

days after the date on which the relief is issued.

**(b) Related matters**

**(1) Treatment of homeowners' rights**

The terms of any residential mortgage loan that is part of any purchase by the Secretary under this chapter shall remain subject to all claims and defenses that would otherwise apply, notwithstanding the exercise of authority by the Secretary under this chapter.

**(2) Savings clause**

Any exercise of the authority of the Secretary pursuant to this chapter shall not impair the claims or defenses that would otherwise apply with respect to persons other than the Secretary. Except as established in any contract, a servicer of pooled residential mortgages owes any<sup>2</sup> duty to determine whether the net present value of the payments on the loan, as modified, is likely to be greater than the anticipated net recovery that would result from foreclosure to all investors and holders of beneficial interests in such investment, but not to any individual or groups of investors or beneficial interest holders, and shall be deemed to act in the best interests of all such investors or holders of beneficial interests if the servicer agrees to or implements a modification or workout plan when the servicer takes reasonable loss mitigation actions, including partial payments.

(Pub. L. 110-343, div. A, title I, § 119, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3787.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, 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.

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, referred to in subsec. (a)(2)(C), (D), are set out in the Appendix to Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

**§ 5230. Termination of authority**

**(a) Termination**

The authorities provided under sections 5211(a), excluding section 5211(a)(3), and 5212 of this title shall terminate on December 31, 2009.

**(b) Extension upon certification**

The Secretary, upon submission of a written certification to Congress, may extend the authority provided under this chapter to expire not later than 2 years from October 3, 2008. Such certification shall include a justification of why the extension is necessary to assist American families and stabilize financial markets, as well as the expected cost to the taxpayers for such an extension. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary may further extend the authority provided under this chapter to expire on December 31, 2017, provided that (1) any such extension

shall apply only with respect to current program participants in the Housing Finance Agency Innovation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets, and (2) funds obligated following such extension shall not exceed \$2,000,000,000.

(Pub. L. 110-343, div. A, title I, § 120, Oct. 3, 2008, 122 Stat. 3788; Pub. L. 114-113, div. O, title VII, § 709(a), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3030.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

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AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-113 inserted at end “Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Secretary may further extend the authority provided under this chapter to expire on December 31, 2017, provided that (1) any such extension shall apply only with respect to current program participants in the Housing Finance Agency Innovation Fund for the Hardest Hit Housing Markets, and (2) funds obligated following such extension shall not exceed \$2,000,000,000.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

TERMINATION OF THE MAKING HOME AFFORDABLE INITIATIVE

Pub. L. 114-113, div. O, title VII, § 709(b), Dec. 18, 2015, 129 Stat. 3030, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Making Home Affordable initiative of the Secretary of the Treasury, as authorized under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.), shall terminate on December 31, 2016.

“(2) APPLICABILITY.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to any loan modification application made under the Home Affordable Modification Program under the Making Home Affordable initiative of the Secretary of the Treasury, as authorized under the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (12 U.S.C. 5201 et seq.), before December 31, 2016.”

**§ 5231. Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program**

**(a) Office of Inspector General**

There is hereby established the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program.

**(b) Appointment of Inspector General; removal**

(1) The head of the Office of the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program is the Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (in this section referred to as the “Special Inspector General”), who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(2) The appointment of the Special Inspector General shall be made on the basis of integrity and demonstrated ability in accounting, auditing, financial analysis, law, management analysis, public administration, or investigations.

(3) The nomination of an individual as Special Inspector General shall be made as soon as practicable after the establishment of any program under sections 5211 and 5212 of this title.

<sup>2</sup> So in original. Probably should be “a”.