§ 792. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board

(a) Establishment; membership; chairperson; vice-chairperson; term of office; termination of membership; reappointment; compensation and travel expenses; bylaws; quorum requirements

(1) There is established within the Federal Government the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (hereinafter referred to as the “Access Board”) which shall be composed as follows:

(A) Thirteen members shall be appointed by the President from among members of the general public of whom at least a majority shall be individuals with disabilities.

(B) The remaining members shall be the heads of each of the following departments or agencies (or their designees whose positions are executive level IV or higher):

(i) Department of Health and Human Services.

(ii) Department of Transportation.

(iii) Department of Housing and Urban Development.

(iv) Department of Labor.

(v) Department of the Interior.

(vi) Department of Defense.

(vii) Department of Justice.

(viii) General Services Administration.

(ix) Department of Veterans Affairs.

(x) United States Postal Service.

(xi) Department of Education.

(xii) Department of Commerce.

The chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Access Board shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the Access Board to serve for terms of one year. When the chairperson is a member of the general public, the vice-chairperson shall be a Federal official; and when the chairperson is a Federal official, the vice-chairperson shall be a member of the general public. Upon the expiration of the term as chairperson of a member who is a Federal official, the subsequent chairperson shall be a member of the general public; and vice versa.

(2)(A)(i) The term of office of each appointed member of the Access Board shall be 4 years, except as provided in clause (ii). Each year, the terms of office of at least three appointed members of the board shall expire.

(ii) (I) One member appointed for a term beginning December 4, 1992 shall serve for a term of 3 years.

(II) One member appointed for a term beginning December 4, 1993 shall serve for a term of 2 years.

(III) One member appointed for a term beginning December 4, 1994 shall serve for a term of 1 year.

(IV) Members appointed for terms beginning before December 4, 1992 shall serve for terms of 3 years.

(B) A member whose term has expired may continue to serve until a successor has been appointed.

(C) A member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term to which that member’s predecessor was appointed.

(3) If any appointed member of the Access Board becomes a Federal employee, such member may continue as a member of the Access Board for not longer than the sixty-day period beginning on the date the member becomes a Federal employee.

(4) No individual appointed under paragraph (1)(A) of this subsection who has served as a member of the Access Board may be reappointed to the Access Board more than once unless such individual has not served on the Access Board for a period of two years prior to the effective date of such individual’s appointment.

(5)(A) Members of the Access Board who are not regular full-time employees of the United States shall, while serving on the business of the Access Board, be entitled to receive compensation at rates fixed by the President, but not to exceed the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315 of title 5, including travel time, for each day they are engaged in the performance of their duties as members of the Access Board; and shall be entitled to reimbursement for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties under this section.

(B) Members of the Access Board who are employed by the Federal Government shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties under this section.

(6)(A) The Access Board shall establish such bylaws and other rules as may be appropriate to enable the Access Board to carry out its functions under this chapter.

(B) The bylaws shall include quorum requirements. The quorum requirements shall provide that (i) a proxy may not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum, and (ii) not less than half the members required for a quorum shall be members of the general public appointed under paragraph (1)(A).

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(b) Functions

It shall be the function of the Access Board to—

(1) ensure compliance with the standards prescribed pursuant to the Act entitled “An Act to ensure that certain buildings financed with Federal funds are so designed and constructed as to be accessible to the physically handicapped”, approved August 12, 1968 (commonly known as the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968; 42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq.) with respect to overcoming architectural, transportation, and communication barriers;

(2) develop advisory information for, and provide appropriate technical assistance to, individuals or entities with rights or duties under regulations prescribed pursuant to this subchapter or titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131 et seq. and 12181 et seq.) with respect to overcoming architectural, transportation, and communication barriers;

(3) establish and maintain—
   - (A) minimum guidelines and requirements for the standards issued pursuant to the Act commonly known as the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968;
   - (B) minimum guidelines and requirements for the standards issued pursuant to titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;
   - (C) guidelines for accessibility of telecommunications equipment and customer premises equipment under section 255 of title 47; and
   - (D) standards for accessible electronic and information technology under section 794d of this title;

