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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*  
2 *States of America in Congress assembled,*

1     **SECTION 1. TITLE 36, UNITED STATES CODE.**

2           Certain general and permanent laws of the United States, related to  
3 patriotic and national observances, ceremonies, and organizations, are re-  
4 vised, codified, and enacted as title 36, United States Code, “Patriotic and  
5 National Observances, Ceremonies, and Organizations”, as follows:

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7         **OBSERVANCES, CEREMONIES, AND**  
8         **ORGANIZATIONS**

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1     **§ 101. American Heart Month**

2           The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

3                 (1) designating February as American Heart Month;

4                 (2) inviting the chief executive officers of the States, territories,  
5           and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations designating  
6           February as American Heart Month; and

7                 (3) urging the people of the United States to recognize the nation-  
8           wide problem of heart and blood vessel diseases and to support all es-  
9           sential programs required to solve the problem.

10    **§ 102. Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month**

11           (a) DESIGNATION.—May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

12           (b) PROCLAMATIONS.—The President is requested to issue each year  
13    a proclamation calling on the people of the United States, and the chief ex-  
14    ecutive officers of each State of the United States, the District of Columbia,  
15    the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the Northern  
16    Mariana Islands, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau are requested  
17    to issue each year proclamations calling on the people of their respective ju-  
18    risdictions, to observe Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month with appro-  
19    priate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

20    **§ 103. Cancer Control Month**

21           (a) GENERAL.—The President is requested—

22                 (1) to issue each year a proclamation designating April as Cancer  
23           Control Month; and

24                 (2) to invite each year the chief executive officers of the States,  
25           territories, and possessions of the United States to issue proclamations  
26           designating April as Cancer Control Month.

27           (b) CONTENTS OF PROCLAMATIONS.—As part of those proclamations,  
28    the chief executive officers and President are requested to invite the medical  
29    profession, the press, and all agencies and individuals interested in a na-

1 tional program for the control of cancer by education and other cooperative  
2 means to unite during Cancer Control Month in a public dedication to the  
3 program and in a concerted effort to make the people of the United States  
4 aware of the need for the program.

5 **§ 104. Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day**

6 (a) DESIGNATION.—The first Saturday after Labor Day is Carl Garner  
7 Federal Lands Cleanup Day.

8 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President shall issue a proclamation calling  
9 on the people of the United States to observe Carl Garner Federal Lands  
10 Cleanup Day with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities. How-  
11 ever, activities may be undertaken in individual States on a day other than  
12 the first Saturday after Labor Day if a manager of Federal land decides  
13 that an alternative date is more appropriate because of climatological or  
14 other factors.

15 **§ 105. Child Health Day**

16 The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

17 (1) designating the first Monday in October as Child Health Day;  
18 and

19 (2) inviting all agencies and organizations interested in child wel-  
20 fare to unite on Child Health Day in observing exercises that will make  
21 the people of the United States aware of the fundamental necessity of  
22 a year-round program to protect and develop the health of the children  
23 of the United States.

24 **§ 106. Citizenship Day**

25 (a) DESIGNATION.—September 17 is Citizenship Day.

26 (b) PURPOSE.—Citizenship Day commemorates the formation and sign-  
27 ing on September 17, 1787, of the Constitution and recognizes all who, by  
28 coming of age or by naturalization, have become citizens.

29 (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President may issue each year a proclama-  
30 tion calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the  
31 United States on all Government buildings on Citizenship Day and inviting  
32 the people of the United States to observe Citizenship Day, in schools and  
33 churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies.

34 (d) STATE AND LOCAL OBSERVANCES.—The civil and educational au-  
35 thorities of States, counties, cities, and towns are urged to make plans for  
36 the proper observance of Citizenship Day and for the complete instruction  
37 of citizens in their responsibilities and opportunities as citizens of the  
38 United States and of the State and locality in which they reside.

39 **§ 107. Columbus Day**

40 The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

41 (1) designating the 2d Monday in October as Columbus Day;

1           (2) calling on United States Government officials to display the  
2           flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Columbus  
3           Day; and

4           (3) inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus  
5           Day, in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate  
6           ceremonies that express the public sentiment befitting the anniversary  
7           of the discovery of America.

8   **§ 108. Constitution Week**

9           The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

10          (1) designating September 17–September 23 as Constitution  
11          Week; and

12          (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Constitu-  
13          tion Week, in schools, churches, and other suitable places, with appro-  
14          priate ceremonies and activities.

15   **§ 109. Father’s Day**

16          (a) DESIGNATION.—The 3d Sunday in June is Father’s Day.

17          (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
18          tion—

19          (1) calling on United States Government officials to display the  
20          flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Father’s Day;

21          (2) inviting State and local governments and the people of the  
22          United States to observe Father’s Day with appropriate ceremonies;  
23          and

24          (3) urging the people of the United States to offer public and pri-  
25          vate expressions of Father’s Day to the abiding love and gratitude they  
26          have for their fathers.

27   **§ 110. Flag Day**

28          (a) DESIGNATION.—June 14 is Flag Day.

29          (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
30          proclamation—

31          (1) calling on United States Government officials to display the  
32          flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Flag Day;  
33          and

34          (2) urging the people of the United States to observe Flag Day  
35          as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continen-  
36          tal Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United  
37          States.

38   **§ 111. Gold Star Mother’s Day**

39          (a) DESIGNATION.—The last Sunday in September is Gold Star Moth-  
40          er’s Day.

1 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
 2 tion calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the  
 3 United States on all Government buildings, and the people of the United  
 4 States to display the flag and hold appropriate meetings at homes, churches,  
 5 or other suitable places, on Gold Star Mother’s Day as a public expression  
 6 of the love, sorrow, and reverence of the people for Gold Star Mothers.

7 **§ 112. Honor America Days**

8 (a) DESIGNATION.—The 21 days from Flag Day through Independence  
 9 Day is a period to honor America.

10 (b) CONGRESSIONAL DECLARATION.—Congress declares that there be  
 11 public gatherings and activities during that period at which the people of  
 12 the United States can celebrate and honor their country in an appropriate  
 13 way.

14 **§ 113. Law Day, U.S.A.**

15 (a) DESIGNATION.—May 1 is Law Day, U.S.A.

16 (b) PURPOSE.—Law Day, U.S.A., is a special day of celebration by the  
 17 people of the United States—

18 (1) in appreciation of their liberties and the reaffirmation of their  
 19 loyalty to the United States and of their rededication to the ideals of  
 20 equality and justice under law in their relations with each other and  
 21 with other countries; and

22 (2) for the cultivation of the respect for law that is so vital to the  
 23 democratic way of life.

24 (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
 25 tion—

26 (1) calling on all public officials to display the flag of the United  
 27 States on all government buildings on Law Day, U.S.A.; and

28 (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Law Day,  
 29 U.S.A., with appropriate ceremonies and in other appropriate ways,  
 30 through public entities and private organizations and in schools and  
 31 other suitable places.

32 **§ 114. Leif Erikson Day**

33 The President may issue each year a proclamation designating October  
 34 9 as Leif Erikson Day.

35 **§ 115. Loyalty Day**

36 (a) DESIGNATION.—May 1 is Loyalty Day.

37 (b) PURPOSE.—Loyalty Day is a special day for the reaffirmation of  
 38 loyalty to the United States and for the recognition of the heritage of Amer-  
 39 ican freedom.

40 (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
 41 tion—

1 (1) calling on United States Government officials to display the  
2 flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Loyalty Day;  
3 and

4 (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe Loyalty  
5 Day with appropriate ceremonies in schools and other suitable places.

6 **§ 116. Memorial Day**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—The last Monday in May is Memorial Day.

