

**(g) State defined**

In this section, the term “State” means—

- (1) a State;
- (2) the District of Columbia;
- (3) the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; and
- (4) any other territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title VII, § 766, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2118.)

**Editorial Notes**

## CODIFICATION

Section was enacted as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, and not as part of subtitle H of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 which comprises this subchapter.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## DEFINITIONS

Pub. L. 116–260, div. N, title VII, § 760, Dec. 27, 2020, 134 Stat. 2109, provided that: “In this chapter [chapter 2 (§§ 760–766) of subtitle B of title VII of div. N of Pub. L. 116–260, enacting this section and sections 217b and 9071a of this title and section 473 of Title 21, Food and Drugs, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 9056 of this title]:

“(1) The term ‘COVID–19’ means the disease caused by SARS–CoV–2, or any viral strain mutating therefrom with pandemic potential.

“(2) The term ‘COVID–19 public health emergency’ means the public health emergency declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d) on January 31, 2020, with respect to COVID–19 (or any renewal of that declaration).

“(3) The term ‘Secretary’ means the Secretary of Agriculture.”

**§ 5937. Natural products research program****(a) In general**

The Secretary shall establish within the Department a natural products research program.

**(b) Duties**

In carrying out the program established under subsection (a), the Secretary shall coordinate research relating to natural products, including—

(1) research to improve human health and agricultural productivity through the discovery, development, and commercialization of products and agrichemicals from bioactive natural products, including products from plant, marine, and microbial sources;

(2) research to characterize the botanical sources, production, chemistry, and biological properties of plant-derived natural products; and

(3) other research priorities identified by the Secretary.

**(c) Peer and merit review**

The Secretary shall—

(1) determine the relevance and merit of research under this section through a system of peer review established by the Secretary pursuant to section 7613 of this title; and

(2) approve funding for research on the basis of merit, quality, and relevance to advancing the purposes of this section.

**(d) Buildings and facilities**

Funds made available under this section shall not be used for the construction of a new build-

ing or facility or the acquisition, expansion, remodeling, or alteration of an existing building or facility (including site grading and improvement and architect fees).

**(e) Authorization of appropriations**

There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$7,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2023.

(Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, § 7525, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1273; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7525, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2035; Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, § 7515, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 903; Pub. L. 115–334, title VII, § 7413, Dec. 20, 2018, 132 Stat. 4819.)

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## CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 110–234 and Pub. L. 110–246 enacted identical sections. Pub. L. 110–234 was repealed by section 4(a) of Pub. L. 110–246.

Section was enacted as part of the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, and not as part of subtitle H of title XVI of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990 which comprises this subchapter.

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115–334 substituted “2023” for “2018”.

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113–79 amended subsec. (e) generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as are necessary for each of fiscal years 2008 through 2012.”

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Enactment of this section and repeal of Pub. L. 110–234 by Pub. L. 110–246 effective May 22, 2008, the date of enactment of Pub. L. 110–234, see section 4 of Pub. L. 110–246, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

## DEFINITION OF “SECRETARY”

“Secretary” as meaning the Secretary of Agriculture, see section 8701 of this title.

**§ 5938. Repealed. Pub. L. 113–79, title VII, § 7518, Feb. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 904**

Section, Pub. L. 110–234, title VII, § 7529, May 22, 2008, 122 Stat. 1278; Pub. L. 110–246, § 4(a), title VII, § 7529, June 18, 2008, 122 Stat. 1664, 2040, related to agricultural and rural transportation research and education.

**§ 5939. Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research****(a) Definitions**

In this section:

**(1) Board**

The term “Board” means the Board of Directors described in subsection (e).

**(2) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(3) Foundation**

The term “Foundation” means the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research established under subsection (b).

**(4) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.