(4) promote accessibility throughout all segments of society;

(5) investigate and examine alternative approaches to the architectural, transportation, communication, and attitudinal barriers confronting individuals with disabilities, particularly with respect to telecommunications devices, public buildings and monuments, parks and parklands, public transportation (including air, water, and surface transportation, whether interstate, foreign, intrastate, or local), and residential and institutional housing;

(6) determine what measures are being taken by Federal, State, and local governments and by other public or nonprofit agencies to eliminate the barriers described in paragraph (5);

(7) promote the use of the International Accessibility Symbol in all public facilities that are in compliance with the standards prescribed by the Administrator of General Services, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to the Act commonly known as the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968;

(8) make to the President and to the Congress reports that shall describe in detail the results of its investigations under paragraphs (5) and (6);

(9) make to the President and to the Congress such recommendations for legislative and administrative changes as the Access Board determines to be necessary or desirable to eliminate the barriers described in paragraph (5);

(10) ensure that public conveyances, including rolling stock, are readily accessible to, and usable by, individuals with physical disabilities; and

(11) carry out the responsibilities specified for the Access Board in section 794d of this title.

(c) Additional functions; transportation barriers and housing needs; transportation and housing plans and proposals

The Access Board shall also (1)(A) determine how and to what extent transportation barriers impede the mobility of individuals with disabilities and aged individuals with disabilities and consider ways in which travel expenses in connection with transportation to and from work for individuals with disabilities can be met or subsidized when such individuals are unable to use mass transit systems or need special equipment in private transportation, and (B) consider the housing needs of individuals with disabilities; (2) determine what measures are being taken, especially by public and other nonprofit agencies and groups having an interest in and a capacity to deal with such problems, (A) to eliminate barriers from public transportation systems (including vehicles used in such systems), and to prevent their incorporation in new or expanded transportation systems, and (B) to make housing available and accessible to individuals with disabilities or to meet sheltered housing needs; and (3) prepare plans and proposals for such further actions as may be necessary to the goals of adequate transportation and housing for individuals with disabilities, including proposals for bringing together in a cooperative effort, agencies, organizations, and groups already working toward such goals or whose cooperation is essential to effective and comprehensive action.

(d) Electronic and information technology accessibility training

Beginning in fiscal year 2000, the Access Board, after consultation with the Secretary, representatives of such public and private entities as the Access Board determines to be appropriate (including the electronic and information technology industry), targeted individuals and entities (as defined in section 3002 of this title), and State information technology officers, shall provide training for Federal and State employees on any obligations related to section 794d of this title.

(e) Investigations; hearings; orders; administrative procedure applicable; final orders; judicial review; civil action; intervention

