

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1379B of Pub. L. 102-550 was renumbered section 1379D and is classified to section 4641 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §1156(b)(3), substituted “regulated entity” for “enterprise”.

§ 4640. Notice of service

Any service required or authorized to be made by the Director under this subchapter may be made by registered mail, or in such other manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice as the Director may by regulation or otherwise provide.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1379C, formerly §1379A, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3993; renumbered §1379C, Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §1153(a)(1), July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2770.)

§ 4641. Subpoena authority**(a) In general**

In the course of or in connection with any proceeding, examination, or investigation under this chapter, the Director or any designated representative thereof, including any person designated to conduct any hearing under this subchapter shall have the authority—

- (1) to administer oaths and affirmations;
- (2) to take and preserve testimony under oath;
- (3) to issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum; and
- (4) to revoke, quash, or modify subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum.

(b) Witnesses and documents

The attendance of witnesses and the production of documents provided for in this section may be required from any place in any State or in any territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States at any designated place where such proceeding is being conducted.

(c) Enforcement**(1) In general**

The Director, or any party to proceedings under this subchapter, may apply to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, or the United States district court for the judicial district of the United States in any territory in which such proceeding is being conducted, or where the witness resides or carries on business, for enforcement of any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued pursuant to this section.

(2) Power of court

The courts described under paragraph (1) shall have the jurisdiction and power to order and require compliance with any subpoena issued under paragraph (1).

(d) Fees and expenses

Witnesses subpoenaed under this section shall be paid the same fees and mileage that are paid witnesses in the district courts of the United

States. Any court having jurisdiction of any proceeding instituted under this section by a regulated entity enterprise-affiliated party¹ may allow to any such party such reasonable expenses and attorneys fees as the court deems just and proper. Such expenses and fees shall be paid by the regulated entity or from its assets.

(e) Penalties

A person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term of not more than 1 year, or both, if that person willfully fails or refuses, in disobedience of a subpoena issued under subsection (c), to—

- (1) attend court;
- (2) testify in court;
- (3) answer any lawful inquiry; or
- (4) produce books, papers, correspondence, contracts, agreements, or such other records as requested in the subpoena.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title XIII, §1379D, formerly §1379B, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3994; renumbered §1379D and amended Pub. L. 110-289, div. A, title I, §§1153(a)(1), 1156(b)(4), 1158, July 30, 2008, 122 Stat. 2770, 2777, 2778.)

Editorial Notes**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this title”, meaning title XIII of Pub. L. 102-550, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3941, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title XIII to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 4501 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110-289, §1158, which directed amendment of section “1379B of the Federal Housing Enterprises Financial Safety and Soundness Act of 1992 (12 U.S.C. 4641)”, was executed to this section, which is section 1379D, formerly section 1379B, of the Act, to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the renumbering by Pub. L. 110-289, §1153(a)(1). See 2008 Amendment notes below.

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-289, §1158(a)(1)(A), in introductory provisions, struck out “administrative” after “with any”, inserted “, examination, or investigation” after “proceeding”, substituted “chapter” for “subchapter”, and inserted “or any designated representative thereof, including any person designated to conduct any hearing under this subchapter” after “Director”. See Codification note above.

Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 110-289, §1158(a)(1)(B), struck out “issued by the Director” before period at end. See Codification note above.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-289, §1158(a)(2), inserted “or in any territory or other place subject to the jurisdiction of the United States” after “State”. See Codification note above.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 110-289, §1158(a)(3), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Director may request the Attorney General of the United States to bring an action in the United States district court for the judicial district in which such proceeding is being conducted, or where the witness resides or conducts business, or the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, for enforcement of any subpoena or subpoena duces tecum issued pursuant to this section

¹ So in original.