

§ 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.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

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.)

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

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

Section is from the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2003, which is div. H of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003.

§ 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).¹
- (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 Funds² 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.

¹ See References in Text note below.

² So in original. Probably should be “Fund”.

(c) Transfer authority

The Revolving Fund shall be treated as a category of allowances and expenses for purposes of section 5507(a) of this title.

(d) Termination and transfer of existing funds and accounts**(1) In general**

Each fund and account specified in paragraph (2) is hereby terminated, and the balance of each such fund and account is hereby transferred to the Revolving Fund.

(2) Funds and accounts specified

The funds and accounts referred to in paragraph (1) are as follows:

(A) The revolving fund for the House Barber Shop, established by the paragraph under the heading “HOUSE BARBER SHOPS REVOLVING FUND” in the matter relating to the House of Representatives in chapter III of title I of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1975 (Public Law 93-554; 88 Stat. 1776).

(B) The revolving funds for the House Beauty Shop, established by the matter under the heading “HOUSE BEAUTY SHOP” in the matter relating to administrative provisions for the House of Representatives in the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 1970 (Public Law 91-145; 83 Stat. 347).

(C) The special deposit account established for the House of Representatives Restaurant by section 208 of the First Supplemental Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1941, or any successor fund or account established for the receipt of revenues of the House Restaurant System.

(e) Effective date

This section shall take effect October 1, 2004, and shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2005 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, §105, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3175; Pub. L. 109-13, div. A, title III, §3401(b), May 11, 2005, 119 Stat. 272; Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §104(a), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2225; Pub. L. 111-8, div. G, title I, §102(b), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 817; Pub. L. 115-141, div. I, title I, §118(a), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 777; Pub. L. 117-328, div. I, title I, §115(a), (b), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4923.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

Section 103(a), referred to in subsec. (a)(5), means section 103(a) of Pub. L. 108-447, div. G, title I, Dec. 8, 2004, 118 Stat. 3174, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 208 of the First Supplemental Civil Functions Appropriation Act, 1941, referred to in subsec. (d)(2)(C), means section 208 of act Oct. 9, 1940, ch. 780, title II, §4 Stat. 1056, which was classified to section 174k of former Title 40, Public Buildings, Property, and Works, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §221(3)(B), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1748.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 117m 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.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a)(8), (9). Pub. L. 117-328, §115(a), added pars. (8) and (9).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-328, §115(b), substituted “upon notification provided by the Chief Administrative Officer to” for “which is approved by”.

2018—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 115-141 added par. (7).

2009—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 111-8 added par. (6).

2007—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-161 substituted “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,” for “the Chief Administrative Officer”.

2005—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 109-13 added par. (5).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2022 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 117-328, div. I, title I, §115(c), Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4923, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2023 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 115-141, div. I, title I, §118(b), Mar. 23, 2018, 132 Stat. 777, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Mar. 23, 2018].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2009 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 111-8, div. G, title I, §102(c), Mar. 11, 2009, 123 Stat. 817, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2009 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-161, div. H, title I, §104(b), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2225, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-13, div. A, title III, §3401(c), May 11, 2005, 119 Stat. 272, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect as if included in the enactment of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 [Pub. L. 108-447, div. G].”

MEMBERSHIP IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXERCISE FACILITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY ARMED FORCES MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON OFFICE

Pub. L. 111-248, §1, Sept. 30, 2010, 124 Stat. 2625, provided that: “Any active duty member of the Armed Forces who is assigned to a congressional liaison office of the Armed Forces at the House of Representatives may obtain membership in the exercise facility established for employees of the House of Representatives (as described in section 103(a) of the Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2005 [118 Stat. 3174]) in the same manner as an employee of the House of Representatives, in accordance with such regulations as the Committee on House Administration may promulgate.”

§ 5546. Support services for House during emergency; memorandum of understanding with an executive agency**(a) Authorization**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law—

(1) subject to subsection (b), the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives and the head of an executive agency (as defined in section 105 of title 5) may enter into