(1) The Access Board shall conduct investigations, hold public hearings, and issue such orders as it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Acts cited in subsection (b). Except as provided in paragraph (3) of subsection (f), the provisions of subchapter II of chapter 5, and chapter 7 of title 5 shall apply
§ 792 shall be a final order for purposes of judicial re-
order of compliance issued by the Access Board
for procedures under this subsection, and an
order of compliance may include the with-
holding or suspension of Federal funds with re-
spect to any building or public conveyance or
rolling stock found not to be in compliance with
standards enforced under this section. Pursuant
to chapter 7 of title 5, any complainant or par-
ticipant in a proceeding under this subsection
may obtain review of a final order issued in such
proceeding.
(2) The executive director is authorized, at the
direction of the Access Board—
(A) to bring a civil action in any appropriate
United States district court to enforce, in
whole or in part, any final order of the Access
Board under this subsection; and
(B) to intervene, appear, and participate, or
to appear as amicus curiae, in any court of the
United States or in any court of a State in
civil actions that relate to this section or to
the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 [42
U.S.C. 4151 et seq.].
Except as provided in section 518(a) of title 28,
relating to litigation before the Supreme Court,
the executive director may appear for and rep-
resent the Access Board in any civil litigation
brought under this section.
(f) Appointment of executive director, adminis-
trative law judges, and other personnel; pro-
visions applicable to administrative law
judges; authority and duties of executive di-
rector; finality of orders of compliance
(1) There shall be appointed by the Access
Board an executive director and such other pro-
fessional and clerical personnel as are necessary
to carry out its functions under this chapter.
The Access Board is authorized to appoint as
many administrative law judges as are nec-
essary for proceedings required to be conducted
under this section. The provisions applicable to
administrative law judges appointed under sec-
tion 3105 of title 5 shall apply to administrative
law judges appointed under this subsection.
(2) The Executive Director shall exercise gen-
eral supervision over all personnel employed by
the Access Board (other than administrative law
judges and their assistants). The Executive Di-
rector shall have final authority on behalf of the
Access Board, with respect to the investigation
of alleged noncompliance and in the issuance of
formal complaints before the Access Board, and
shall have such other duties as the Access Board
may prescribe.
(3) For the purpose of this section, an order
of compliance issued by an administrative law
judge shall be deemed to be an order of the Ac-
cess Board and shall be the final order for the
purpose of judicial review.
(g) Technical, administrative, or other assist-
ance; appointment, compensation, and travel
expenses of advisory and technical experts
and consultants
(1)(A) In carrying out the technical assistance
responsibilities of the Access Board under this
section, the Board may enter into an inter-
agency agreement with another Federal depart-
ment or agency.
(B) Any funds appropriated to such a depart-
ment or agency for the purpose of providing
such technical assistance may be transferred to the
Access Board. Any funds appropriated to the Ac-
cess Board for the purpose of providing such
technical assistance may be transferred to such
department or agency.
(C) The Access Board may arrange to carry
out the technical assistance responsibilities of
the Board under this section through such other
departments and agencies for such periods as the
Board determines to be appropriate.
(D) The Access Board shall establish a proce-
dure to ensure separation of its compliance and
technical assistance responsibilities under this
section.
(2) The departments or agencies specified in
subsection (a) of this section shall make avail-
able to the Access Board such technical, adminis-
trative, or other assistance as it may require
to carry out its functions under this section, and
the Access Board may appoint such other advis-
ers, technical experts, and consultants as it
deems necessary to assist it in carrying out its
functions under this section. Special advisory
and technical experts and consultants appointed
pursuant to this paragraph shall, while per-
forming their functions under this section, be
titled to receive compensation at rates fixed
by the Chairperson, but not exceeding the daily
equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the
Senior Executive Service Schedule under sec-
tion 5382 of title 5, including travel time, and
while serving away from their homes or regular
places of business they may be allowed travel
expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-
ence, as authorized by section 5705 of such title
5 for persons in the Government service em-
ployed intermittently.
(h) Omitted
(i) Grants and contracts to aid Access Board in
carrying out its functions; acceptance of
gifts, devises, and bequests of property
(1) The Access Board may make grants to, or
enter into contracts with, public or private or-
organizations to carry out its duties under sub-
sections (b) and (c).
(2)(A) The Access Board may accept, hold, ad-
minister, and utilize gifts, devises, and bequests
of property, both real and personal, for the pur-
pose of aiding and facilitating the functions of
the Access Board under paragraphs (2) and (4) of
subsection (b). Gifts and bequests of money and
proceeds from sales of other property received as
gifts, devises, or bequests shall be deposited in
the Treasury and shall be disbursed upon the
order of the Chairperson. Property accepted
pursuant to this section, and the proceeds there-
of, shall be used as nearly as possible in accord-
ance with the terms of the gifts, devises, or be-
quests. For purposes of Federal income, estate,
or gift taxes, property accepted under this sec-
tion shall be considered as a gift, devise, or be-
quest to the United States.
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(B) The Access Board shall publish regulations setting forth the criteria the Board will use in determining whether the acceptance of gifts, devises, and bequests of property, both real and personal, would reflect unfavorably upon the ability of the Board or any employee to carry out the responsibilities or official duties of the Board in a fair and objective manner, or would compromise the integrity of or the appearance of the integrity of a Government program or any official involved in that program.

(3) Omitted.