8 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
9 proclamation—

10 (1) calling on the people of the United States to observe Memorial  
11 Day by praying, according to their individual religious faith, for perma-  
12 nent peace;

13 (2) designating a period of time on Memorial Day during which  
14 the people may unite in prayer for a permanent peace;

15 (3) calling on the people of the United States to unite in prayer  
16 at that time; and

17 (4) calling on the media to join in observing Memorial Day and  
18 the period of prayer.

19 **§ 117. Mother's Day**

20 (a) DESIGNATION.—The 2d Sunday in May is Mother's Day.

21 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
22 tion calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the  
23 United States on all Government buildings, and on the people of the United  
24 States to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places, on Moth-  
25 er's Day as a public expression of love and reverence for the mothers of  
26 the United States.

27 **§ 118. National Aviation Day**

28 The President may issue each year a proclamation—

29 (1) designating August 19 as National Aviation Day;

30 (2) calling on United States Government officials to display the  
31 flag of the United States on all Government buildings on National  
32 Aviation Day; and

33 (3) inviting the people of the United States to observe National  
34 Aviation Day with appropriate exercises to further stimulate interest in  
35 aviation in the United States.

36 **§ 119. National Day of Prayer**

37 The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first  
38 Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the  
39 United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in  
40 groups, and as individuals.

1    **§ 120. National Defense Transportation Day**

2       The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

3           (1) designating the 3d Friday in May as National Defense Trans-  
4       portation Day; and

5           (2) urging the people of the United States, including labor, man-  
6       agement, users, and investors, in all communities served by the various  
7       forms of transportation to observe National Defense Transportation  
8       Day by appropriate ceremonies that will give complete recognition to  
9       the importance to each community and its people of the transportation  
10       system of the United States and the maintenance of the facilities of  
11       the system in the most modern state of adequacy to serve the needs  
12       of the United States in times of peace and in national defense.

13    **§ 121. National Disability Employment Awareness Month**

14       (a) DESIGNATION.—October is National Disability Employment Aware-  
15       ness Month.

16       (b) CEREMONIES.—Appropriate ceremonies shall be held throughout  
17       the United States during National Disability Employment Awareness Month  
18       to enlist public support for, and interest in, the employment of workers with  
19       disabilities who are otherwise qualified. Governors, mayors, heads of other  
20       governmental entities, and interested organizations and individuals are in-  
21       vited to participate in the ceremonies.

22       (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
23       suitable proclamation.

24    **§ 122. National Flag Week**

25       The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

26           (1) designating the week in which June 14 falls as National Flag  
27       Week; and

28           (2) calling on citizens to display the flag of the United States dur-  
29       ing National Flag Week.

30    **§ 123. National Forest Products Week**

31       (a) DESIGNATION.—The week beginning on the 3d Sunday in October  
32       is National Forest Products Week.

33       (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
34       proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National  
35       Forest Products Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

36    **§ 124. National Freedom Day**

37       The President may issue each year a proclamation designating Feb-  
38       ruary 1 as National Freedom Day to commemorate the signing by Abraham  
39       Lincoln on February 1, 1865, of the joint resolution adopted by the Senate  
40       and the House of Representatives that proposed the 13th amendment to the  
41       Constitution.

1    **§ 125. National Grandparents Day**

2       The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

3           (1) designating the first Sunday in September after Labor Day as  
4       National Grandparents Day; and

5           (2) calling on the people of the United States and interested  
6       groups and organizations to observe National Grandparents Day with  
7       appropriate ceremonies and activities.

8    **§ 126. National Hispanic Heritage Month**

9       The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

10          (1) designating September 15–October 15 as National Hispanic  
11       Heritage Month; and

12          (2) calling on the people of the United States, especially the edu-  
13       cational community, to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with  
14       appropriate ceremonies and activities.

15   **§ 127. National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**

16          (a) DESIGNATION.—July 27 of each year until 2003 is National Ko-  
17       rean War Veterans Armistice Day.

18          (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
19       proclamation calling on—

20           (1) the people of the United States to observe National Korean  
21       War Veterans Armistice Day with appropriate ceremonies and activi-  
22       ties; and

23           (2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United  
24       States Government, and interested organizations, groups, and individ-  
25       uals, to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff on July 27 of each  
26       year until 2003 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their  
27       service in Korea.

28   **§ 128. National Maritime Day**

29          (a) DESIGNATION.—May 22 is National Maritime Day.

30          (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
31       proclamation calling on—

32           (1) the people of the United States to observe National Maritime  
33       Day by displaying the flag of the United States at their homes or other  
34       suitable places; and

35           (2) United States Government officials to display the flag on all  
36       Government buildings on National Maritime Day.

37   **§ 129. National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day**

38          (a) DESIGNATION.—December 7 is National Pearl Harbor Remem-  
39       brance Day.

40          (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
41       proclamation calling on—

1 (1) the people of the United States to observe National Pearl Har-  
2 bor Remembrance Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities; and

3 (2) all departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United  
4 States Government, and interested organizations, groups, and individ-  
5 uals, to fly the flag of the United States at halfstaff each December  
6 7 in honor of the individuals who died as a result of their service at  
7 Pearl Harbor.

8 **§ 130. National Poison Prevention Week**

9 The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation designat-  
10 ing the 3d week in March as National Poison Prevention Week to aid in  
11 encouraging the people of the United States to learn of the dangers of acci-  
12 dental poisoning and to take preventive measures that are warranted by the  
13 seriousness of the danger.

14 **§ 131. National Safe Boating Week**

15 The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation designat-  
16 ing the 7-day period ending on the last Friday before Memorial Day as Na-  
17 tional Safe Boating Week.

18 **§ 132. National School Lunch Week**

19 (a) DESIGNATION.—The week beginning on the 2d Sunday in October  
20 is National School Lunch Week.

21 (b) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
22 proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe National  
23 School Lunch Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

24 **§ 133. National Transportation Week**

25 The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

26 (1) designating the week that includes the 3d Friday of May as  
27 National Transportation Week; and

28 (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe National  
29 Transportation Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities as a  
30 tribute to the men and women who, night and day, move goods and  
31 individuals throughout the United States.

32 **§ 134. Pan American Aviation Day**

33 The President may issue each year a proclamation—

34 (1) designating December 17 as Pan American Aviation Day; and

35 (2) calling on all officials of the United States Government, the  
36 chief executive offices of the States, territories, and possessions of the  
37 United States, and all citizens to participate in the observance of Pan  
38 American Aviation Day to further, and stimulate interest in, aviation  
39 in the American countries as an important stimulus to the further de-  
40 velopment of more rapid communications and a cultural development  
41 between the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

1    **§ 135. Parents' Day**

2           (a) DESIGNATION.—The 4th Sunday in July is Parents' Day.

3           (b) RECOGNITION.—All private citizens, organizations, and Federal,  
4 State, and local governmental and legislative entities are encouraged to rec-  
5 ognize Parents' Day through proclamations, activities, and educational ef-  
6 forts in furtherance of recognizing, uplifting, and supporting the role of par-  
7 ents in bringing up their children.

8    **§ 136. Peace Officers Memorial Day**

9           The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

10           (1) designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor  
11 of Federal, State, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of  
12 duty;

13           (2) directing United States Government officials to display the  
14 flag of the United States at halfstaff on all Government buildings on  
15 Peace Officers Memorial Day, as provided by section 7(m) of title 4;  
16 and

17           (3) inviting State and local governments and the people of the  
18 United States to observe Peace Officers Memorial Day with appropriate  
19 ceremonies and activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

20    **§ 137. Police Week**

21           The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

22           (1) designating the week in which May 15 occurs as Police Week  
23 in recognition of the service given by men and women who stand guard  
24 to protect the people of the United States through law enforcement;  
25 and

26           (2) inviting State and local governments and the people of the  
27 United States to observe Police Week with appropriate ceremonies and  
28 activities, including the display of the flag at halfstaff.

