provisos relating to wildlife management areas and rule making for such areas which are now covered by section 668bb(d) (1) of this title.

1958—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 85-585 earmarked proceeds from sale of stamps, less expenses of Post Office Department in connection with fish and wildlife matters, for the acquisition of migratory bird refuges, and permitted hunting of resident game birds in designated wildlife management areas.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 85-585 added subsec. (c).

1951—Subsec. (a). Act Oct. 20, 1951, substituted “85 per centum” for “90 per centum”.

Subsec. (b). Act Oct. 20, 1951, inserted “in enforcing” after “The remainder shall be available for expenses”.

1949—Subsec. (a). Act Aug. 12, 1949, inserted proviso.

1935—Act June 15, 1935, amended section generally.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

For effective date of amendment by Pub. L. 85-585, see section 4 of Pub. L. 85-585, set out as a note under section 718b of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 718a of this title.

CROSS REFERENCES

Funds appropriated pursuant to sections 715k-3 to 715k-5 of this title, to be added to, accounted and used for purposes of the migratory bird conservation fund established under this section, see section 715k-4 of this title.

Repayment of funds treated as an advance without interest to the migratory bird conservation fund, see section 715k-5 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 715k-4, 718b, 718e, 3911, 3912 of this title; title 25 section 564w-1.

§ 718e. Offenses**(a) Loan or transfer of stamp**

No person to whom has been sold a migratory-bird hunting stamp, validated as provided in section 718a of this title, shall loan or transfer such stamp to any person during the period of its validity; nor shall any person other than the person validating such stamp use it for any purpose during such period.

(b) Alteration and counterfeiting of stamp

Except as provided in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 504(1)(D) of title 18, no person shall alter, mutilate, imitate, or counterfeit any stamp authorized by this subchapter, or imitate or counterfeit any die, plate, or engraving therefor, or make, print, or knowingly use, sell, or have in his possession any such counterfeit, die, plate, or engraving.

(c) Reproduction of migratory bird hunting stamps; regulation by Secretary of the Interior; disposition of proceeds

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, or the prohibition in section 474 of title 18, or other provisions of law, the Secretary of the Interior may authorize, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury,

- (1) the color reproduction, or
- (2) the black and white reproduction,

of migratory bird hunting stamps authorized by sections 718 to 718b, 718c, 718d, and 718f to 718h of this title, which otherwise satisfies the requirements of clauses (ii) and (iii) of section 504(1) of title 18. Any such reproduction shall be subject to those terms and conditions deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Interior by regulation or otherwise and any proceeds received by the Federal Government as a result of such reproduction shall be paid, after deducting expenses for marketing, into the migratory bird conservation fund established under section 718d of this title.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, §5, 48 Stat. 452; June 15, 1935, ch. 261, title I, §5, 49 Stat. 380; July 18, 1984, Pub. L. 98-369, div. A, title X, §1077(a), (b)(3), 98 Stat. 1054, 1055; Nov. 14, 1988, Pub. L. 100-653, title III, §302, 102 Stat. 3827.)

AMENDMENTS

1988—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100-653 inserted “, after deducting expenses for marketing,” after “paid”.

1984—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-369, §1077(b)(3), substituted “Except as provided in clauses (i) and (ii) of section 504(1)(D) of title 18, no person” for “No person”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-369, §1077(a), added subsec. (c). 1935—Act June 15, 1935, amended section generally.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 1077(c) of Pub. L. 98-369 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and section 504 of Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].”

§ 718f. Enforcement; authority of United States judges, magistrate judges, and employees of Department of the Interior

For the efficient execution of this subchapter, the judges of the several courts, established under the laws of the United States, United States magistrate judges, and persons appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce the provisions of this subchapter, shall have, with respect thereto, like powers and duties as are conferred upon said judges, magistrate judges, and employees of the Department of the Interior by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.], or any other Act to carry into effect any treaty for the protection of migratory birds with respect to that Act. Any bird or part thereof taken or possessed contrary to this subchapter shall, when seized, be disposed of by the Secretary in accordance with law.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, §6, 48 Stat. 452; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, §4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433; Oct. 17, 1968, Pub. L. 90-578, title IV, §402(b)(2), 82 Stat. 1118; Nov. 8, 1978, Pub. L. 95-616, §3(i), 92 Stat. 3112; Dec. 1, 1990, Pub. L. 101-650, title III, §321, 104 Stat. 5117.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and “that Act”, referred to in text, is act July 3, 1918, ch. 128, 40 Stat. 755, as amended, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§703 et seq.) of chapter 7 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 710 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-616 substituted in last sentence “contrary to this subchapter shall, when seized, be disposed of by the Secretary in accordance with law” for “contrary to such Acts shall, when seized, be disposed of as provided by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or Acts aforesaid”.