(j) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out the duties and functions of the Access Board under this section $7,448,000 for fiscal year 2015, $8,023,000 for fiscal year 2016, $8,190,000 for fiscal year 2017, $8,371,000 for fiscal year 2018, $8,568,000 for fiscal year 2019, and $8,750,000 for fiscal year 2020.


Editorial Notes

References in Text

Executive level IV, referred to in subsec. (a)(1)(B), is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The Access Board is set out in section 5315 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

The Act is set out in section 12101 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12101 of Title 42 and Tables.

Amendments

2014—Subsec. (j). Pub. L. 113–128 substituted ‘‘$7,448,000 for fiscal year 2015, $8,023,000 for fiscal year 2016, $8,190,000 for fiscal year 2017, $8,371,000 for fiscal year 2018, $8,568,000 for fiscal year 2019, and $8,750,000 for fiscal year 2020.” for ‘‘such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.’’


1988—Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 100–630, § 408(a)(2)(B)(ii), added par. (3) and struck out former par. (3) which read as follows: ‘‘establish and maintain minimum guidelines and requirements for the standards issued pursuant to the Act commonly known as the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 and titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.’’


Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 98–510, § 408(a)(2)(C), substituted ‘‘procedures under this subsection’’ for ‘‘procedures under this section’’.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 98–510, § 408(a)(1)(1), (3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e) and substituted ‘‘subsection (f)’’ for ‘‘subsection (e)’’ in second sentence of par. (1). Former subsec. (e) redesignated (f).


Subsec. (g)(2). Pub. L. 100–630, § 408(a)(2)(D), substituted ‘‘Committee on Education and the Workforce’’ for ‘‘Committee on Education and the Workforce’’

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 100–630, § 408(a)(1)(1), redesignated subsec. (g) as (h). Former subsec. (h) redesignated (i).

Subsec. (h)(2)(A). Pub. L. 100–630, § 408(a)(2)(E), substituted ‘‘paragraphs (2) and (4)’’ for ‘‘paragraphs (5) and (7)’’.


1992—Subsec. (a)(5)(A). Pub. L. 102–73 substituted ‘‘level IV of the Executive Schedule under section 5315’’ for ‘‘level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382’’.

1991—Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(a)(2), (3), substituted ‘‘the Access Board’’ and ‘‘The Access Board’’ for ‘‘the Board’’ and ‘‘The Board’’, respectively, wherever appearing.


Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(b)(2)(A), substituted ‘‘the Board’’ for ‘‘the Board’’ in introductory provisions.


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years, except as provided in clause (ii) for “three years” and “at least three” for “four”, and added cl. (ii).


Subsec. (a)(6)(A). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(b)(6), substituted "the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382" for "the daily rate prescribed for GS–18 under section 5322".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(c), amended subsec. (b) generally, substituting present provisions for provisions which outlined eight specific functions of the Access Board.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102–569, § 102(p)(30), substituted "individuals with disabilities" for "individuals with handicap" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(d)(1), in first sentence, substituted "The Access Board shall conduct" for "In carrying out its functions under this chapter, the Access Board shall, directly or through grants to public or private nonprofit organizations or contracts with private nonprofit or forprofit organizations, carry out its functions under subsections (b) and (c) of this section, and shall conduct" and "to ensure compliance" for "to insure compliance".

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(d)(2), struck out par. (3) which read as follows: "The Access Board, in consultation and coordination with other concerned Federal departments and agencies and agencies within the Department of Education, shall develop standards and provide appropriate technical assistance to any public or private activity, person, or entity affected by regulations prescribed pursuant to this subchapter with respect to overcoming architectural, transportation, and communication barriers. Any funds appropriated to any such department or agency for the purpose of providing such assistance may be transferred to the Access Board for the purpose of carrying out this paragraph. The Access Board may arrange to carry out its responsibilities under this paragraph through such other departments and agencies for such periods as the Access Board determines is appropriate. In carrying out its technical assistance responsibilities under this paragraph, the Access Board shall establish a procedure to insure separation of its compliance and technical assistance responsibilities under this section.".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(e), added par. (1), designated existing provisions as par. (2) and substituted "paragraphs" for "subsection", "Chairperson" for "Secretary", and "the daily equivalent of the rate of pay for level 4 of the Senior Executive Service Schedule under section 5382" for "the daily pay rate for a person employed as a GS–18 under section 5322".