29    **§ 138. Save Your Vision Week**

30           The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation—

31           (1) designating the first week in March as Save Your Vision  
32 Week;

33           (2) inviting the governors and mayors of State and local govern-  
34 ments to issue proclamations designating the first week in March as  
35 Save Your Vision Week;

36           (3) inviting the communications media, health care professions,  
37 and other agencies and individuals concerned with programs for the im-  
38 provement of vision to unite during Save Your Vision Week in public  
39 activities to convince the people of the United States of the importance  
40 of vision to their welfare and the welfare of the United States; and

1 (4) urging the media, health care professions, and other agencies  
2 and individuals to support programs to improve and protect the vision  
3 of the people of the United States.

4 **§ 139. Steelmark Month**

5 (a) DESIGNATION.—May is Steelmark Month.

6 (b) PURPOSE.—Steelmark Month recognizes the tremendous contribu-  
7 tion made by the steel industry in the United States to national security  
8 and defense.

9 (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue a proclama-  
10 tion calling on the people of the United States to observe Steelmark Month  
11 with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

12 **§ 140. Stephen Foster Memorial Day**

13 The President may issue each year a proclamation—

14 (1) designating January 13 as Stephen Foster Memorial Day; and

15 (2) calling on the people of the United States to observe Stephen  
16 Foster Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies, pilgrimages to his  
17 shrines, and musical programs featuring his compositions.

18 **§ 141. Thomas Jefferson’s birthday**

19 The President shall issue each year a proclamation—

20 (1) calling on officials of the United States Government to display  
21 the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on April 13;  
22 and

23 (2) inviting the people of the United States to observe April 13  
24 in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate cere-  
25 monies in commemoration of Thomas Jefferson’s birthday.

26 **§ 142. White Cane Safety Day**

27 The President may issue each year a proclamation—

28 (1) designating October 15 as White Cane Safety Day; and

29 (2) calling on the people of the United States to observe White  
30 Cane Safety Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

31 **§ 143. Wright Brothers Day**

32 (a) DESIGNATION.—December 17 is Wright Brothers Day.

33 (b) PURPOSE.—Wright Brothers Day commemorates the first success-  
34 ful flights in a heavier than air, mechanically propelled airplane, that were  
35 made by Orville and Wilbur Wright on December 17, 1903, near Kitty  
36 Hawk, North Carolina.

37 (c) PROCLAMATION.—The President is requested to issue each year a  
38 proclamation inviting the people of the United States to observe Wright  
39 Brothers Day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

1           **CHAPTER 3—NATIONAL ANTHEM, MOTTO, FLORAL**  
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3           **§ 301. National anthem**

4           (a) DESIGNATION.—The composition consisting of the words and music  
 5 known as the Star-Spangled Banner is the national anthem.

6           (b) CONDUCT DURING PLAYING.—During a rendition of the national  
 7 anthem—

8                   (1) when the flag is displayed—

9                           (A) all present except those in uniform should stand at atten-  
 10 tion facing the flag with the right hand over the heart;

11                           (B) men not in uniform should remove their headdress with  
 12 their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the  
 13 hand being over the heart; and

14                           (C) individuals in uniform should give the military salute at  
 15 the first note of the anthem and maintain that position until the  
 16 last note; and

17                   (2) when the flag is not displayed, all present should face toward  
 18 the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were dis-  
 19 played.

20           **§ 302. National motto**

21           “In God we trust” is the national motto.

22           **§ 303. National floral emblem**

23           The flower commonly known as the rose is the national floral emblem.

24           **§ 304. National march**

25           The composition by John Philip Sousa entitled “The Stars and Stripes  
 26 Forever” is the national march.

27           **CHAPTER 5—PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURAL CEREMONIES**

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28           **§ 501. Definitions**

29           For purposes of this chapter—

1 (1) “Inaugural Committee” means the committee appointed by the  
2 President-elect to be in charge of the Presidential inaugural ceremony  
3 and functions and activities connected with the ceremony.

4 (2) “inaugural period” means the period that includes the day on  
5 which the Presidential inaugural ceremony is held, the 5 calendar days  
6 immediately preceding that day, and the 4 calendar days immediately  
7 following that day.

8 **§ 502. Regulations, licenses, and registration tags**

9 (a) REGULATIONS AND LICENSES.—For each inaugural period, the  
10 Council of the District of Columbia shall—

11 (1) prescribe reasonable regulations necessary to preserve public  
12 order and protect life, health, and property;

13 (2) prescribe special regulations related to the standing, move-  
14 ment, and operation of vehicles; and

15 (3) grant special licenses to peddlers and vendors to sell merchan-  
16 dise in places the Council considers proper, subject to conditions and  
17 fees for the licenses the Council considers proper.

18 (b) REGISTRATION TAGS.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may  
19 issue, for any motor vehicle made available for the use of the Inaugural  
20 Committee, special registration tags, valid for not more than 90 days, de-  
21 signed to celebrate the inauguration of the President and Vice President.

22 **§ 503. Use of reservations, grounds, and public spaces**

23 (a) PERMIT FOR USE.—With the approval of the officer having juris-  
24 diction over any of the Federal reservations or grounds in the District of  
25 Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior may grant to the Inaugural Commit-  
26 tee a permit to use the reservations or grounds during the inaugural period,  
27 including a reasonable time before and after the inaugural period. The  
28 Mayor of the District of Columbia may grant a similar permit to use public  
29 space under the Mayor’s jurisdiction. Each permit granted under this sub-  
30 section is subject to conditions the grantor of the permit prescribes.

31 (b) REVIEWING STANDS AND COMMERCIAL STANDS AND STRUC-  
32 TURES.—A reviewing stand or a stand or structure for the sale of merchan-  
33 dise, food, or drink may be built on public grounds in the District of Colum-  
34 bia only if approved by the Inaugural Committee and by the Secretary or  
35 the Mayor, as appropriate.

36 (c) RESTORATION AFTER INAUGURAL PERIOD.—After the inaugural  
37 period, the reservation, ground, or public space occupied by a stand or  
38 structure shall be restored promptly to its prior condition.

39 (d) INDEMNIFICATION.—The Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and  
40 save harmless the District of Columbia and the appropriate department,  
41 agency, or instrumentality of the United States Government against any

1 loss or damage to, and against any liability arising from the use of, the res-  
 2 ervation, ground, or public space, by the Inaugural Committee or a licensee  
 3 of the Inaugural Committee.

4 **§ 504. Installation and removal of electrical facilities**

5 (a) INSTALLATION.—The Mayor of the District of Columbia may allow  
 6 the Inaugural Committee to install suitable overhead conductors and elec-  
 7 trical facilities, with adequate supports. The official in charge of a park or  
 8 reservation in the District of Columbia in which it is necessary to place  
 9 wires shall supervise the placing and removal of those wires.

10 (b) REMOVAL.—The conductors and supports shall be removed not  
 11 later than 5 days after the end of the inaugural period.

12 (c) INDEMNIFICATION.—The United States Government and the Dis-  
 13 trict of Columbia may not incur any expense or damage from the installa-  
 14 tion, operation, or removal of a temporary overhead conductor or electrical  
 15 facility. The Inaugural Committee shall indemnify and hold harmless the  
 16 District of Columbia and the appropriate department, agency, or instrumen-  
 17 tality of the Government against any loss or damage, and against any liabil-  
 18 ity arising, from any act of the Inaugural Committee or any agent, licensee,  
 19 servant, or employee of the Inaugural Committee in connection with the in-  
 20 stallation, operation, or removal of a temporary overhead conductor or elec-  
 21 trical facility.

22 **§ 505. Extension of wires along parade routes**

23 The Mayor of the District of Columbia, the Secretary of the Interior,  
 24 and the Inaugural Committee may allow communications companies to ex-  
 25 tend overhead wires to places along a parade route that are considered con-  
 26 venient for use in connection with the parade and other inaugural purposes.  
 27 The wires shall be removed not later than 10 days after the inaugural pe-  
 28 riod ends.

