

subchapter, including costs of delivery of actual stamps under subsection (e).

(d) Duplicate electronic stamps

A State authorized to issue electronic stamps may issue a duplicate electronic stamp to replace an electronic stamp issued by the State that is lost or damaged.

(e) Delivery of actual stamps

The Secretary shall issue an actual stamp after March 10 of each year to each individual that purchased an electronic stamp for the preceding waterfowl season.

(f) Limitation on authority to require purchase of State license

A State may not require that an individual purchase a State hunting license as a condition of issuing an electronic stamp under this subchapter.

(Pub. L. 113–239, § 5, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2848; Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(a), Dec. 19, 2023, 137 Stat. 129.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(a)(1)(A), (B), substituted “electronic stamp” for “actual stamp” in heading and “the electronic stamp” for “an actual stamp” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(a)(1)(C), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “by not later than the date on which the electronic stamp expires under section 718s(c) of this title; and”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(a)(2), substituted “actual stamps under subsection (e)” for “actual stamps”.

Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(a)(3), added subsec. (e) and redesignated former subsec. (e) as (f).

§ 718s. Electronic stamp requirements; recognition of electronic stamp

(a) Stamp requirements

The Secretary shall require an electronic stamp issued by a State under this subchapter—

(1) to have the same format as any other license, validation, or privilege the State issues under the automated licensing system of the State; and

(2) to specify identifying features of the licensee that are adequate to enable Federal, State, and other law enforcement officers to identify the holder.

(b) Recognition of electronic stamp

Any electronic stamp issued by a State under this subchapter shall—

(1) bestow upon the licensee the same privileges as are bestowed by an actual stamp;

(2) be recognized nationally as a valid Federal migratory bird hunting and conservation stamp; and

(3) authorize the licensee to hunt migratory waterfowl in any other State, in accordance with the laws of the other State governing that hunting.

(c) Duration

An electronic stamp issued by a State shall be valid through the first June 30 that occurs after the date of issuance of the electronic stamp by the State.

(Pub. L. 113–239, § 6, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2849; Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(c), Dec. 19, 2023, 137 Stat. 130.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(c)(1), substituted “shall—” for “shall, during the effective period of the electronic stamp—” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118–25, § 2(c)(2), substituted “through the first June 30 that occurs after the date of issuance of the electronic stamp by the State” for “for a period agreed to by the State and the Secretary, which shall not exceed 45 days”.

§ 718t. Termination of State participation

The authority of a State to issue electronic stamps under this subchapter may be terminated—

(1) by the Secretary, if the Secretary—

(A) finds that the State has violated any of the terms of the application of the State approved by the Secretary under section 718q of this title; and

(B) provides to the State written notice of the termination by not later than the date that is 30 days before the date of termination; or

(2) by the State, by providing written notice to the Secretary by not later than the date that is 30 days before the termination date.

(Pub. L. 113–239, § 7, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2849.)

SUBCHAPTER V—JUNIOR DUCK STAMP CONSERVATION AND DESIGN PROGRAM

§ 719. Establishment of Program

(a) In general

The Secretary of the Interior (in this subchapter referred to as the “Secretary”) may carry out in accordance with this subchapter a program to be known as the “Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program” (in this subchapter referred to as the “Program”) to accomplish the goals of—

(1) providing to school children environmental education opportunities relating to the conservation and management of migratory birds; and

(2) increasing the capacity for schools, States, and other educational programs to conduct conservation and education programs.

(b) Program features

The Program shall consist of—

(1) conducting in all interested States the activities which on the day before October 6, 1994, are conducted under the program known as the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program;

(2) other activities authorized under the Program by this subchapter or any other Act; and

(3) any other activity necessary to carry out the conservation and education goals of the Program.

(c) Effort to conduct Program in all States

(1) In general

The Secretary shall take appropriate steps to seek to conduct the Program in all of the States.

(2) Annual report

The Secretary shall annually submit a report to the Congress on the status of the Program in each of the States.