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(f), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted "paragraphs (8) and (9) of such subsection" for "clauses (5) and (6) of subsection (b) of this section", struck out at end "The Access Board shall prepare two final reports of its activities under subsection (c). One such report shall be on the activities in the field of transportation barriers facing individuals with disabilities, and the other such report shall be on its activities in the field of the housing needs of individuals with disabilities. The Access Board shall, not later than September 30, 1975, submit each such report, together with its recommendations, to the President and the Congress. The Access Board shall also prepare for such submission an interim report of its activities in each field within 18 months after September 26, 1973. The Access Board shall prepare and submit two additional reports of its activities under subsection (c) of this section, one report on its activities in the field of transportation barriers facing individuals with disabilities and the other report on its activities in the field of the housing needs of individuals with disabilities under this section. The two additional reports required by the previous sentence shall be submitted not later than February 1, 1988.", and added par. (2).

Pub. L. 102–569, § 102(p)(30), substituted "individuals with disabilities" for "individuals with handicap" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (h)(1). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(g)(1)(3), redesignated par. (2) as (1), struck out at end "The Access Board may also make grants to any designated State unit for the purpose of conducting studies to delineate the cost assessments required by paragraph (1). Before including in such report the findings of any study conducted for the Access Board under a grant or contract to provide the Access Board with such cost assessments, the Access Board shall take all necessary steps to validate the accuracy of any such findings.", and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: "Within one year following November 6, 1978, the Access Board shall submit to the President and the Congress a report containing an assessment of the amounts required to be expended by States and by political subdivisions thereof to provide individual dwellings with full access to all programs and activities receiving Federal assistance.

Pub. L. 102–569, § 102(p)(30), substituted "individuals with disabilities" for "individuals with handicaps" before "with full access".

Subsec. (h)(2). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(g)(4), which directed the addition of par. (2) "at the end" of subsec. (h), was executed by adding par. (2) before par. (3) to reflect the probable intent of Congress. Former par. (2) redesignated (1).

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 102–569, § 504(h), substituted "fiscal years 1993 through 1997." for "fiscal years 1987 through 1992, but in no event shall the amount appropriated for any one fiscal year exceed $3,000,000.


1988—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(1), amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: "The term of office of each appointed member of the Board shall be three years; except that if the members first taking office shall be, as designated by the President at the time of appointment, four for a term of one year, four for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years, (i) a member whose term has expired may continue to serve until a successor has been appointed, and (ii) a member appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the term to which that member's predecessor was appointed.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(2), substituted "the member" for "he".


Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(4)–(7), inserted a comma after "surface transportation" in cl. (2), and substituted "Administrator of General Services" for "Administrator of the General Services Administration" in cl. (4), "results of" for "results to" in cl. (5), and "individuals with physical handicap" for "physically handicapped persons" in cl. (8).

Subsec. (c)(2)(A). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(8), inserted a comma after "expanded transportation systems".

Subsec. (d)(2)(B). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(9), substituted "that relate to" for "which related to".

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(10), substituted "daily pay rate for" for "daily pay rate, for", "section 5332 of title 5" for "section 5332 of title 5", and "travel time" for "traveltime".

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(b)(11), substituted "transportation barriers facing individuals with handicaps" for "transportation barriers to individuals with handicaps" and for "transportation barriers of handicapped individuals" in fourth and seventh sentences, respectively, and "housing needs of individuals with handicaps" for "housing needs of handicapped individuals" in seventh sentence.


Board shall be elected by majority vote of members of Board to serve for terms of one year, for provision that President had to appoint first Chairman of such Board who was to serve for term of not more than two years, with subsequent Chairmen to be elected by majority vote of Board for term of one year, and inserted provisions that positions of Chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be held alternately in succession by Federal official and by member of general public, and that, when either office is held by member of general public, the other will be held by Federal official.