29 **§ 506. Duration of regulations and licenses and publication  
 30 of regulations**

31 Regulations prescribed and licenses authorized under this chapter are  
 32 effective only during the inaugural period. The regulations shall be pub-  
 33 lished in at least one daily newspaper published in the District of Columbia.  
 34 A penalty prescribed for violating such a regulation may not be enforced  
 35 until 5 days after publication.

36 **§ 507. Application to other property**

37 This chapter does not apply to the United States Capitol Buildings or  
 38 Grounds or other property under the jurisdiction of Congress or a commit-  
 39 tee, commission, or officer of Congress. A service or facility authorized by  
 40 or under this chapter is available for the property on request or approval  
 41 of the joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives ap-

1 pointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
 2 Representatives to arrange for the inauguration of the President-elect and  
 3 the Vice President-elect.

4 **§ 508. Enforcement**

5 The Mayor of the District of Columbia, or other official having jurisdic-  
 6 tion in the premises, shall enforce this chapter, take necessary precautions  
 7 to protect the public, and ensure that the pavement of any street, sidewalk,  
 8 avenue, or alley disturbed or damaged is restored to its prior condition.

9 **§ 509. Penalty**

10 A person violating a regulation prescribed under this chapter shall be  
 11 fined under title 18 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days. A separate  
 12 violation occurs under this section for each day the violation continues.

13 **§ 510. Authorization of appropriations**

14 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—Necessary amounts are authorized to be appro-  
 15 priated—

16 (1) to enable the Mayor of the District of Columbia to provide ad-  
 17 ditional municipal services in the District of Columbia during the inau-  
 18 gural period, including—

19 (A) employment of personal services without regard to chap-  
 20 ters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5;

21 (B) travel expenses of enforcement personnel, including  
 22 sanitarians, from other jurisdictions;

23 (C) the hiring of the means of transportation;

24 (D) meals for policemen, firemen, and other municipal em-  
 25 ployees;

26 (E) the cost of removing and relocating streetcar loading  
 27 platforms, construction, rent, maintenance, and expenses incident  
 28 to the operation of temporary public comfort stations, first-aid sta-  
 29 tions, and information booths; and

30 (F) other incidental expenses in the discretion of the Mayor;  
 31 and

32 (2) to enable the Secretary of the Interior to provide meals for the  
 33 members of the United States Park Police during the inaugural period.

34 (b) PAYMENT.—Amounts appropriated under—

35 (1) subsection (a)(1) of this section are payable in the same way  
 36 as other appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia;  
 37 and

38 (2) subsection (a)(2) of this section are payable in the same way  
 39 as other appropriations for the expenses of the Department of the Inte-  
 40 rior.

1           **CHAPTER 7—FEDERAL PARTICIPATION IN CARL**  
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3           **§ 701. Findings**

4           Congress finds that—

5                 (1) Federal lands, parks, recreation areas, and waterways provide  
6                 recreational opportunities for millions of Americans each year;

7                 (2) Federal lands administered by Federal land management agen-  
8                 cies contain valuable wildlife, scenery, natural and historic features,  
9                 and other resources which may be damaged by litter and misuse;

10                (3) it is in the best interest of the United States and its citizens  
11                to maintain and preserve the beauty, safety, and availability of these  
12                Federal lands;

13                (4) these Federal land management agencies have been designated  
14                as the caretakers of these Federal lands and are responsible for main-  
15                taining and preserving those areas and facilities;

16                (5) there is great value in volunteer involvement in maintaining  
17                and preserving Federal lands for recreational use;

18                (6) the Federal land management agencies should be concerned  
19                with promoting a sense of pride and ownership among citizens toward  
20                these lands;

21                (7) the use of citizen volunteers in a national cleanup effort pro-  
22                motes these goals and encourages the thoughtful use of these Federal  
23                lands and facilities;

24                (8) the positive impact of annual cleanup events held at various  
25                recreation sites has already been proven by steadily declining levels of  
26                litter at these sites; and

27                (9) a national program for cleaning and maintaining Federal lands  
28                using volunteers will save millions of tax dollars.

29           **§ 702. Definition**

30           For purposes of this chapter, “Federal land management agency” in-  
31           cludes—

32                 (1) the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture;

33                 (2) the Bureau of Land Management of the Department of the  
34                 Interior;

35                 (3) the National Park Service of the Department of the Interior;

36                 (4) the Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Inte-  
37                 rior;

- 1 (5) the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior;  
 2 and  
 3 (6) the Army Corps of Engineers.

4 **§ 703. Duties of Federal land management agency**

5 To observe Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day at the Federal  
 6 level, each Federal land management agency shall organize, coordinate, and  
 7 participate with citizen volunteers and State and local authorities in clean-  
 8 ing and providing for the maintenance of Federal public land, recreation  
 9 areas, and waterways within the jurisdiction of the agency.

10 **§ 704. Activities**

11 In cooperation with appropriate State and local government authorities,  
 12 each Federal land management agency shall plan for and carry out activities  
 13 on Carl Garner Federal Lands Cleanup Day that—

14 (1) encourage continuing public and private sector cooperation in  
 15 preserving the beauty and safety of areas within the jurisdiction of the  
 16 agency;

17 (2) increase citizens' sense of ownership and community pride in  
 18 those areas;

19 (3) reduce litter on Federal lands, along trails and waterways, and  
 20 within those areas; and

21 (4) maintain and improve trails, recreation areas, waterways, and  
 22 facilities.

23 **CHAPTER 9—MISCELLANEOUS**

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901. Service flag and service lapel button.

902. National League of Families POW/MIA flag.

24 **§ 901. Service flag and service lapel button**

25 (a) INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY SERVICE FLAG.—A service  
 26 flag approved by the Secretary of Defense may be displayed in a window  
 27 of the place of residence of individuals who are members of the immediate  
 28 family of an individual serving in the armed forces of the United States dur-  
 29 ing any period of war or hostilities in which the armed forces of the United  
 30 States are engaged.

31 (b) INDIVIDUALS ENTITLED TO DISPLAY SERVICE LAPEL BUTTON.—  
 32 A service lapel button approved by the Secretary may be worn by members  
 33 of the immediate family of an individual serving in the armed forces of the  
 34 United States during any period of war or hostilities in which the armed  
 35 forces of the United States are engaged.

36 (c) LICENSE TO MANUFACTURE AND SELL SERVICE FLAGS AND  
 37 SERVICE LAPEL BUTTONS.—Any person may apply to the Secretary for a  
 38 license to manufacture and sell the approved service flag, or the approved  
 39 service lapel button, or both. Any person that manufactures a service flag

1 or service lapel button without having first obtained a license, or otherwise  
 2 violates this section is liable to the United States Government for a civil  
 3 penalty of not more than \$1,000.

4 (d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary may prescribe regulations necessary  
 5 to carry out this section.

### 6 **§ 902. National League of Families POW/MIA Flag**

7 (a) DESIGNATION.—The National League of Families POW/MIA flag  
 8 is designated as the symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to re-  
 9 solving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and  
 10 unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their  
 11 families and the Nation.

12 (b) DISPLAY.—The flag shall be displayed—

13 (1) at each national cemetery and at the National Vietnam Veter-  
 14 ans Memorial each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day and on  
 15 any day designated by law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day;  
 16 and

17 (2) on, or on the grounds of, the buildings containing the primary  
 18 offices of the Secretaries of State, Defense, and Veterans Affairs, and  
 19 the Director of the Selective Service System on any day designated by  
 20 law as National POW/MIA Recognition Day.

21 (c) TERMINATION OF FLAG DISPLAY REQUIREMENT.—Subsection (b)  
 22 of this section ceases to apply when the President decides that the fullest  
 23 possible accounting has been made of all members of the armed forces and  
 24 civilian employees of the United States Government who have been identi-  
 25 fied as prisoners of war or missing in action in Southeast Asia.

