

debtor is required by a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, to pay such domestic support obligation.

(b)(1) If the trustee or the holder of an allowed unsecured claim objects to the confirmation of the plan, then the court may not approve the plan unless, as of the effective date of the plan—

(A) the value of the property to be distributed under the plan on account of such claim is not less than the amount of such claim;

(B) the plan provides that all of the debtor's projected disposable income to be received in the three-year period, or such longer period as the court may approve under section 1222(c), beginning on the date that the first payment is due under the plan will be applied to make payments under the plan; or

(C) the value of the property to be distributed under the plan in the 3-year period, or such longer period as the court may approve under section 1222(c), beginning on the date that the first distribution is due under the plan is not less than the debtor's projected disposable income for such period.

(2) For purposes of this subsection, “disposable income” means income which is received by the debtor and which is not reasonably necessary to be expended—

(A) for the maintenance or support of the debtor or a dependent of the debtor or for a domestic support obligation that first becomes payable after the date of the filing of the petition; or

(B) for the payment of expenditures necessary for the continuation, preservation, and operation of the debtor's business.

(c) After confirmation of a plan, the court may order any entity from whom the debtor receives income to pay all or any part of such income to the trustee.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 99-554, title II, § 255, title III, § 302(f), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3110, 3124; Pub. L. 103-65, § 1, Aug. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, § 149(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-610; Pub. L. 106-5, § 1(1), (2), Mar. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 9; Pub. L. 106-70, § 1, Oct. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 107-8, § 1, May 11, 2001, 115 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 107-17, § 1, June 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 151; Pub. L. 107-170, § 1, May 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10814(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 107-377, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3115; Pub. L. 108-73, § 2(a), Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 108-369, § 2(a), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1749; Pub. L. 109-8, title II, §§ 213(5), 218, title X, §§ 1001(a)(1), (c), 1006(a), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 52, 55, 185-187; Pub. L. 116-260, div. N, title III, § 320(d), (f)(2)(A)(iv), Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2016, 2017.)

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CODIFICATION

For repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 1998, and subsequent reenactment of section, see note set out preceding section 1201 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2020—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 116-260, § 320(f)(2)(A)(iv), contingent on its addition by Pub. L. 116-260, § 320(d), struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “Notwith-

standing section 1222(a)(2) of this title and subsection (b)(1) of this section, a plan that provides for payment of a claim of a kind specified in section 503(b)(10) of this title may be confirmed if the plan proposes to make payments on account of such claim when due under the terms of the loan giving rise to such claim.”

Pub. L. 116-260, § 320(d), added subsec. (d).
2005—Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 109-8, § 213(5), added par. (7).

Subsec. (b)(1)(C). Pub. L. 109-8, § 1006(a), added subpar. (C).

Subsec. (b)(2)(A). Pub. L. 109-8, § 218, inserted “or for a domestic support obligation that first becomes payable after the date of the filing of the petition” after “dependent of the debtor”.

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EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES OF 2020 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 320(d) of div. N of Pub. L. 116-260 effective on the date on which the Administrator of the Small Business Administration submits to the Director of the Executive Office for United States Trustees a written determination relating to loan eligibility under pars. (36) and (37) of section 636(a) of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and applicable to any case pending on or commenced on or after such date, and amendment by section 320(f)(2)(A)(iv) of div. N of Pub. L. 116-260, relating to repeal of such amendment if it became effective, effective two years after Dec. 27, 2020, see section 320(f) of Pub. L. 116-260, set out as a note under section 364 of this title.

[Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 636(a)(36)(A)(iii), the “covered period” for loans under the Paycheck Protection Program ended on June 30, 2021.]

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Amendment by sections 213(5), 218, and 1006(a) of Pub. L. 109-8 effective 180 days after Apr. 20, 2005, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before such effective date, except as otherwise provided, see section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Permanent reenactment of section effective July 1, 2005, see section 1001(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a Repeal, Reenactment, and Termination of Chapter note under section 1201 of this title. For effective dates of section and amendments extending periods for which section was reenacted prior to permanent reenactment, see Effective Date and Effective Date of 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 Amendment notes set out under section 1201 of this title.

§ 1226. Payments

(a) Payments and funds received by the trustee shall be retained by the trustee until confirmation or denial of confirmation of a plan. If a plan is confirmed, the trustee shall distribute any such payment in accordance with the plan. If a plan is not confirmed, the trustee shall return any such payments to the debtor, after deducting—

(1) any unpaid claim allowed under section 503(b) of this title; and

(2) if a standing trustee is serving in the case, the percentage fee fixed for such standing trustee.