Subsec. (a)(2), (iii), Pub. L. 99–506, § 792, substituted "individuals with handicaps" for "handicapped individuals" wherever appearing.

Subsec. (d)(2)(A), Pub. L. 99–506, § 1002(e)(2)(B), substituted "any final order" for "any, final order".

Subsec. (d)(3), Pub. L. 99–506, § 1002(e)(2)(C), substituted "Department of Education" for "Department of Health, Education, and Welfare" and "with respect to overcoming" for "with respect to overcoming to".

Subsec. (e)(2), Pub. L. 99–506, § 1002(e)(2)(D), substituted "alleged noncompliance and in" for "alleged noncompliance in".

Subsec. (g), Pub. L. 99–506, § 601(b), inserted provisions requiring the Board to submit, not later than Feb. 1, 1988, two additional reports on its activities under subsec. (c), one report to deal with its activities relating to transportation barriers to handicapped individuals, the other to deal with activities relating to the housing needs of handicapped individuals.

Pub. L. 99–506, § 1002(e)(2)(C), substituted "individuals with handicaps" for "handicapped individuals" wherever appearing.


Subsec. (b)(3), Pub. L. 96–374, § 1321(b), added part (3), 1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(a), substituted provision permitting President to appoint eleven members of Board from general public of whom five are to be handicapped, adding head of the Department of Justice as a Board member, authorizing President to appoint the first chairman, and providing for the term of office, reappointment, and compensation of Board members for provision restricting Board membership to head of Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Department of Transportation, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Department of Labor, Department of the Interior, Department of Defense, General Services Administration, United States Postal Service, and Veterans' Administration, appointing Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare as chairman, and authorizing appointment of a Consumer Advisory Panel, a majority of members of which were to be handicapped, to provide guidance, advice, and recommendations to Board.

Subsec. (b)(1), Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(b)(1), substituted provision requiring Board to insure compliance with standards of Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, including application to United States Postal Service, and to insure all waivers and modifications of standards are based on findings of fact and are not inconsistent with the Act or this section for provision requiring Board to insure compliance with the standards prescribed by General Services Administration, Department of Defense, and Department of Housing and Urban Development pursuant to Architectural Barriers Act of 1968.


Subsec. (b)(7), (8). Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(b)(3), added pars. (7) and (8).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(c), designated existing provision as par. (1), substituted "or contracts with private nonprofit or forprofit organizations" for "or contracts with public or private nonprofit organizations", "Except as provided in paragraph (3) of subsection (e), provisions for "The provisions", "building or public conveyance or rolling stock found" for "building found", and "enforced under this section" for "prescribed pursuant to the Acts cited in subsection (b) of this section", inserted provision permitting a complainant or participant in a proceeding under this subsection to obtain review of a final order pursuant to chapter 7 of title 5, and added pars. (2) and (3).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(d), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added pars. (2) and (3).

Pub. L. 95–251 substituted "administrative law judges" for "hearing examiners" wherever appearing. Such substitution was made in pars. (2) and (3) as the probable intent of Congress in view of the amendment to subsec. (e) by section 2(a)(8) of Pub. L. 95–251 (although prior in time to the amendment by Pub. L. 95–602) requiring such substitution wherever appearing in text.

Subsec. (b), Pub. L. 95–602, § 118(e), added subsec. (b). Former subsec. (b), which authorized appropriations for carrying out duties and functions of the Board of $1,000,000 for each of fiscal years ending June 30, 1974, and June 30, 1975, $1,500,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1976, and $1,500,000 for each of fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1977 and Sept. 30, 1978, was struck out.

Pub. L. 93–651, §111(p), amended subsec. (e) in exactly the same manner as it was amended by Pub. L. 93–516. Subsec. (g), Pub. L. 93–516, §111(q), substituted “not later than September 30, 1975” for “prior to January 1, 1975”.

Pub. L. 93–651, §111(q), amended subsec. (g) in exactly the same manner as it was amended by Pub. L. 93–516. Subsec. (b), Pub. L. 93–516, §110, authorized appropriation of $1,500,000 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. Pub. L. 93–651, §110, amended subsec. (h) in exactly the same manner as it was amended by Pub. L. 93–516.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

Effective Date of 1980 Amendment

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–374 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 1393(a) of Pub. L. 96–374, set out as a note under section 1001 of Title 29, Education.