## 26 **PART B—UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ORGANIZA-** 27 **TIONS INVOLVED WITH OBSERVANCES AND CERE-** 28 **MONIES**

### 29 **CHAPTER 21—AMERICAN BATTLE MONUMENTS** 30 **COMMISSION**

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#### 31 **§ 2101. Membership**

32 (a) COMPOSITION AND TERMS.—The American Battle Monuments  
 33 Commission has not more than 11 members appointed by the President.

1 The President also shall appoint one officer of the Regular Army to serve  
2 as secretary of the Commission. The members and secretary serve at the  
3 pleasure of the President. The President shall fill any vacancies that occur.  
4 Notwithstanding any other law, members of the armed forces may be ap-  
5 pointed members of the Commission.

6 (b) PAY AND EXPENSES.—The members of the Commission serve with-  
7 out compensation. However, the members of the Commission may receive,  
8 from an amount appropriated to carry out this chapter or acquired by an-  
9 other authorized way—

10 (1) their actual expenses related to the work of the Commission;

11 (2) when in a travel status outside the continental United States,  
12 a per diem at the rate authorized to be paid for members of the uni-  
13 formed services under section 405 of title 37, instead of subsistence;  
14 and

15 (3) when in a travel status in the continental United States, a per  
16 diem at the rate authorized to be paid under sections 5702 and 5703  
17 of title 5, instead of subsistence.

18 (c) EXPENSES OF OFFICERS OF ARMED FORCES SERVING ON COMMIS-  
19 SION.—An officer of the armed forces serving as a member or as secretary  
20 of the Commission may be reimbursed for expenses when traveling on busi-  
21 ness of the Commission in the same way as civilian members of the Com-  
22 mission.

### 23 **§ 2102. Employment of personnel**

24 (a) GENERAL.—Within the limits of an appropriation made to employ  
25 personnel, the American Battle Monuments Commission may employ per-  
26 sonnel necessary to carry out this chapter. To ensure adequate care and  
27 maintenance of cemeteries, monuments, and memorials, the Commission,  
28 subject to the availability of appropriations, shall employ—

29 (1) at least 50 individuals in the competitive service (as defined  
30 in section 2102 of title 5), of whom at least 43 shall be assigned to  
31 duty in foreign countries where the cemeteries, monuments, and memo-  
32 rials are located; and

33 (2) at least 348 individuals who are citizens of the countries where  
34 the cemeteries, monuments, and memorials are located.

35 (b) DETAILED PERSONNEL.—On request of the Commission, the heads  
36 of departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States Gov-  
37 ernment may make available to the Commission their personnel and facili-  
38 ties to assist in carrying out this chapter, and may expend for that purpose  
39 amounts appropriated to the department, agency, and instrumentality. The  
40 Commission shall reimburse the department, agency, or instrumentality for  
41 the pay and allowances of designated personnel.

1 (e) STATION ALLOWANCE FOR OFFICERS ASSIGNED TO THE COMMISS-  
2 SION.—For officers of the armed forces assigned to the Commission, the  
3 same station allowance shall be authorized for serving at foreign stations  
4 as the Secretary of the Army has authorized for officers of the Army.

5 (d) CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENT.—An individual may be employed as  
6 the superintendent, or as an assistant superintendent, of a cemetery oper-  
7 ated by the Commission only if the individual is a citizen of the United  
8 States.

9 **§ 2103. Administrative**

10 (a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—Subject to appropriations made to carry  
11 out this chapter, the American Battle Monuments Commission may—

12 (1) acquire land or an interest in land in a foreign country to  
13 carry out the purposes of this chapter, or an executive order conferring  
14 duties and powers on the Commission, without submission to the Attor-  
15 ney General under section 355 of the Revised Statutes (40 U.S.C.  
16 255);

17 (2) maintain, repair, and operate motor-propelled passenger-carry-  
18 ing vehicles and other property that another department, agency, or in-  
19 strumentality of the United States Government provides to the Com-  
20 mission;

21 (3) establish offices in the District of Columbia and elsewhere in  
22 or outside the United States;

23 (4) rent office and garage space, which may be paid for in ad-  
24 vance, in foreign countries; and

25 (5) procure printing, binding, engraving, lithographing,  
26 photographing, and typewriting, including the publication of informa-  
27 tion on United States activities, battlefields, memorials, and cemeteries  
28 with respect to which the Commission may exercise any duties and  
29 powers.

30 (b) DISPOSITION OF LAND.—Under conditions and in the manner the  
31 Commission decides is proper, the Commission may dispose of land or an  
32 interest in land in a foreign country that the Commission acquires in con-  
33 nection with its work.

34 (c) CONTRACTING OUT.—Notwithstanding the requirements of existing  
35 laws or regulations, the Commission, under conditions the Commission de-  
36 cides are necessary and proper, may contract for work, supplies, materials,  
37 and equipment outside or for use outside the United States and engage the  
38 services of architects and other technical and professional personnel.

39 (d) DELEGATION.—Under conditions the Commission may prescribe,  
40 the Commission may delegate to its Chairman, secretary, or officials in

1 charge of any of its offices any of its authority it considers necessary and  
2 proper.

3 (e) AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE STATE, LOCAL, OR PRIVATE AMOUNTS.—  
4 The Commission may receive State, local, or private amounts to carry out  
5 this chapter. The Commission shall deposit the amounts with the Treasurer  
6 of the United States. The Treasurer shall keep the amounts in separate ac-  
7 counts and shall disburse the amounts on vouchers approved by the Chair-  
8 man.

9 (f) LIMITATION ON USE OF CONTRIBUTIONS.—The Commission may  
10 not obligate, withdraw, or expend amounts received as contributions before  
11 March 1, 1998.

12 (g) STATEMENTS TO PRESIDENT.—The Commission shall transmit to  
13 the President on October 1 of each year a statement of all its financial and  
14 other transactions during the prior fiscal year.

15 (h) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITS.—(1) The Commission shall  
16 have a system of financial controls to enable the Commission to comply with  
17 the requirements of paragraph (2) of this subsection and with section  
18 2106(d)(4) of this title.

19 (2) The Commission shall—

20 (A) by March 1 of each year (beginning with 1998)—

21 (i) prepare a financial statement which covers all accounts  
22 and associated activities of the Commission for the prior fiscal  
23 year and is consistent with the requirements of section 3515 of  
24 title 31; and

25 (ii) submit the financial statement, together with a narrative  
26 summary, to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate  
27 and House of Representatives; and

28 (B) obtain an audit by the Comptroller General of each financial  
29 statement prepared under subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, which  
30 shall be conducted in accordance with applicable generally accepted  
31 government auditing standards and shall be in lieu of any audit other-  
32 wise required by law.

33 (i) DISPOSITION OF RECORDS AND ARCHIVES.—When no longer re-  
34 quired by the Commission, the records and archives of the Commission shall  
35 be deposited with the National Archives in accordance with section 2107 of  
36 title 44.

37 (j) SEAL.—The Commission shall have a seal that shall be judicially  
38 noticed.

39 (k) DISBURSEMENTS OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.—Dis-  
40 bursements for expenditures outside the continental United States may be

1 made by a special disbursing agent designated by the Commission under  
2 regulations it prescribes.

3 **§ 2104. Military cemeteries in foreign countries**

4 When, as a result of combat operations, the armed forces establish  
5 military cemeteries in zones of operations outside the United States and the  
6 territories and possessions of the United States, the American Battle Monu-  
7 ments Commission and the Secretary of the Army, immediately on the ces-  
8 sation of hostilities, shall decide which of the cemeteries will become perma-  
9 nent cemeteries or, if they decide it is desirable, shall select new sites for  
10 the cemeteries at any other location. The Commission is solely responsible  
11 for the design and construction of the permanent cemeteries, and of all  
12 buildings, plantings, headstones, and other permanent improvements inci-  
13 dental to the cemeteries, except that—

14 (1) the armed forces are responsible for maintaining the perma-  
15 nent cemeteries until the Commission declares its readiness to assume  
16 the authorized administrative duties and powers;

17 (2) all construction undertaken by the armed forces in establishing  
18 and maintaining the cemetery prior to its transfer to the Commission  
19 shall be nonpermanent;

20 (3) burials and reburials by the armed forces shall be carried out  
21 in accordance with plans prepared by the Commission; and

22 (4) the armed forces have the right to re-enter a cemetery trans-  
23 ferred to the Commission to exhume or reinter a body if they decide  
24 it is necessary.

