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CHAPTER REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This chapter is referred to in sections 2701, 2703, 4304 of this title; title 7 section 1765d; title 40 sections 113, 701.

§ 291. Lease of buildings, etc., for offices, living quarters, heat, light, and equipment

The Secretary of State may lease or rent, for periods not exceeding ten years, such buildings and grounds for the use of the Foreign Service as may be necessary; and he may, in accordance

with existing practice without cost to them, and within the limit of any appropriation made by Congress, furnish the officers and employees in the Foreign Service with living quarters, heat, light, and household equipment in Government-owned or rented buildings, at places where, in his judgment, it would be in the public interest to do so, notwithstanding the provisions of section 5536 of title 5; and appropriations for “Contingent expenses, foreign missions,” and “Contingent expenses, consulates,” are made available for such purposes.

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CODIFICATION

Section was not enacted as part of the Foreign Service Buildings Act, 1926, which comprises this chapter.

“Section 5536 of title 5” substituted in text for “section 1765 of the Revised Statutes (U.S.C., title 5, sec. 70; U.S.C., Supp. III, title 5, sec. 70)” on authority of Pub. L. 89-554, §7(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631, the first section of which enacted Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 292. Acquisition of sites and buildings for diplomatic and consular establishments; allotment of space; credit of payments without regard to limitations of amounts**(a) Authority of Secretary of State**

The Secretary of State is empowered to acquire by purchase or construction in the manner hereinafter provided, within the limits of appropriations made to carry out this chapter, by exchange, in whole or in part, of any building or grounds of the United States in foreign countries and under the jurisdiction and control of the Secretary of State, sites and buildings in foreign capitals and in other foreign cities, and to alter, repair, and furnish such buildings for the use of the diplomatic and consular establishments of the United States, or for the purpose of consolidating within one or more buildings, the embassies, legation, consulates, and other agencies of the United States Government there maintained. The space in such buildings shall be allotted by the Secretary of State among the several agencies of the United States Government.

(b) Payments from other than appropriated funds for acquisition of property

Payments made for rent or otherwise by the United States from funds other than appropriations made to carry out this chapter may be credited toward the acquisition of property under this chapter without regard to limitations of amounts imposed by this chapter.

(May 7, 1926, ch. 250, §1, 44 Stat. 403; May 29, 1928, ch. 876, §1, 45 Stat. 971; Pub. L. 88-94, §2(b), Aug. 12, 1963, 77 Stat. 122; Pub. L. 89-636, §2, Oct. 10, 1966, 80 Stat. 881; Pub. L. 95-105, title I, §106(a), Aug. 17, 1977, 91 Stat. 845.)

AMENDMENTS

1977—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-105, §106(a)(1), substituted “to carry out” for “pursuant to”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-105, §106(a)(2), substituted “to carry out” for “under authority of”.

1966—Pub. L. 89-636 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1963—Pub. L. 88-94 struck out “, subject to the direction of the commission hereinafter established,” after