Extension of Vocational Rehabilitation Programs Through Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 1978; Effective Date of 1976 Amendment

Pub. L. 94–230, §11(a), (b)(1), (c), Mar. 15, 1976, 90 Stat. 213, 214, extended certain program authorizations in the absence of congressional action, provided that the amendments made by section 11(b) of Pub. L. 94–230 would take effect at the close of Apr. 15, 1977, unless Congress passed legislation preempting those amendments, and provided that Congress would not be deemed to have passed such legislation unless it became law.

Termination of Advisory Panels

Advisory panels established after Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period beginning on the date of their establishment, unless, in the case of a panel established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such panel is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a panel established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided for by law. See sections 1001(2) and 1013 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

Accessibility of Information on Prescription Drug Container Labels by Visually Impaired and Blind Consumers


“(a) Establishment of Working Group.—

“(1) In general.—The Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (referred to in this section as the ‘Access Board’) shall convene a stakeholder working group (referred to in this section as the ‘working group’) to develop best practices on access to information on prescription drug container labels for individuals who are blind or visually impaired.

“(2) Members.—The working group shall be comprised of representatives of national organizations representing blind and visually impaired individuals, national organizations representing the elderly, and industry groups representing stakeholders, including retail, mail-order, and independent community pharmacies, who would be impacted by such best practices. Representation within the working group shall be divided equally between consumer and industry advocates.

“(3) Best practices.—

“(A) In general.—The working group shall develop, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act (July 9, 2012), best practices for pharmacies to ensure that blind and visually impaired individuals have safe, consistent, reliable, and independent access to the information on prescription drug container labels.

“(B) Public availability.—The best practices developed under subparagraph (A) may be made publicly available, including through the Internet Web sites of the working group participant organizations, and through other means, in a manner that provides access to interested individuals, including individuals with disabilities.

“(C) Limitations.—The best practices developed under subparagraph (A) shall not be construed as accessibility guidelines or standards of the Access Board, and shall not confer any rights or impose any obligations on working group participants or other persons. Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or condition any right, obligation, or remedy available under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.) or any other Federal or State law requiring effective communication, barrier removal, or nondiscrimination on the basis of disability.

“(4) Considerations.—In developing and issuing the best practices under paragraph (3)(A), the working group shall consider:

“(A) the use of—

“(i) Braille;

“(ii) auditory means, such as—

“(I) ‘talking bottles’ that provide audible container label information;

“(II) digital voice recorders attached to the prescription drug container; and

“(III) radio frequency identification tags;

“(iii) enhanced visual means, such as—

“(I) large font labels or large font ‘duplicate’ labels that are affixed or matched to a prescription drug container;

“(II) high-contrast printing; and

“(III) sans-serif font; and

“(iv) other relevant alternatives as determined by the working group;

“(B) whether there are technical, financial, manpower, or other factors unique to pharmacies with 20 or fewer retail locations which may pose significant challenges to the adoption of the best practices; and

“(C) such other factors as the working group determines to be appropriate.

“(5) Information Campaign.—Upon completion of development of the best practices under subsection (a)(3), the National Council on Disability, in consultation with the working group, shall conduct an informational and educational campaign designed to inform individuals with disabilities, pharmacists, and the public about such best practices.

“(6) Waiver of Chapter 10 of Title 5, United States Code.—Chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the working group.

“(7) Report.—Not later than September 30, 2016, the Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to Congress a report on the review conducted under paragraph (1). Such report shall include recommendations about how best to reduce the barriers experienced by blind and visually impaired individuals to independently accessing information on prescription drug container labels.

“(c) Definitions.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘pharmacy’ includes a pharmacy that receives prescriptions and dispenses prescription drugs through an Internet Web site or by mail;

“(2) the term ‘prescription drug’ means a drug subject to section 503(b)(1) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 353(b)(1)); and

“(3) the term ‘prescription drug container label’ means the label with the directions for use that is—
fixed to the prescription drug container by the pharmacist and dispensed to the consumer.”