CHANGE OF NAME

“United States magistrate judges” and “magistrate judges” substituted for “United States magistrates” and “magistrates”, respectively, in text pursuant to section 321 of Pub. L. 101-650, set out as a note under section 631 of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure. Previously, “magistrates” substituted in text for “commissioners” pursuant to Pub. L. 90-578. See chapter 43 (§631 et seq.) of Title 28.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 718a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 716e of this title.

§ 718g. Penalties

Any person who shall violate any provision of this subchapter, or who shall violate or fail to comply with any regulation made pursuant thereto shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 707 of this title.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 7, 48 Stat. 452.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 718e of this title.

§ 718h. Cooperation with States and Territories

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate with the several States and Territories in the enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 8, 48 Stat. 452; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Transfer of functions of Secretary of Agriculture to Secretary of the Interior by Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, see Transfer of Functions note set out under section 718a of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 718e of this title.

§ 718i. Repealed. July 30, 1956, ch. 782, § 3(c), 70 Stat. 722

Section, act June 28, 1941, ch. 259, § 1, 55 Stat. 356, related to disposal of surplus stamps and restricted use of stamps to the fiscal year for which issued. See sections 718b and 718b-1 of this title.

§ 718j. Crediting of funds received as fees for entering migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamp contest

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, moneys received by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the form of fees for entering the migratory-bird hunting and conservation stamp contest shall be credited first to the appropriation account from which expenditures for the administration of such contest are made, and second, to the extent such moneys exceed the expenditures for administration of the contest, to the migratory-bird conservation fund.

(Mar. 16, 1934, ch. 71, § 10, as added Oct. 14, 1982, Pub. L. 97-307, 96 Stat. 1450.)

SUBCHAPTER V—JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONSERVATION AND DESIGN PROGRAM

§ 719. Establishment of Program**(a) In general**

The Secretary of the Interior (in this subchapter referred to as the “Secretary”) may carry out in accordance with this subchapter a program to be known as the “Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program” (in this subchapter referred to as the “Program”) to accomplish the goals of—

- (1) providing to school children environmental education opportunities relating to the conservation and management of migratory birds; and
- (2) increasing the capacity for schools, States, and other educational programs to conduct conservation and education programs.

(b) Program features

The Program shall consist of—

- (1) conducting in all interested States the activities which on the day before October 6, 1994, are conducted under the program known as the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program;
- (2) other activities authorized under the Program by this subchapter or any other Act; and
- (3) any other activity necessary to carry out the conservation and education goals of the Program.

(c) Effort to conduct Program in all States**(1) In general**

The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to seek to conduct the Program in all of the 50 States.

(2) Annual report

The Secretary shall annually submit a report to the Congress on the status of the Program in each of the 50 States.

(Pub. L. 103-340, § 2, Oct. 6, 1994, 108 Stat. 3119.)

SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 103-340 provided that: “This Act [enacting this subchapter and provisions listed in a table of National Wildlife Refuges set out under section 668dd of this title] may be cited as the ‘Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994.’”

§ 719a. Junior Duck Stamp**(a) Competition**

As part of the Program, the Secretary may annually conduct a competition to—

- (1) solicit the submission by students at elementary and secondary schools of designs relating to conservation of migratory birds; and
- (2) select winning designs from among those submissions for use for licensing and marketing under subsection (b) of this section.

(b) Licensing and marketing of design of Junior Duck Stamps

As part of the Program, the Secretary may—

- (1) license and market winning designs selected in competitions under subsection (a) of this section; and
- (2) license and market stamps bearing those designs, which shall be known as Junior Duck Stamps.

