

§ 4229. Protection for declarants

A declarant under this subchapter shall enjoy the protections of section 3059A(e)¹ of title 18.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2584, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4903.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 3059A(e) of title 18, referred to in text, was repealed by Pub. L. 107-273, div. A, title III, § 301(c)(2), Nov. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 1781.

§ 4230. Promulgation of regulations

The Attorney General may promulgate any rules, regulations, or guidelines that, in the Attorney General's judgment, are necessary and appropriate to the effective administration of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2585, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4903.)

SUBCHAPTER III—USE OF PRIVATE LEGAL RESOURCES

§ 4241. Authority to enter into contracts for private counsel**(a) In general**

The Attorney General may enter into contracts retaining private counsel to furnish legal services, including representation in investigation, negotiation, compromise, settlement, litigation, and execution of judgments in the case of any civil action referred to in section 4201 of this title or section 4225 of this title.

(b) Terms and conditions

Each contract under subsection (a) shall include the provisions described in section 4244 of this title and such other terms and conditions as the Attorney General considers necessary and appropriate to protect the interests of the United States.

(c) Limitation of fee

The amount of the contingency fee payable for legal services furnished under a contract described in subsection (a) shall not exceed the contingency fee that counsel engaged in the private practice of law in the jurisdiction wherein the legal services are furnished typically charge clients for furnishing the same or comparable legal services.

(d) Contingent fees

Notwithstanding section 3302(b) of title 31, a contract under this section shall provide that a fee that the United States pays private counsel for services is payable from the amount recovered and shall be based on a percentage of the civil penalties or assets recovered.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2588, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4905.)

§ 4242. Contract decisions nonreviewable

Notwithstanding any other law, no court shall have jurisdiction over any claim based on the

¹ See References in Text note below.

Attorney General's decision to refuse to enter into a contract for legal services referred to in section 4241 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2589, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4905.)

§ 4243. Representation

Notwithstanding sections 516, 518(b), 519, and 547(2) of title 28, private counsel retained under section 4241 of this title may represent the United States in litigation in connection with legal services furnished pursuant to the contract entered into with that counsel, subject to the requirements specified in section 4244 of this title.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2590, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4906.)

§ 4244. Contract provisions

A contract made with a private counsel under section 4241 of this title shall include—

(1) a provision permitting the Attorney General to terminate either the contract or the private counsel's representation of the United States in particular cases if the Attorney General finds that such action is in the best interests of the United States;

(2) a provision requiring private counsel to transmit monthly to the Attorney General a report on the services relating to matters handled pursuant to the contract during the preceding month and the progress made during that period; and

(3) a provision requiring that the initiation, settlement, dismissal, or compromise of a claim be approved by a duly appointed officer of the United States.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2591, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4906.)

§ 4245. Counterclaims

Any counterclaim filed in any action brought on behalf of the United States by private counsel retained under section 4241 of this title may not be asserted unless the counterclaim has been served directly on the Attorney General and the United States Attorney for the judicial district in which, or embracing the place in which, the action is pending. Such service shall be made in accordance with the rules of procedure of the court in which the action on behalf of the United States is pending.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2592, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4906.)

§ 4246. Awards of costs and fees to prevailing plaintiff

When the United States, through private counsel retained under this subchapter, prevails in any civil action, the court, in its discretion, may allow the United States reasonable attorney's fees and other expenses of litigation as part of the costs.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, § 2593, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4906.)

§ 4247. Promulgation of regulations

The Attorney General may promulgate any rules, regulations, or guidelines that, in the At-

torney General's judgment, are necessary and appropriate to the effective administration of this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 101-647, title XXV, §2594, Nov. 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 4906.)

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§ 4301. Findings and purpose

(a) Findings

The Congress hereby finds that economic stability would be enhanced, competition between depository institutions would be improved, and the ability of the consumer to make informed decisions regarding deposit accounts, and to verify accounts, would be strengthened if there was uniformity in the disclosure of terms and conditions on which interest is paid and fees are assessed in connection with such accounts.

(b) Purpose

It is the purpose of this chapter to require the clear and uniform disclosure of—

- (1) the rates of interest which are payable on deposit accounts by depository institutions; and
- (2) the fees that are assessable against deposit accounts,

so that consumers can make a meaningful comparison between the competing claims of depository institutions with regard to deposit accounts.

(Pub. L. 102-242, title II, §262, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2334.)

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 102-242, title II, §261, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2334, provided that: "This subtitle [subtitle F (§§261-274) of title II of Pub. L. 102-242, enacting this chapter] may be cited as the 'Truth in Savings Act'."

SEPARABILITY

If any provision of Pub. L. 102-242 or any application of any provision thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of Pub. L. 102-242 and the application of any remaining provision of such Act to any other person or circumstance not to be affected by such holding, see section 481 of Pub. L. 102-242, set out as a note under section 1811 of this title.

§ 4302. Disclosure of interest rates and terms of accounts

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), each advertisement, announcement, or sollicita-

tion initiated by any depository institution or deposit broker relating to any demand or interest-bearing account offered by an insured depository institution which includes any reference to a specific rate of interest payable on amounts deposited in such account, or to a specific yield or rate of earnings on amounts so deposited, shall state the following information, to the extent applicable, in a clear and conspicuous manner:

- (1) The annual percentage yield.
- (2) The period during which such annual percentage yield is in effect.
- (3) All minimum account balance and time requirements which must be met in order to earn the advertised yield (and, in the case of accounts for which more than 1 yield is stated, each annual percentage yield and the account minimum balance requirement associated with each such yield shall be in close proximity and have equal prominence).
- (4) The minimum amount of the initial deposit which is required to open the account in order to obtain the yield advertised, if such minimum amount is greater than the minimum balance necessary to earn the advertised yield.
- (5) A statement that regular fees or other conditions could reduce the yield.
- (6) A statement that an interest penalty is required for early withdrawal.

(b) Broadcast and electronic media and outdoor advertising exception

The Bureau may, by regulation, exempt advertisements, announcements, or solicitations made by any broadcast or electronic medium or outdoor advertising display not on the premises of the depository institution from any disclosure requirements described in paragraph (4) or (5) of subsection (a) if the Bureau finds that any such disclosure would be unnecessarily burdensome.

(c) Disclosure required for on-premises displays

The disclosure requirements contained in this section shall not apply to any sign (including a rate board) disclosing a rate or rates of interest which is displayed on the premises of the depository institution if such sign contains—

- (1) the accompanying annual percentage yield; and
- (2) a statement that the consumer should request further information from an employee of the depository institution concerning the fees and terms applicable to the advertised account.

(d) Misleading descriptions of free or no-cost accounts prohibited

No advertisement, announcement, or solicitation made by any depository institution or deposit broker may refer to or describe an account as a free or no-cost account (or words of similar meaning) if—

- (1) in order to avoid fees or service charges for any period—
 - (A) a minimum balance must be maintained in the account during such period; or
 - (B) the number of transactions during such period may not exceed a maximum number; or