

### **§ 5542. Regulations for safe handling of mail matter**

#### **(a) In general**

Subject to the approval of the Committee on House Administration, the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives shall implement regulations under which the Chief Administrative Officer shall be authorized to handle any mail matter delivered by the United States Postal Service or any other carrier to the House of Representatives, or to any other entity with whom the Chief Administrative Officer has entered into an agreement to receive mail matter delivered to the entity, in such manner as the Chief Administrative Officer deems necessary to ensure the safety of any individuals who may come into contact with, or otherwise be exposed to, such mail matter.

#### **(b) Civil or criminal liability**

No action taken under the regulations implemented pursuant to this section may serve as a basis for civil or criminal liability of any individual or entity.

#### **(c) Definition**

As used in this section, the term “handle” includes but is not limited to collecting, isolating, testing, opening, disposing, and destroying.

#### **(d) Effective date**

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2004 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, § 108, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3177.)

#### **Editorial Notes**

##### **CODIFICATION**

Section was formerly classified to section 117j-1 of this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005, which is div. G of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005.

### **§ 5543. Rebates under Government Travel Charge Card Program**

Effective with respect to fiscal years beginning with fiscal year 1995, amounts received by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives from the Administrator of General Services for rebates under the Government Travel Charge Card Program shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(Pub. L. 104-53, title I, § 102, Nov. 19, 1995, 109 Stat. 520.)

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Section is from the Congressional Operations Appropriations Act, 1996, which is title I of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1996.

### **§ 5544. Deposit of House Information Resources reimbursements for services**

Effective with respect to fiscal year 2003 and each succeeding fiscal year, any amount re-

ceived by House Information Resources from any office of the House of Representatives as reimbursement for services provided shall be deposited in the Treasury for credit to the account of the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 108-7, div. H, title I, § 103, Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 354.)

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### **§ 5545. House Services Revolving Fund**

#### **(a) Establishment of House Services Revolving Fund**

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a revolving fund for the House of Representatives to be known as the “House Services Revolving Fund” (hereafter in this section referred to as the “Revolving Fund”), consisting of funds deposited by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives from all amounts received by the House of Representatives with respect to the following activities:

- (1) The operation of the House Barber Shop.
- (2) The operation of the House Beauty Shop.
- (3) The operation of the House Restaurant System (including vending operations).
- (4) The provision of mail services to entities which are not part of the House of Representatives.
- (5) The payment of fees for the use of the exercise facility described in section 103(a).<sup>1</sup>
- (6) The collection of promotional rebates and incentives on credit card purchases, balances, and payments.
- (7) The collection of a service fee from vendors of the Master Web Services Agreement or the Technology Services Contract for failure to abide by and maintain House of Representatives security policies.
- (8) The operation of the House Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service.
- (9) Other activities related to the operation of services offered by the House of Representatives, as approved by the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

#### **(b) Use of amounts in Fund**

Amounts in the Revolving Funds<sup>2</sup> shall be used for any purpose designated by the Chief Administrative Officer, including purposes relating to energy and water conservation and environmental activities carried out in buildings, facilities, and grounds under the Chief Administrative Officer's jurisdiction, upon notification provided by the Chief Administrative Officer to the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

<sup>1</sup> See References in Text note below.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be “Fund”.