25 **§ 2105. Monuments built by the United States Government**

26 (a) MEMORIALS.—The American Battle Monuments Commission shall  
27 prepare plans and estimates to build suitable memorials commemorating the  
28 service of American armed forces, and shall build and maintain memorials  
29 in the United States and, as the Commission decides, at any place outside  
30 the United States where the armed forces have served since April 6, 1917.

31 (b) ARCHITECTURE AND ART.—The Commission shall build and main-  
32 tain works of architecture and art in United States cemeteries located out-  
33 side the United States and the territories and possessions of the United  
34 States that are permanent cemeteries. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
35 shall maintain works of architecture and art built by the Commission in the  
36 National Cemetery System, as described in section 2400(b) of title 38.

37 (c) CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF MATERIALS, DESIGN, AND BUILD-  
38 ING.—(1) The Commission shall control the materials and design and pre-  
39 scribe regulations for, and supervise the building of, all memorial monu-  
40 ments and buildings in United States cemeteries located outside the United  
41 States and the territories and possessions of the United States.



1 (c) ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPAIR OR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF  
 2 MEMORIALS.—In assuming responsibility for a war memorial under sub-  
 3 section (b)(1) or (2) of this section, the Commission may arrange with the  
 4 sponsors of the memorial to provide for repair or long-term maintenance of  
 5 the memorial. An amount transferred to the Commission for the purpose  
 6 of this subsection shall be deposited by the Commission in the fund estab-  
 7 lished under subsection (d) of this section.

8 (d) FUND FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR REPAIR OR LONG-TERM MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS.—(1) There is a fund in the Treasury that is avail-  
 9 able to the Commission for expenses of repair and long-term maintenance  
 10 of memorials for which the Commission has made arrangements under sub-  
 11 section (c) of this section. The fund consists of—

12 (A) amounts deposited into, and interest and proceeds credited to,  
 13 the fund under paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

14 (B) obligations obtained under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

15 (2) The Commission shall deposit into the fund the amounts that are  
 16 accepted under subsection (c) of this section. The Secretary of the Treasury  
 17 shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the proceeds from the sale or  
 18 redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

19 (3) The Secretary shall invest any part of the fund that the Commis-  
 20 sion decides is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall  
 21 be made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States Government,  
 22 or an obligation that has its principal and interest guaranteed by the Gov-  
 23 ernment, that the Commission decides has a maturity suitable for the fund.

24 (4) The Commission shall separately account for all amounts deposited  
 25 in and expended from the fund for each war memorial for which an arrange-  
 26 ment for repair or long term maintenance is made under subsection (c) of  
 27 this section.

28 (e) DEMOLITION OF WAR MEMORIAL BUILT IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY  
 29 AND DISPOSITION OF SITE.—The Commission may take necessary action to  
 30 demolish any war memorial built outside the United States by a citizen of  
 31 the United States, a State, a political subdivision of a State, a governmental  
 32 authority (except a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United  
 33 States Government), a foreign agency, or a private association and to dis-  
 34 pose of the site of the memorial in a way the Commission decides is proper,  
 35 if—

36 (1) the appropriate foreign authorities agree to the demolition;

37 and

38 (2)(A) the sponsor of the memorial consents to the demolition; or

39 (B) the memorial has fallen into disrepair and a reasonable effort  
 40 by the Commission has failed—  
 41

1 (i) to persuade the sponsor to maintain the memorial at a  
2 standard acceptable to the Commission; or

3 (ii) to locate the sponsor.

4 **§ 2107. National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific**

5 With the consent of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the American  
6 Battle Monuments Commission may build works of architecture and art in  
7 the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

8 **§ 2108. Pacific War Memorial and other historical and me-**  
9 **morial sites on Corregidor**

10 (a) GENERAL.—After an agreement is made between the government  
11 of the Republic of the Philippines and the United States Government, the  
12 American Battle Monuments Commission shall restore, operate, and main-  
13 tain the Pacific War Memorial and other historical and memorial sites on  
14 Corregidor.

15 (b) PERSONNEL.—The Commission may employ necessary personnel to  
16 carry out this section.

17 (c) USE OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTAL-  
18 TIES.—Departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the United States  
19 Government may assist the Commission, on a reimbursable basis, in carry-  
20 ing out this section.

21 (d) AUTHORITY TO SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS.—To carry out this sec-  
22 tion, the Commission may solicit and accept private contributions and shall  
23 deposit the contributions in the fund established by subsection (f) of this  
24 section.

25 (e) USE OF PRIVATE AMOUNTS.—The Commission shall carry out this  
26 section with private amounts except to the extent amounts are appropriated  
27 under subsection (g) of this section.

28 (f) FUND.—(1) There is a fund in the Treasury that is available to  
29 the Commission only to carry out this section. The fund consists of—

30 (A) amounts deposited into, and interest and proceeds credited to,  
31 the fund under paragraph (2) of this subsection; and

32 (B) obligations obtained under paragraph (3) of this subsection.

33 (2) The Chairman of the Commission shall deposit into the fund the  
34 amounts that are accepted under subsection (d) of this section. The Sec-  
35 retary of the Treasury shall credit to the fund the interest on, and the pro-  
36 ceeds from the sale or redemption of, obligations held in the fund.

37 (3) The Secretary shall invest any part of the fund that the Chairman  
38 decides is not required to meet current expenses. Each investment shall be  
39 made in an interest-bearing obligation of the United States Government, or  
40 an obligation that has its principal and interest guaranteed by the Govern-  
41 ment, that the Chairman decides has a maturity suitable for the fund.

1 (4) Amounts in the fund exceeding the cost of carrying out this section,  
 2 as decided by the Chairman, shall be deposited in the Treasury as mis-  
 3 cellaneous receipts to reimburse the United States Government for amounts  
 4 appropriated under subsection (g) of this section.

5 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be  
 6 appropriated—

7 (1) \$6,000,000 for site preparation, design, planning, construc-  
 8 tion, and associated administrative costs for the restoration of the Me-  
 9 morial and other historical and memorial sites referred to in subsection  
 10 (a) of this section; and

11 (2) amounts necessary to operate and maintain the Memorial and  
 12 those other historical and memorial sites.

### 13 § 2109. Foreign Currency Fluctuations Account

14 (a) ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE.—There is an account in the  
 15 Treasury known as the “Foreign Currency Fluctuations, American Battle  
 16 Monuments Commission, Account”. The Account shall be used to provide  
 17 amounts, in addition to amounts appropriated for salaries and expenses of  
 18 the Commission, to pay the cost of salaries and expenses that exceeds the  
 19 amount appropriated for salaries and expenses because of fluctuations in  
 20 currency exchange rates of foreign countries occurring after a budget re-  
 21 quest for the Commission is submitted to Congress. The Account may not  
 22 be used for any other purpose.

23 (b) INCREASE IN PERMISSIBLE OBLIGATIONS OF AMOUNTS.—A provi-  
 24 sion of law limiting the amounts the Commission may obligate in a fiscal  
 25 year shall be increased to the extent necessary to reflect fluctuations in ex-  
 26 change rates from those used in preparing the budget submission.

27 (c) TRANSFERRED AMOUNTS.—(1) Amounts in the Account may be  
 28 transferred to amounts appropriated for salaries and expenses of the Com-  
 29 mission. Transferred amounts shall be merged with, and are available for  
 30 the same time period as, the appropriation to which they are applied.

