

EXPLANATION OF H.R. XXXX, TO MAKE TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO UPDATE STATUTORY REFERENCES TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS CLASSIFIED TO TITLE 7, TITLE 20, AND TITLE 43, UNITED STATES CODE, AND TO CORRECT RELATED TECHNICAL ERRORS.

Purpose and Summary

H.R. XXXX makes technical amendments to update statutory references to certain provisions classified to title 7, title 20, and title 43, United States Code, and to correct related technical errors. The amendments are required because the provisions were reclassified editorially to improve the organization of the provisions in the Code.

In the course of updating statutory references, related technical errors were found. The bill also makes amendments to correct those errors.

Section 2(6) of the bill amends section 1469(a)(1) of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C. 3315(a)(1)) to update the cross-references to take into account the redesignation of subsections (e), (f), and (h) of section 2 of Public Law 89–106 (7 U.S.C. 3157) by section 1497(1) of the Conservation Program Improvement Act (Public Law 101–624, title XIV, 104 Stat. 3630).

Paragraphs (1) and (5) of section 4 of the bill amend references to the Act of August 8, 1937, to correct an error in the source law. The correct date of that Act is August 28, 1937.

Paragraphs (3) and (5) of section 9 of the bill amend references to the parenthetical (43 U.S.C. 1181a–1181j) relating to the Act of August 28, 1937, to correct an error in the source law. The Act of August 28, 1937 (50 Stat. 874) was classified to 43 U.S.C. 1181a through 1181f, before being editorially reclassified to 43 U.S.C. 2601 through 2605. Sections 43 U.S.C. 1181f-1 through 1181f-4, which were included in the parenthetical, are from the Act of May 24, 1939 (ch. 144, 53 Stat. 753). Sections 43 U.S.C. 1181g through 1181j, which were included in the parenthetical, are from the Act of June 24, 1954, ch. 357, 68 Stat. 270).

Background

In November 2016, part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (Public Law 89-329), which had been set out in the United States Code at 42 U.S.C. 2751 et seq., was editorially transferred to appear at 20 U.S.C. 1087-51 et seq. Part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 originally had been enacted as part C of title I of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 and set out within chapter 34 of title 42 of the Code, along with the rest of that Act. Subsequently, Public Law 90-575 transferred part C of title I of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to become part C of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, but the location in the Code of the affected provisions was not changed. The editorial transfer was made in November 2016 in order to bring the structure of the Code into logical correspondence with the structure of the Higher Education Act of 1965 in title 20 of the Code and to simplify references to the Act. No statutory text was altered.

In July 2017, two chapters containing miscellaneous provisions, located in two different titles of the United States Code, were editorially reorganized. The chapters are chapter 17 ("Miscellaneous Matters") of title 7, United States Code, and chapter 28 ("Miscellaneous Provisions Relating to Public Lands") of title 43, United States Code. No statutory text was altered in this reorganization. The provisions were merely transferred from one place to another in the Code, primarily to other locations in title 7 and title 43, respectively.

The changes described above were necessary to improve the organizational structure of the material in the United States Code. The Office of the Law Revision Counsel has prepared the bill and submitted it to the Committee on the Judiciary as part of the Office's ongoing responsibility under section 285b of title 2, United States Code, to maintain the United States Code and assist the Committee in the revision and codification of Federal statutes.