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#### SUBCHAPTER I—YOUTH CONSERVATION CORPS

##### § 1701. Congressional declaration of policy and purpose

The Congress finds that the Youth Conservation Corps has demonstrated a high degree of success as a pilot program wherein American youth, representing all segments of society, have benefited by gainful employment in the healthful outdoor atmosphere of the national park system, the national forest system, other public land and water areas of the United States and by their employment have developed, enhanced, and maintained the natural resources of the United States, and whereas in so doing the youth have gained an understanding and appreciation of the Nation's environment and heritage equal to one full academic year of study, it is accordingly the purpose of this subchapter to expand and make permanent the Youth Conservation Corps and thereby further the development and maintenance of the natural resources by America's youth, and in so doing to prepare them for the ultimate responsibility of maintaining and managing these resources for the American people.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title I, § 101, formerly § 1, Aug. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 794; Pub. L. 92-597, Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1319; Pub. L. 93-408, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1066; renumbered title I, § 101, and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 105(1)-(3), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 848.)

##### AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-82, § 105(2), substituted “subchapter” for “chapter”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-408 substantially reenacted existing provisions and added finding that the Youth Conservation Corps program be expanded and made permanent in view of the success of the pilot program.

1972—Pub. L. 92-597 substituted “areas of the United States” for “areas administered by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture”.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 123, Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 867, provided that: “This title [see Tables for classification], and the amendments made by this title, shall take effect on October 1, 1993.”

##### SHORT TITLE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-154, § 1, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2890, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 1730 of this title and amending sections 1722 to 1726 and 1729 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Public Lands Corps Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2005’.”

##### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 91-378, title I, Aug. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 794, which enacted this subchapter, is popularly known as the “Youth Conservation Corps Act of 1970”.

Pub. L. 91-378, title II, § 201, as added by Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 105(6), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 848, provided that: “This title [enacting subchapter II of this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Public Lands Corps Act of 1993’.”

##### § 1702. Establishment

###### (a) Age of participants

To carry out the purposes of this subchapter, there is established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture a Youth Conservation Corps (hereinafter in this subchapter referred to as the “Corps”). The Corps shall consist of young men and women who are permanent residents of the United States, its territories, possessions, trust territories, or Commonwealth of Puerto Rico who have attained age fifteen but have not attained age nineteen, and whom the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture may employ without regard to the civil service or classification laws, rules, or regulations, for the purpose of developing, preserving, or maintaining the lands and waters of the United States.

###### (b) Equal employment opportunity and employment; term

The Corps shall be open to youth from all parts of the country of both sexes and youth of all social, economic, and racial classifications with all Corps members receiving compensation consistent with work accomplished, and with no person being employed as a member of the Corps for a term in excess of ninety days during any single year.

(Pub. L. 91-378, title I, § 102, formerly § 2, Aug. 13, 1970, 84 Stat. 795; Pub. L. 92-597, Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1319; Pub. L. 93-408, Sept. 3, 1974, 88 Stat. 1066; renumbered title I, § 102, and amended Pub. L. 103-82, title I, § 105(1)-(4), Sept. 21, 1993, 107 Stat. 848.)

##### AMENDMENTS

1993—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-82, § 105(2), (4), substituted “subchapter” for “chapter” and inserted “in this subchapter” after “(hereinafter)”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-408 extended eligibility to permanent residents of Puerto Rico, removed the restriction that employment be in the summer months only, and substituted “waters of the United States” for “waters of the United States under his jurisdiction”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-408 substituted “from all parts of the country of both sexes and youth of all social, economic, and racial classifications with all Corps members receiving compensation consistent with work accomplished, and with” for “of both sexes and youth of all social, economic, and racial classifications, with”.

1972—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-597 substituted “established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture a Youth Conservation” and “under his jurisdiction” for “hereby established in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture a three-year pilot program designated as the Youth Conservation” and “under the jurisdiction of the appropriate Secretary” respectively, and extended eligibility to permanent residents of trust territories.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-82 effective Oct. 1, 1993, see section 123 of Pub. L. 103-82, set out as a note under section 1701 of this title.