(c) Use of proceeds from licensing and marketing of Junior Duck Stamps and Junior Duck Stamp designs

Amounts received under subsection (b) of this section—

- (1) shall be available to the Secretary until expended, without further appropriations, solely for—

(A) awards and scholarships to individuals who submit designs in competitions under subsection (a) of this section, that are—

- (i) selected in such a competition as winning designs; or
- (ii) otherwise determined in such a competition to be superior;

(B) awards to schools and other participants to further education activities related to the conservation education goals of the Program; and

(C) expenses for licensing and marketing under subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) may not be used for administrative expenses of the Program.

(Pub. L. 103-340, § 3, Oct. 6, 1994, 108 Stat. 3119.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 719b of this title.

§ 719b. Acceptance of gifts, devises, and bequests

The Secretary may accept and use any gift, devise, or bequest of personal property, or proceeds thereof, for the purpose of funding the activities described in section 719a(c)(1)(A) and (B) of this title.

(Pub. L. 103-340, § 4, Oct. 6, 1994, 108 Stat. 3120.)

§ 719c. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for administrative expenses of the Program \$250,000 for each of the fiscal years 1995 through 2000.

(Pub. L. 103-340, § 5, Oct. 6, 1994, 108 Stat. 3120.)

**CHAPTER 8—UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER
WILD LIFE AND FISH REFUGE**

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§ 721. Short title; “person” defined

This chapter may be cited as “The Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge Act.” The term “person” as used therein includes an individual, partnership, association, or corporation.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 346, §§ 1, 12, 43 Stat. 650, 652.)

CODIFICATION

Section is a combination provision, the first sentence being derived from section 1 and the last from section 12, of act June 7, 1924.

§ 722. Acquisition of lands and water

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to acquire, by purchase, gift, or lease, such areas of land, or of land and water, situated between Rock Island, Illinois, and Wabasha, Minnesota, on either side of or upon islands in the Mississippi River which are not used for agricultural purposes, as he determines suitable for the purposes of this chapter, and any such area

when acquired shall become a part of the Upper Mississippi River Wild Life and Fish Refuge (referred to in this chapter as the “refuge”).

(June 7, 1924, ch. 346, §§ 2, 3, 43 Stat. 650; June 18, 1934, ch. 602, 48 Stat. 1015; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

CODIFICATION

Section is a combination provision, the latter portion beginning with the words “and any such area,” being from section 3, and the remainder of the section from section 2 of act June 7, 1924.

AMENDMENTS

1934—Act June 18, 1934, struck out “which are subject to overflow by such river” after “Mississippi River”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior.

ADDITIONAL LANDS

Act June 13, 1944, ch. 243, 58 Stat. 274, provided for the acquisition of certain tracts of land situated in Wabasha County, Minnesota.

§ 723. Purposes of refuge; regulations by Secretary of the Interior

The refuge shall be established and maintained (a) as a refuge and breeding place for migratory birds included in the terms of the convention between the United States and Great Britain for the protection of migratory birds, concluded August 16, 1916, and (b) to such extent as the Secretary of the Interior may by regulations prescribe, as a refuge and breeding place for other wild birds, game animals, fur-bearing animals, and for the conservation of wild flowers and aquatic plants, and (c) to such extent as the Secretary of the Interior may by regulations prescribe as a refuge and breeding place for fish and other aquatic animal life.

(June 7, 1924, ch. 346, § 3, 43 Stat. 650; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(e), (f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Reorg. Plan No. III of 1940, § 3, eff. June 30, 1940, 5 F.R. 2108, 54 Stat. 1232, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, consolidated Bureau of Fisheries and Bureau of Biological Survey into one agency in Department of the Interior to be known as Fish and Wildlife Service.

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, transferred Bureau of Fisheries in Department of Commerce and its functions to Department of the Interior; transferred functions of Secretary of Commerce relating to protection of fur-bearing animals to Secretary of the Interior; and transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior.

§ 724. Consent of States to acquisition; existing rights-of-way, easements, etc.

(a) No such area shall be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior until the legislature of each State in which is situated any part of the areas to be acquired under this chapter has con-