(b) Before or at the time of each payment to creditors under the plan, there shall be paid—

(1) any unpaid claim of the kind specified in section 507(a)(2) of this title; and

(2) if a standing trustee is appointed under section 1202(c)¹ of this title is serving in the case,

¹ See References in Text note below.

the percentage fee fixed for such standing trustee under section 1202(d)¹ of this title.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in the plan or in the order confirming the plan, the trustee shall make payments to creditors under the plan.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 99-554, title II, § 255, title III, § 302(f), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3111, 3124; Pub. L. 103-65, § 1, Aug. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 103-394, title V, § 501(d)(36), Oct. 22, 1994, 108 Stat. 4147; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, § 149(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-610; Pub. L. 106-5, § 1(1), (2), Mar. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 9; Pub. L. 106-70, § 1, Oct. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 107-8, § 1, May 11, 2001, 115 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 107-17, § 1, June 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 151; Pub. L. 107-170, § 1, May 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10814(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 107-377, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3115; Pub. L. 108-73, § 2(a), Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 108-369, § 2(a), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1749; Pub. L. 109-8, title X, § 1001(a)(1), (c), title XV, § 1502(a)(9), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 185, 186, 217.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 1202(c) and (d) of this title, referred to in subsec. (b)(2), was repealed by section 227 of Pub. L. 99-554, and provisions relating to appointment of and fixing percentage fees for standing trustees are contained in section 586(b) and (e) of Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure, as amended by section 113(b), (c) of Pub. L. 99-554.

CODIFICATION

For repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 1998, and subsequent reenactment of section, see note set out preceding section 1201 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2005—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 109-8, § 1502(a)(9), substituted “507(a)(2)” for “507(a)(1)”.

1994—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 103-394 substituted “1202(c)” for “1202(d)” and “1202(d)” for “1202(e)”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2005 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1502(a)(9) of Pub. L. 109-8 effective 180 days after Apr. 20, 2005, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before such effective date, except as otherwise provided, see section 1501 of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1994 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 103-394 effective Oct. 22, 1994, and not applicable with respect to cases commenced under this title before Oct. 22, 1994, see section 702 of Pub. L. 103-394, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATES

Permanent reenactment of section effective July 1, 2005, see section 1001(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a Repeal, Reenactment, and Termination of Chapter note under section 1201 of this title. For effective dates of section and amendments extending periods for which section was reenacted prior to permanent reenactment, see Effective Date and Effective Date of 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 Amendment notes set out under section 1201 of this title.

§ 1227. Effect of confirmation

(a) Except as provided in section 1228(a) of this title, the provisions of a confirmed plan bind the debtor, each creditor, each equity security holder, and each general partner in the debtor, whether or not the claim of such creditor, such equity security holder, or such general partner in the debtor is provided for by the plan, and whether or not such creditor, such equity security holder, or such general partner in the debtor has objected to, has accepted, or has rejected the plan.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in the plan or the order confirming the plan, the confirmation of a plan vests all of the property of the estate in the debtor.

(c) Except as provided in section 1228(a) of this title and except as otherwise provided in the plan or in the order confirming the plan, the property vesting in the debtor under subsection (b) of this section is free and clear of any claim or interest of any creditor provided for by the plan.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 99-554, title II, § 255, title III, § 302(f), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3112, 3124; Pub. L. 103-65, § 1, Aug. 6, 1993, 107 Stat. 311; Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title I, § 149(a), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-610; Pub. L. 106-5, § 1(1), (2), Mar. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 9; Pub. L. 106-70, § 1, Oct. 9, 1999, 113 Stat. 1031; Pub. L. 107-8, § 1, May 11, 2001, 115 Stat. 10; Pub. L. 107-17, § 1, June 26, 2001, 115 Stat. 151; Pub. L. 107-170, § 1, May 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 133; Pub. L. 107-171, title X, § 10814(a), May 13, 2002, 116 Stat. 532; Pub. L. 107-377, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3115; Pub. L. 108-73, § 2(a), Aug. 15, 2003, 117 Stat. 891; Pub. L. 108-369, § 2(a), Oct. 25, 2004, 118 Stat. 1749; Pub. L. 109-8, title X, § 1001(a)(1), (c), Apr. 20, 2005, 119 Stat. 185, 186.)

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CODIFICATION

For repeal of section effective Oct. 1, 1998, and subsequent reenactment of section, see note set out preceding section 1201 of this title.

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EFFECTIVE DATES

Permanent reenactment of section effective July 1, 2005, see section 1001(a)(2) of Pub. L. 109-8, set out as a Repeal, Reenactment, and Termination of Chapter note under section 1201 of this title. For effective dates of section and amendments extending periods for which section was reenacted prior to permanent reenactment, see Effective Date and Effective Date of 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, and 2004 Amendment notes set out under section 1201 of this title.

§ 1228. Discharge

(a) Subject to subsection (d), as soon as practicable after completion by the debtor of all payments under the plan, and in the case of a debtor who is required by a judicial or administrative order, or by statute, to pay a domestic support obligation, after such debtor certifies that all amounts payable under such order or such statute that are due on or before the date of the certification (including amounts due before the petition was filed, but only to the extent provided for by the plan) have been paid,