PART B—UNITED STATES CAPITOL

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§ 5101. Definition

In this chapter, the term ''Capitol Buildings'' means the United States Capitol, the Senate and House Office Buildings and garages, the Capitol Power Plant, all buildings on the real property described under section 5102(c) (including the Administrative Building of the United States Botanic Garden)[1] all buildings on the real property described under section 5102(d), all subways and enclosed passages connecting two or more of those structures, and the real property underlying and enclosed by any of those structures.

(Pub. L. 107–217, Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1174; Pub. L. 108–7, div. H, title I, §1016(a), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 364; Pub. L. 110–161, div. H, title I, §1004(d)(2)(A)(i), Dec. 26, 2007, 121 Stat. 2233; Pub. L. 110–178, §4(b)(1)(A), Jan. 7, 2008, 121 Stat. 2551; Pub. L. 111–145, §6(d)(1), Mar. 4, 2010, 124 Stat. 54.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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5101	40:193m(1).	July 31, 1946, ch. 707, §16(a)(1), 60 Stat. 721; Pub. L. 90–108, §1(d), Oct. 20, 1967, 81 Stat. 277.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111–145 repealed Pub. L. 110–161, §1004(d)(2)(A)(i). See 2007 Amendment note below.

2008—Pub. L. 110–178 inserted ''all buildings on the real property described under section 5102(d)'' after ''(including the Administrative Building of the United States Botanic Garden)''.

2007—Pub. L. 110–161, §1004(d)(2)(A)(i), which made an amendment identical to that made by Pub. L. 110–178, was repealed by Pub. L. 111–145. See Effective Date of 2010 Amendment note below.

2003—Pub. L. 108–7 inserted ''all buildings on the real property described under section 5102(c) (including the Administrative Building of the United States Botanic Garden),'' after ''Capitol Power Plant,''.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Repeal of section 1004 of Pub. L. 110–161 by Pub. L. 111–145 effective as if included in the enactment of Pub. L. 110–161 and provisions amended by section 1004 of Pub. L. 110–161 to be restored as if such section had not been enacted, and repeal to have no effect on the enactment or implementation of any provision of Pub. L. 110–178, see section 6(d) of Pub. L. 111–145, set out as a note under section 1901 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–178 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 4(d) of Pub. L. 110–178, set out as an Effective Date of Repeal note under section 167 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110–161 effective Oct. 1, 2009, see section 1004(d)(4) of Pub. L. 110–161, set out as an Effective Date of Repeal note under section 167 of Title 2, The Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108–7 applicable to fiscal year 2003 and each fiscal year thereafter, see section 1016(d) of Pub. L. 108–7, set out as a note under section 1961 of Title 2, The Congress.

DESIGNATION OF DAVID R. OBEY HEARING ROOM

Pub. L. 117–103, div. I, title I, §115, Mar. 15, 2022, 136 Stat. 511, provided that: ''Hereafter, the hearing room of the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives (room 2358–C of the Rayburn House Office Building) shall be known and designated as the 'David R. Obey Room'.''

DESIGNATING SMALL HOUSE ROTUNDA AS ''FREEDOM FOYER''

Pub. L. 114–74, title XII, §1201, Nov. 2, 2015, 129 Stat. 639, provided that: ''The first floor of the area of the House of Representatives wing of the United States Capitol known as the small House rotunda is designated the 'Freedom Foyer'.''

DESIGNATION OF GREAT HALL OF THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER AS ''EMANCIPATION HALL''

Pub. L. 110–139, §1, Dec. 18, 2007, 121 Stat. 1491, provided that:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—The great hall of the Capitol Visitor Center shall be known and designated as 'Emancipation Hall', and any reference to the great hall in any law, rule, or regulation shall be deemed to be a reference to Emancipation Hall.

''(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply on and after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 18, 2007].''

§ 5102. Legal description and jurisdiction of United States Capitol Grounds

(a) LEGAL DESCRIPTION.—The United States Capitol Grounds comprises all squares, reservations, streets, roadways, walks, and other areas as defined on a map entitled ''Map showing areas comprising United States Capitol Grounds'', dated June 25, 1946, approved by the Architect of the Capitol, and recorded in the Office of the Surveyor of the District of Columbia in book 127, page 8, including all additions added by law after June 25, 1946.

(b) JURISDICTION.—

(1) ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL.—The jurisdiction and control over the Grounds, vested prior to July 31, 1946, by law in the Architect, is extended to the entire area of the Grounds. Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Architect is responsible for the maintenance and improvement of the Grounds, including those streets and roadways in the Grounds as shown

[1] So in original. Probably should be followed by a comma.