

**TITLE 15 - COMMERCE AND TRADE**  
**CHAPTER 49 - FIRE PREVENTION AND CONTROL****§ 2225a. Prohibiting Federal funding of conferences held at non-certified places of public accommodation****(a) In general**

No Federal funds may be used to sponsor or fund in whole or in part a meeting, convention, conference, or training seminar that is conducted in, or that otherwise uses the rooms, facilities, or services of, a place of public accommodation that does not meet the requirements of the fire prevention and control guidelines described in section 2225 of this title.

**(b) Waiver****(1) In general**

The head of an agency of the Federal Government sponsoring or funding a particular meeting, convention, conference, or training seminar may waive the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section if the head of such agency determines that a waiver of such prohibition is necessary in the public interest in the case of such particular event.

**(2) Delegation of authority**

The head of an agency of the Federal Government may delegate the authority provided under paragraph (1) to waive the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section and to determine whether such a waiver is necessary in the public interest to an officer or employee of the agency if such officer or employee is given such authority with respect to all meetings, conventions, conferences, and training seminars sponsored or funded by the agency.

**(c) Notice requirements****(1) Advertisements and applications**

**(A)** Any advertisement for or application for attendance at a meeting, convention, conference, or training seminar sponsored or funded in whole or in part by the Federal Government shall include a notice regarding the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section.

**(B)** The requirement described in subparagraph (A) shall not apply in the case of an event for which a head of an agency of the Federal Government, pursuant to subsection (b) of this section, waives the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section.

**(2) Providing notice to recipients of funds**

**(A)** Each Executive department, Government corporation, and independent establishment providing Federal funds to non-Federal entities shall notify recipients of such funds of the prohibition described in subsection (a) of this section.

**(B)** In subparagraph (A), the terms “Executive department”, “Government corporation”, and “independent establishment” have the meanings given such terms in chapter 1 of title 5.

**(d) Effective date**

The provisions of this section shall take effect on the first day of the first fiscal year that begins after the expiration of the 425-day period that begins on the date of the publication in the Federal Register of the master list referred to in section 2224 (b) of this title.

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**Codification**

Section was enacted as part of the Hotel and Motel Fire Safety Act of 1990, and not as part of the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 which comprises this chapter.