§ 793. Employment under Federal contracts

(a) Amount of contracts or subcontracts; provision for employment and advancement of qualified individuals with disabilities; regulations

Any contract in excess of $10,000 entered into by any Federal department or agency for the procurement of personal property and nonpersonal services (including construction) for the United States shall contain a provision requiring that the party contracting with the United States shall take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified individuals with disabilities. The provisions of this section shall apply to any subcontract in excess of $10,000 entered into by a prime contractor in carrying out any contract for the procurement of personal property and nonpersonal services (including construction) for the United States. The President shall implement the provisions of this section by promulgating regulations within ninety days after September 26, 1973.

(b) Administrative enforcement; complaints; investigations; departmental action

If any individual with a disability believes any contractor has failed or refused to comply with the provisions of a contract with the United States, relating to employment of individuals with disabilities, such individual may file a complaint with the Department of Labor. The Department shall promptly investigate such complaint and shall take such action thereon as the facts and circumstances warrant, consistent with the terms of such contract and the laws and regulations applicable thereto.

(c) Waiver by President; national interest special circumstances for waiver of particular agreements; waiver by Secretary of Labor of affirmative action requirements

(1) The requirements of this section may be waived, in whole or in part, by the President with respect to a particular contract or subcontract, in accordance with guidelines set forth in regulations which the President shall prescribe, when the President determines that special circumstances in the national interest so require and states in writing the reasons for such determination.

(2)(A) The Secretary of Labor may waive the requirements of the affirmative action clause required by regulations promulgated under subsection (a) with respect to any of a prime contractor’s or subcontractor’s facilities that are found to be in all respects separate and distinct from activities of the prime contractor or subcontractor related to the performance of the contract or subcontract, if the Secretary of Labor also finds that such a waiver will not interfere with or impede the effectuation of this chapter.

(B) Such waivers shall be considered only upon the request of the contractor or subcontractor. The Secretary of Labor shall promulgate regulations that set forth the standards used for granting such a waiver.

(d) Standards used in determining violation of section

The standards used to determine whether this section has been violated in a complaint alleging nonaffirmative action employment discrimination under this section shall be the standards applied under title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12111 et seq.) and the provisions of sections 501 through 504, and 510, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12201–12204 and 12210), as such sections relate to employment.

(e) Avoidance of duplicative efforts and inconsistencies

The Secretary shall develop procedures to ensure that administrative complaints filed under this section and under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 [42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.] are dealt with in a manner that avoids duplication of effort and prevents imposition of inconsistent or conflicting standards for the same requirements under this section and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.


Editorial Notes

References in Text

The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, referred to in subsecs. (d) and (e), is Pub. L. 101–336, July 26, 1990, 104 Stat. 327, which is classified principally to chapter 126 (§ 12101 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Title I of the Act is classified generally to subchapter I (§ 12111 et seq.) of chapter 126 of Title 42. Section 510 of the Act was renumbered section 510 by Pub. L. 110–325, § 6(a)(2), Sept. 25, 2008, 122 Stat. 3558. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 12101 of Title 42 and Tables.

Amendments

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102–569, §§ 102(p)(31)(A), 505(a), substituted "$10,000" for "$2,500" in two places, struck out "‘, in employing persons to carry out such contract,’" after "‘contain a provision requiring that’", and substituted "“individuals with disabilities” for ““individuals with handicaps as defined in section 706(b) of this title”".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102–569, § 102(p)(31)(B), substituted “‘individual with a disability” for “‘individual with handicaps” and “‘individuals with disabilities” for “‘individuals with handicaps’’.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102–569, § 505(b), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

Subsecs. (d), (e). Pub. L. 102–569, § 505(c), added subsec. (d) and (e).

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(c)(1), inserted a comma after “to carry out such contract”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(c)(2), substituted “‘refused’ for ‘‘refuses’’.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 100–630, § 206(c)(3), substituted “‘which the President’ for “‘which The President’ and “‘when the President’ for ‘‘when The President’”.


1 See References in Text note below.