

Section 1441a(r)(4) of this title, referred to in subsec. (b), was repealed by Pub. L. 111-203, title III, §364(b), July 21, 2010, 124 Stat. 1555.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-5 inserted “and individuals with disabilities and businesses owned by individuals with disabilities (for purposes of this subsection the term ‘individual with disability’ has the same meaning as the term ‘handicapped individual’ as that term is defined in section 632(f) of title 15),” after “section 1441a(r)(4) of this title).”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 6, One Hundred Sixteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2019. Committee on Oversight and Reform of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Oversight and Accountability of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, Jan. 9, 2023.

§ 5218. Conflicts of interest

(a) Standards required

The Secretary shall issue regulations or guidelines necessary to address and manage or to prohibit conflicts of interest that may arise in connection with the administration and execution of the authorities provided under this chapter, including—

- (1) conflicts arising in the selection or hiring of contractors or advisors, including asset managers;
- (2) the purchase of troubled assets;
- (3) the management of the troubled assets held;
- (4) post-employment restrictions on employees; and
- (5) any other potential conflict of interest, as the Secretary deems necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(b) Timing

Regulations or guidelines required by this section shall be issued as soon as practicable after October 3, 2008.

(Pub. L. 110-343, div. A, title I, §108, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3774.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act” and was translated as reading “this division”, meaning div. A of Pub. L. 110-343, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3765, known as the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For complete classification of division A to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 5201 of this title and Tables.

§ 5219. Foreclosure mitigation efforts

(a) Residential mortgage loan servicing standards

(1) In general

To the extent that the Secretary acquires mortgages, mortgage backed¹ securities, and

other assets secured by residential real estate, including multifamily housing, the Secretary shall implement a plan that seeks to maximize assistance for homeowners and use the authority of the Secretary to encourage the servicers of the underlying mortgages, considering net present value to the taxpayer, to take advantage of the HOPE for Homeowners Program under section 1715z-23 of this title or other available programs to minimize foreclosures. In addition, the Secretary may use loan guarantees and credit enhancements to facilitate loan modifications to prevent avoidable foreclosures and to remediate lead and asbestos hazards in residential properties.

(2) Waiver of certain provisions in connection with loan modifications

The Secretary shall not be required to apply executive compensation restrictions under section 5221 of this title, or to receive warrants or debt instruments under section 5223 of this title, solely in connection with any loan modification under this section.

(b) Coordination

The Secretary shall coordinate with the Corporation, the Board (with respect to any mortgage or mortgage-backed securities or pool of securities held, owned, or controlled by or on behalf of a Federal reserve bank, as provided in section 5220(a)(1)(C) of this title), the Federal Housing Finance Agency, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and other Federal Government entities that hold troubled assets to attempt to identify opportunities for the acquisition of classes of troubled assets that will improve the ability of the Secretary to improve the loan modification and restructuring process and, where permissible, to permit bona fide tenants who are current on their rent to remain in their homes under the terms of the lease. In the case of a mortgage on a residential rental property, the plan required under this section shall include protecting Federal, State, and local rental subsidies and protections, and ensuring any modification takes into account the need for operating funds to maintain decent and safe conditions at the property.

(c) Consent to reasonable loan modification requests

Upon any request arising under existing investment contracts, the Secretary shall consent, where appropriate, and considering net present value to the taxpayer, to reasonable requests for loss mitigation measures, including term extensions, rate reductions, principal write downs, increases in the proportion of loans within a trust or other structure allowed to be modified, or removal of other limitation on modifications.

(Pub. L. 110-343, div. A, title I, §109, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3774; Pub. L. 111-5, div. B, title VII, §7002, Feb. 17, 2009, 123 Stat. 521; Pub. L. 115-174, title III, §305, May 24, 2018, 132 Stat. 1339.)

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 115-174 inserted before period at end “and to remediate lead and asbestos hazards in residential properties”.

¹ So in original. Probably should be “mortgage-backed”.