

ally liable, the assets of the servicemember not held in connection with the trade or business may not be available for satisfaction of the obligation or liability during the servicemember's military service.

**(b) Relief to obligors**

Upon application to a court by the holder of an obligation or liability covered by this section, relief granted by this section to a servicemember may be modified as justice and equity require.

(Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, title VII, §706, as added Pub. L. 108-189, §1, Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2865.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly classified to section 596 of the former Appendix to this title prior to editorial reclassification and renumbering as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to any case not final before Dec. 19, 2003, see section 3 of Pub. L. 108-189, set out as a note under section 3901 of this title.

**§ 4027. Guarantee of residency for spouses of servicemembers**

For the purposes of establishing the residency of a spouse of a servicemember for any purpose (including the registration of a business), the spouse of a servicemember may elect to use the same residence as the servicemember regardless of the date on which the marriage of the spouse and the servicemember occurred.

(Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, title VII, §707, as added Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title XVII, §1739(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1820; amended Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, §1081(c), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1922.)

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 117-81 made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 116-92, §1739(a).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, §1081(c), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1922, provided that the amendment made by section 1081(c) is effective Dec. 20, 2019.

**SUBCHAPTER VIII—CIVIL LIABILITY**

**§ 4041. Enforcement by the Attorney General**

**(a) Civil action**

The Attorney General may commence a civil action in any appropriate district court of the United States against any person who—

- (1) engages in a pattern or practice of violating this chapter; or
- (2) engages in a violation of this chapter that raises an issue of significant public importance.

**(b) Relief**

In a civil action commenced under subsection (a), the court may—

(1) grant any appropriate equitable or declaratory relief with respect to the violation of this chapter;

(2) award all other appropriate relief, including monetary damages, to any person aggrieved by the violation; and

(3) may, to vindicate the public interest, assess a civil penalty—

(A) in an amount not exceeding \$55,000 for a first violation; and

(B) in an amount not exceeding \$110,000 for any subsequent violation.

**(c) Intervention**

Upon timely application, a person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter with respect to which the civil action is commenced may intervene in such action, and may obtain such appropriate relief as the person could obtain in a civil action under section 4042 of this title with respect to that violation, along with costs and a reasonable attorney fee.

(Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, title VIII, §801, as added Pub. L. 111-275, title III, §303(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2877.)

**Editorial Notes**

CODIFICATION

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**§ 4042. Private right of action**

**(a) In general**

Any person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter may in a civil action—

(1) obtain any appropriate equitable or declaratory relief with respect to the violation;

(2) recover all other appropriate relief, including monetary damages; and

(3) be a representative party on behalf of members of a class or be a member of a class, in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, notwithstanding any previous agreement to the contrary.

**(b) Costs and attorney fees**

The court may award to a person aggrieved by a violation of this chapter who prevails in an action brought under subsection (a) the costs of the action, including a reasonable attorney fee.

(Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, title VIII, §802, as added Pub. L. 111-275, title III, §303(a), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2877; amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title V, §547(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1378.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, referred to in subsec. (a)(3), are set out in the Appendix to Title 28, Judiciary and Judicial Procedure.

CODIFICATION

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AMENDMENTS

2019—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 116-92 added par. (3).