31 (2) Amounts transferred from the Account may be transferred back—

32 (A) if the amounts are not needed to pay obligations incurred be-  
 33 cause of fluctuations in currency exchange rates of foreign countries in  
 34 the appropriation to which the amounts were originally transferred; or

35 (B) because of subsequent favorable fluctuations in the rates or  
 36 because other amounts are, or become, available to pay the obligations.

37 (3) Amounts transferred to an appropriation under this subsection may  
 38 not be transferred back to the Account after the end of the 2d fiscal year  
 39 after the fiscal year in which the appropriation was available for obligation.

40 (d) RECORDING OF OBLIGATIONS AND FLUCTUATIONS IN EXCHANGE  
 41 RATES.—An obligation of the Commission payable in the currency of a for-

1 eign country may be recorded as an obligation based on exchange rates used  
 2 in preparing a budget submission. A change reflecting fluctuations in ex-  
 3 change rates may be recorded as a disbursement is made.

4 (e) UNOBLIGATED BALANCES.—The unobligated balance of an appro-  
 5 priation for salaries and expenses may be transferred to the Account not  
 6 later than the end of the 2d fiscal year following the fiscal year for which  
 7 the appropriation was made. The unobligated balance shall be merged with,  
 8 and be available for the same period and purposes as, the Account.

9 (f) ANNUAL REPORT.—The Commission each year shall submit to the  
 10 appropriate committees of Congress a report on amounts transferred under  
 11 this section.

12 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be  
 13 appropriated \$3,000,000 to the Account.

#### 14 **§ 2110. Claims against the Commission**

15 A claim against the American Battle Monuments Commission that is  
 16 similar to a claim described in section 2734 of title 10, that is based on  
 17 damage to, or loss or destruction of, property, or personal injury or death  
 18 of an individual, and that is caused by the negligent or wrongful act or  
 19 omission of an officer or civilian employee of the Commission acting within  
 20 the scope of the officer's or employee's office or employment, may be settled,  
 21 decided, and paid as provided in section 2734 for the settlement of Army  
 22 claims. However, the Secretary of the Army may appoint an officer or em-  
 23 ployee of the Commission to a claims commission or as an officer to approve  
 24 settlements of claims made by the claims commission. All payments in set-  
 25 tlement of a claim shall be made out of appropriations made to carry out  
 26 this chapter.

#### 27 **§ 2111. Presidential duties and powers**

28 (a) ARRANGEMENTS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.—The President is  
 29 requested to make the necessary arrangements with the proper authorities  
 30 of the appropriate foreign countries to enable the American Battle Monu-  
 31 ments Commission to carry out this chapter.

32 (b) TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AND POWERS AND SUP-  
 33 PLIES, MATERIAL, AND EQUIPMENT TO COMMISSION.—(1) The President  
 34 by executive order may transfer to the Commission—

35 (A) the same administrative duties and powers related to a perma-  
 36 nent military cemetery located outside the United States and the terri-  
 37 tories and possessions of the United States that were transferred to the  
 38 Commission by Executive Order 6614, February 26, 1934, and Execu-  
 39 tive Order 10057, May 14, 1949, as amended by Executive Order  
 40 10087, December 3, 1949; and

1 (B) supplies, material, and equipment located in the permanent  
2 military cemetery or in a military depot overseas that—

3 (i) the Department of Defense does not need; and

4 (ii) the Commission requests to carry out the duties and pow-  
5 ers specified in clause (A) of this paragraph.

6 (2) After a transfer under this subsection, the Commission shall main-  
7 tain the cemetery and all improvements in it.

8 **§ 2112. Care and maintenance of Surrender Tree site**

9 The American Battle Monuments Commission is responsible for the  
10 care and maintenance of the Surrender Tree site in Santiago, Cuba.

11 **CHAPTER 23—UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL**  
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13 **§ 2301. Establishment and purposes**

14 The United States Holocaust Memorial Council is an independent es-  
15 tablishment of the United States Government. The Council shall—

16 (1) provide for appropriate ways for the Nation to commemorate  
17 the Days of Remembrance as an annual, national, civic commemoration  
18 of the Holocaust;

19 (2) encourage and sponsor appropriate observances of the Days of  
20 Remembrance throughout the United States;

21 (3) plan, construct, and operate a permanent living memorial mu-  
22 seum to the victims of the holocaust in cooperation with the Secretary  
23 of the Interior and other departments, agencies, and instrumentalities  
24 of the United States Government as provided in section 2305 of this  
25 title; and

26 (4) develop a plan for carrying out the recommendations of the  
27 President's Commission on the Holocaust in its report to the President  
28 of September 27, 1979, to the extent the recommendations are not oth-  
29 erwise provided for in this chapter.

30 **§ 2302. Membership**

31 (a) COMPOSITION.—(1) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council  
32 consists of 65 voting members and the following ex officio nonvoting mem-  
33 bers:

34 (A) one appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

35 (B) one appointed by the Secretary of State.

1 (C) one appointed by the Secretary of Education.

2 (2) Of the 65 voting members—

3 (A) the President of the United States appoints 55;

4 (B) the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints 5 from  
5 among members of the House of Representatives; and

6 (C) the President pro tempore of the Senate appoints 5, on the  
7 recommendation of the majority and minority leaders, from among  
8 members of the Senate.

9 (b) TERMS OF OFFICE.—(1) Except as provided in this subsection,  
10 Council members serve for terms of 5 years.

11 (2) The terms of the 5 members of the House of Representatives and  
12 the 5 members of the Senate appointed during a term of Congress expire  
13 at the end of that term of Congress.

14 (c) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—The President of the  
15 United States shall appoint the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the  
16 Council from among the members of the Council. The Chairperson and Vice  
17 Chairperson serve for terms of 5 years.

18 (d) VACANCIES.—(1) A vacancy on the Council shall be filled in the  
19 same manner as the original appointment was made.

20 (2) A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expira-  
21 tion of the term for which the predecessor was appointed shall be appointed  
22 only for the remainder of the term. A member, except a Member of Con-  
23 gress appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the  
24 President pro tempore of the Senate, may serve after the expiration of a  
25 term until a successor takes office.

26 (3) The President of the United States fills a vacancy in the offices  
27 of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson.

28 (e) REAPPOINTMENT.—A member whose term expires may be re-  
29 appointed. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may be reappointed to  
30 those offices.

31 (f) PAY AND EXPENSES.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of  
32 this subsection, members of the Council may be paid the daily equivalent  
33 of the maximum annual rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of  
34 title 5 for each day (including traveltime) during which they perform duties  
35 of the Council. A member is entitled to travel expenses, including a per diem  
36 allowance, as provided under section 5703 of title 5.

37 (2) Members who are full-time officers or employees of the United  
38 States Government or Members of Congress may not receive additional pay  
39 because of their service on the Council.

40 (g) ASSOCIATED COMMITTEES.—Subject to appointment by the Chair-  
41 person, an individual who is not a member of the Council may be designated

1 as a member of a committee associated with the Council. The individual  
2 serves without cost to the Government.

3 **§ 2303. Executive Director**

4 (a) APPOINTMENT AND PAY.—The Chairperson of the United States  
5 Holocaust Memorial Council shall appoint an Executive Director, subject to  
6 confirmation by the Council. The Executive Director may be paid with non-  
7 appropriated funds. However, if the Executive Director is paid with appro-  
8 priated funds, the rate of pay shall be a rate that is not more than the max-  
9 imum rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5. The Executive  
10 Director serves at the pleasure of the Council.

