

Stat. 307; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 104-66, title I, §1062(c), Dec. 21, 1995, 109 Stat. 720, related to plans and reports concerning family planning services.

**§ 300a-7. Sterilization or abortion**

**(a) Omitted**

**(b) Prohibition of public officials and public authorities from imposition of certain requirements contrary to religious beliefs or moral convictions**

The receipt of any grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.], the Community Mental Health Centers Act [42 U.S.C. 2689 et seq.], or the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act [42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.] by any individual or entity does not authorize any court or any public official or other public authority to require—

(1) such individual to perform or assist in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if his performance or assistance in the performance of such procedure or abortion would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions; or

(2) such entity to—

(A) make its facilities available for the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance of such procedure or abortion in such facilities is prohibited by the entity on the basis of religious beliefs or moral convictions, or

(B) provide any personnel for the performance or assistance in the performance of any sterilization procedure or abortion if the performance or assistance in the performance of such procedures or abortion by such personnel would be contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such personnel.

**(c) Discrimination prohibition**

(1) No entity which receives a grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee under the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.], the Community Mental Health Centers Act [42 U.S.C. 2689 et seq.], or the Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act [42 U.S.C. 6000 et seq.] after June 18, 1973, may—

(A) discriminate in the employment, promotion, or termination of employment of any physician or other health care personnel, or

(B) discriminate in the extension of staff or other privileges to any physician or other health care personnel,

because he performed or assisted in the performance of a lawful sterilization procedure or abortion, because he refused to perform or assist in the performance of such a procedure or abortion on the grounds that his performance or assistance in the performance of the procedure or abortion would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions, or because of his religious beliefs or moral convictions respecting sterilization procedures or abortions.

(2) No entity which receives after July 12, 1974, a grant or contract for biomedical or behavioral research under any program administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services may—

(A) discriminate in the employment, promotion, or termination of employment of any physician or other health care personnel, or

(B) discriminate in the extension of staff or other privileges to any physician or other health care personnel,

because he performed or assisted in the performance of any lawful health service or research activity, because he refused to perform or assist in the performance of any such service or activity on the grounds that his performance or assistance in the performance of such service or activity would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions, or because of his religious beliefs or moral convictions respecting any such service or activity.

**(d) Individual rights respecting certain requirements contrary to religious beliefs or moral convictions**

No individual shall be required to perform or assist in the performance of any part of a health service program or research activity funded in whole or in part under a program administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services if his performance or assistance in the performance of such part of such program or activity would be contrary to his religious beliefs or moral convictions.

**(e) Prohibition on entities receiving Federal grant, etc., from discriminating against applicants for training or study because of refusal of applicant to participate on religious or moral grounds**

No entity which receives, after September 29, 1979, any grant, contract, loan, loan guarantee, or interest subsidy under the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.], the Community Mental Health Centers Act [42 U.S.C. 2689 et seq.], or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 [42 U.S.C. 15001 et seq.] may deny admission or otherwise discriminate against any applicant (including applicants for internships and residencies) for training or study because of the applicant's reluctance, or willingness, to counsel, suggest, recommend, assist, or in any way participate in the performance of abortions or sterilizations contrary to or consistent with the applicant's religious beliefs or moral convictions.

(Pub. L. 93-45, title IV, §401, June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 95; Pub. L. 93-348, title II, §214, July 12, 1974, 88 Stat. 353; Pub. L. 96-76, title II, §208, Sept. 29, 1979, 93 Stat. 583; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 106-402, title IV, §401(b)(5), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1738.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Public Health Service Act, referred to in subsecs. (b), (c)(1), and (e), is act July 1, 1944, ch. 373, 58 Stat. 682, which is classified generally to this chapter (§201 et seq.). For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 201 of this title and Tables.

The Community Mental Health Centers Act, referred to in subsecs. (b), (c)(1), and (e), is title II of Pub. L. 88-164, as added Pub. L. 94-63, title III, §303, July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 309, and amended, which was classified principally to subchapter III (§2689 et seq.) of chapter 33

of this title prior to its repeal by Pub. L. 97-35, title IX, §902(e)(2)(B), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 560.

The Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act, referred to in subsecs. (b) and (c)(1), is title I of Pub. L. 88-164, Oct. 31, 1963, 77 Stat. 282, as renamed by Pub. L. 91-518, title II, §207(a), Oct. 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 1327. Title I of Pub. L. 88-164, which was subsequently renamed the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act by Pub. L. 95-602, title V, §502, Nov. 6, 1978, 92 Stat. 3003, and amended generally by Pub. L. 98-527, §2, Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2662, was classified generally to chapter 75 (§6000 et seq.) of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 106-402, title IV, §401(a), Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1737. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, referred to in subsec. (e), is Pub. L. 106-402, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1677, which is classified principally to chapter 144 (§15001 et seq.) of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 15001 of this title and Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of Health Programs Extension Act of 1973, and not as part of Public Health Services Act which comprises this chapter.

Subsec. (a) of this section amended section 601 of Pub. L. 91-296, which is set out as an Availability of Appropriations note under section 201 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-402 substituted “or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 may deny” for “or the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act may deny”.

1979—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 96-76 added subsec. (e).

1974—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-348, §214, designated existing provisions as par. (1), redesignated pars. (1) and (2) of such provisions as subpars. (A) and (B), and added par. (2).

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 93-348, §214(b), added subsec. (d).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### CHANGE OF NAME

“Secretary of Health and Human Services” substituted for “Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare” in subsecs. (c)(2) and (d) pursuant to section 509(b) of Pub. L. 96-88, which is classified to section 3508(b) of Title 20, Education.

#### § 300a-8. Penalty for United States, etc., officer or employee coercing or endeavoring to coerce procedure upon beneficiary of Federal program

Any—

(1) officer or employee of the United States,  
 (2) officer or employee of any State, political subdivision of a State, or any other entity, which administers or supervises the administration of any program receiving Federal financial assistance, or

(3) person who receives, under any program receiving Federal financial assistance, compensation for services,

who coerces or endeavors to coerce any person to undergo an abortion or sterilization procedure by threatening such person with the loss of, or disqualification for the receipt of, any benefit or service under a program receiving Federal financial assistance shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(Pub. L. 94-63, title II, §205, July 29, 1975, 89 Stat. 308.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Family Planning and Population Research Act of 1975, and not as part of the Public Health Service Act which comprises this chapter.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective July 1, 1975, see section 608 of Pub. L. 94-63, set out as an Effective Date of 1975 Amendment note under section 247b of this title.

#### SUBCHAPTER VIII—A—ADOLESCENT PREGNANCIES

##### PART A—GRANT PROGRAM

#### §§ 300a-21 to 300a-28. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-35, title IX, §955(b), title XXI, §2193(f), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 592, 828

Section 300a-21, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §601, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3595, set forth Congressional findings and declaration of purpose with respect to grant program.

Section 300a-22, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §602, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3595; Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695, defined terms “Secretary”, “eligible person”, “eligible grant recipient”, “core services”, “supplemental services”, “adolescent parent”.

Section 300a-23, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §603, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3596, set forth authority to make grants.

Section 300a-24, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §604, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3597, set forth authorized uses for grants.

Section 300a-25, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §605, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3597, set forth provisions respecting priorities, amounts, and duration of grants.

Section 300a-26, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §606, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3598, set forth application, etc., requirements for grant approval.

Section 300a-27, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §607, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3601; Pub. L. 97-35, title XXI, §2193(a)(2), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 827, authorized appropriations from fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1979, through fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1982.

Section 300a-28, Pub. L. 95-626, title VI, §608, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3601, set forth prohibition respecting use of funds to pay for performance of abortion.

See section 300z et seq. of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 97-35, title IX, §955(b), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 592, provided that the repeal of sections 300a-21 to 300a-28 of this title is effective Oct. 1, 1981.

For effective date, savings, and transitional provisions relating to the repeal of sections 321a-21 to 321a-28 of this title by section 2193(f) of Pub. L. 97-35, and relating to the amendment of section 300a-27 of this title by section 2193(a)(2) of Pub. L. 97-35, see section 2194 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 701 of this title.

##### STUDY OF ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY; REPORT NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10, 1979

Pub. L. 95-626, title VIII, §801, Nov. 10, 1978, 92 Stat. 3602, which provided for a study of the problem of adolescent pregnancies and the effectiveness of existing programs and a report, was repealed by section 955(b) of Pub. L. 97-35.