

TITLE 16 - CONSERVATION

CHAPTER 5B - WILDLIFE RESTORATION

§ 669. Cooperation of Secretary of the Interior with States; conditions

The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cooperate with the States, through their respective State fish and game departments, in wildlife-restoration projects as hereinafter in this chapter set forth; but no money apportioned under this chapter to any State shall be expended therein until its legislature, or other State agency authorized by the State constitution to make laws governing the conservation of wildlife, shall have assented to the provision of this chapter and shall have passed laws for the conservation of wildlife which shall include a prohibition against the diversion of license fees paid by hunters for any other purpose than the administration of said State fish and game department, except that, until the final adjournment of the first regular session of the legislature held after September 2, 1937, the assent of the Governor of the State shall be sufficient. The Secretary of the Interior and the State fish and game department of each State accepting the benefits of this chapter, shall agree upon the wildlife-restoration projects to be aided in such State under the terms of this chapter and all projects shall conform to the standards fixed by the Secretary of the Interior.

(Sept. 2, 1937, ch. 899, § 1, 50 Stat. 917; 1939 Reorg. Plan No. II, § 4(f), eff. July 1, 1939, 4 F.R. 2731, 53 Stat. 1433.)

Transfer of Functions

Reorg. Plan No. II of 1939, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees, transferred functions of Secretary of Agriculture relating to conservation of wildlife, game, and migratory birds to Secretary of the Interior.

Short Title of 2000 Amendment

Pub. L. 106–408, § 1(a), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1762, provided that: “This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the ‘Fish and Wildlife Programs Improvement and National Wildlife Refuge System Centennial Act of 2000’.”

Pub. L. 106–408, title I, § 101(a), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1763, provided that: “This title [enacting sections 669h–1, 669h–2, 669k, 742b–1, and 777m of this title, amending sections 669c, 669d, 669g, 669h, 669i, 777c, 777d and 777h of this title and section 9504 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and section 777 of this title, and repealing provisions set out as a note under section 777 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs Improvement Act of 2000’.”

Short Title of 1970 Amendment

Section 103 of title I of Pub. L. 91–503 provided that: “This title [amending section 669b and sections 669c to 669g–1 of this title] may be cited as the ‘Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act Amendments of 1970’.”

Short Title

Act Sept. 2, 1937, ch. 899, § 13, as added by Pub. L. 106–408, title I, § 101(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1763, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act’.”

Act Sept. 2, 1937, ch. 899, as amended, is also popularly known as the “Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act”.

Statement of Purpose and Definition in Pub. L. 106–553

Pub. L. 106–553, § 1(a)(2) [title IX, § 902(a), (b)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A–119, provided that:

“(a) Purposes.—The purposes of this section [amending sections 669a, 669b, 669c, 669g, and 4406 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] are—

“(1) to extend financial and technical assistance to the States under the Federal Aid to [in] Wildlife Restoration Act [16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.] for the benefit of a diverse array of wildlife and associated habitats, including species that

are not hunted or fished, to fulfill unmet needs of wildlife within the States in recognition of the primary role of the States to conserve all wildlife;

“(2) to assure sound conservation policies through the development, revision, and implementation of a comprehensive wildlife conservation and restoration plan;

“(3) to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to participate with the Federal Government, other State agencies, wildlife conservation organizations and outdoor recreation and conservation interests through cooperative planning and implementation of this title [enacting section 1356a of Title 43, Public Lands, amending sections 669a, 669b, 669c, 669g, and 4406 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section]; and

“(4) to encourage State fish and wildlife agencies to provide for public involvement in the process of development and implementation of a wildlife conservation and restoration program.

“(b) Reference to Law.—In this section, the term ‘Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act’ means the Act of September 2, 1937 (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.), commonly referred to as the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act or the Pittman-Robertson Act.”

Inapplicability of Federal Advisory Committee Act

Pub. L. 106–553, § 1(a)(2) [title IX, § 902(f)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A–123, provided that: “Coordination with State fish and wildlife agency personnel or with personnel of other State agencies pursuant to the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act [16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.] or the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act [16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.] shall not be subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.). Except for the preceding sentence, the provisions of this title [enacting section 1356a of Title 43, Public Lands, amending sections 669a, 669b, 669c, 669g, and 4406 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] relate solely to wildlife conservation and restoration programs and shall not be construed to affect the provisions of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act relating to wildlife restoration projects or the provisions of the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act relating to fish restoration and management projects.”

Prohibition Against Diversion

Pub. L. 106–553, § 1(a)(2) [title IX, § 902(h)], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2762, 2762A–124, provided that: “No designated State agency shall be eligible to receive matching funds under this title [enacting section 1356a of Title 43, Public Lands, amending sections 669a, 669b, 669c, 669g, and 4406 of this title, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section] if sources of revenue available to it after January 1, 2000, for conservation of wildlife are diverted for any purpose other than the administration of the designated State agency, it being the intention of Congress that funds available to States under this title be added to revenues from existing State sources and not serve as a substitute for revenues from such sources. Such revenues shall include interest, dividends, or other income earned on the foregoing.”

Designation of Programs

Pub. L. 106–408, title I, § 131, Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1775, provided that: “The programs established under the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 669 et seq.) and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (16 U.S.C. 777 et seq.) shall be known as the ‘Federal Assistance Program for State Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration’.”