11 (b) DUTIES AND POWERS.—The Executive Director may—

12 (1) appoint employees in the competitive service subject to chapter  
13 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5;

14 (2) appoint and fix the compensation (at a rate that is not more  
15 than the maximum rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title  
16 5) of not more than 3 employees, notwithstanding any other law; and

17 (3) implement decisions of the Council, in the manner the Council  
18 directs, and carry out other functions the Council, the Executive Com-  
19 mittee of the Council, or the Chairperson assigns.

20 **§ 2304. Gifts, bequests, and devises of property**

21 (a) GENERAL.—The United States Holocaust Memorial Council may  
22 solicit, accept, own, administer, invest, and use gifts, bequests, and devises  
23 of property to aid or facilitate the construction, maintenance, and operation  
24 of the memorial museum. The property and the proceeds of the property  
25 shall be used as nearly as possible in accordance with the terms of the gift,  
26 bequest, or devise donating the property. Funds donated to and accepted  
27 by the Council under this section are not considered appropriated funds and  
28 are not subject to any requirements or restrictions applicable to appro-  
29 priated funds.

30 (b) TAX TREATMENT.—For the purposes of Federal income, estate,  
31 and gift taxes, property accepted under this section is deemed to be a gift,  
32 bequest, or devise to the United States Government.

33 **§ 2305. Memorial museum**

34 (a) TRANSFER OR PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT  
35 OF COLUMBIA.—For the purpose of establishing the memorial museum, and  
36 with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior in consultation with the  
37 Commission of Fine Arts and the National Capital Planning Commission—

38 (1) a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States  
39 Government may transfer to the administrative jurisdiction of the  
40 United States Holocaust Memorial Council, any real property in the  
41 District of Columbia that is under the administrative jurisdiction of the

1 department, agency, or instrumentality and that the Council considers  
2 suitable for the memorial museum; and

3 (2) the Council may purchase, with the consent of the owner, any  
4 real property within the District of Columbia that the Council considers  
5 suitable for the memorial museum.

6 (b) ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN APPROVAL.—The architectural design for  
7 the memorial museum is subject to the approval of the Secretary of the In-  
8 terior, in consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and the National  
9 Capital Planning Commission.

10 (c) INSURANCE.—The Council shall maintain insurance on the memo-  
11 rial museum to cover the risks, in the amount, and containing the terms  
12 the Council considers necessary.

### 13 **§ 2306. Audits**

14 When requested by Congress, the Comptroller General shall audit fi-  
15 nancial transactions of the United States Holocaust Memorial Council, in-  
16 cluding those involving donated funds, under generally accepted auditing  
17 standards. The Council shall make available for an audit under this section  
18 all records, items, or property used by the Council that are necessary for  
19 the audit. The Council shall provide facilities for verifying transactions with  
20 the balances.

### 21 **§ 2307. Administrative**

22 (a) BYLAWS.—(1) The United States Holocaust Memorial Council shall  
23 adopt bylaws to carry out its functions under this chapter.

24 (2) The Chairperson of the Council may waive a bylaw when the Chair-  
25 person decides the waiver is in the best interest of the Council. Immediately  
26 after waiving a bylaw, the Chairperson shall send written notice to every  
27 voting member of the Council. The waiver becomes final 30 days after the  
28 notice is sent unless a majority of Council members disagrees in writing be-  
29 fore the end of the 30-day period.

30 (b) QUORUM.—One-third of the members of the Council is a quorum.  
31 A vacancy in the Council does not affect its power to function.

32 (c) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—The Council may procure the tem-  
33 porary or intermittent services of experts or consultants under section 3109  
34 of title 5, at rates that are not more than the daily equivalent of the maxi-  
35 mum annual rate of basic pay payable under section 5376 of title 5.

36 (d) CONTRACT AUTHORITY.—In accordance with applicable law, the  
37 Council may make contracts or other arrangements with public agencies or  
38 authorities and with private organizations and persons and may make pay-  
39 ments necessary to carry out its functions under this chapter.

40 (e) ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DE-  
41 PARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND INSTRUMENTALITIES.—The Secretary of the

1 Smithsonian Institution, the Library of Congress, and all departments,  
2 agencies, and instrumentalities in the executive branch of the United States  
3 Government may assist the Council in carrying out its functions under this  
4 chapter.

5 (f) ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND SUPPORT.—The Secretary of the  
6 Interior may provide administrative services and support to the Council on  
7 a reimbursable basis.

8 **§ 2308. Annual report**

9 Each year, the Executive Director of the United States Holocaust Me-  
10 morial Council shall submit to Congress a report on the Executive Direc-  
11 tor's stewardship of the authority to construct, maintain, and operate the  
12 memorial museum, including an accounting of all financial transactions in-  
13 volving donated funds.

14 **§ 2309. Authorization of appropriations**

15 (a) GENERAL.—Amounts necessary to carry out this chapter are au-  
16 thorized to be appropriated for each of the fiscal years ending September  
17 30, 1997–2000. Notwithstanding any other law, necessary amounts are au-  
18 thorized to be appropriated to the Council to obtain, from a private insur-  
19 ance carrier, insurance against loss in connection with the memorial mu-  
20 seum and related property and exhibits.

21 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS FOR CONSTRUCTION BARRED.—Amounts au-  
22 thorized under this chapter may not be used for construction.

23 (c) PRIOR AUTHORITY REQUIRED.—Authority to make contracts and  
24 to make payments under this chapter, using amounts authorized to be ap-  
25 propriated under this section, are effective only to the extent, and in  
26 amounts, provided in advance in an appropriations law.

27 **CHAPTER 25—PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON**  
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29 **§ 2501. Acceptance of voluntary services and money or prop-**  
30 **erty**

31 The President's Committee on Employment of People With Disabil-  
32 ities—

33 (1) notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, may accept voluntary  
34 and uncompensated services; and

35 (2) may accept, use, and dispose of any money or property the  
36 Committee receives.

37 **§ 2502. Authorization of appropriations**

38 (a) GENERAL.—Amounts necessary for the work of the President's  
39 Committee on Employment of People With Disabilities are authorized to be

1 appropriated for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, to be expended  
 2 in the manner and by agencies the President may direct.

3 (b) USES.—Amounts appropriated under this section are to be used to  
 4 carry out the purposes of National Disability Employment Awareness Month  
 5 and to enable the President to provide the Committee with adequate person-  
 6 nel to assist in its activities, and otherwise to provide the Committee with  
 7 the means of carrying out a program to promote the employment of individ-  
 8 uals with disabilities, by—

9 (1) creating interest throughout the United States in the rehabili-  
 10 tation and employment of such individuals; and

11 (2) obtaining and maintaining cooperation from all public and pri-  
 12 vate groups in the field.

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**PART A—GENERAL**  
**CHAPTER 101—GENERAL**

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3

**§ 10101. Audits**

4

(a) GENERAL.—Except as otherwise provided, the financial statements of each corporation in part B of this subtitle shall be audited annually in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by an independent certified public accountant or independent licensed public accountant, certified or licensed by a regulatory authority of a State or other political subdivision of the United States. The audit shall be conducted where the financial statements of the corporation normally are kept. The person conducting the audit shall be given access to—

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(1) all records and property owned or used by the corporation necessary to facilitate the audit; and

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(2) full facilities for verifying transactions with the balances or securities held by depositories, fiscal agents, and custodians.

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(b) REPORT.—(1) The corporation shall submit a report of the audit to Congress not later than 6 months after the close of the fiscal year for which the audit is made. The report shall describe the scope of the audit and include—

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(A) statements necessary to present fairly the corporation's assets, liabilities, and surplus or deficit, and an analysis of the changes in those amounts during the year;

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(B) a statement in reasonable detail of the corporation's income and expenses during the year including the results of any trading, manufacturing, publishing, or other commercial-type endeavor; and

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(C) the independent auditor's opinion of those statements.

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(2) The report may not be printed as a public document, except as part of proceedings authorized to be printed under section 1332 of title 44.

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**§ 10102. Reservation of right to amend or repeal**

30

(a) GENERAL.—Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of part B of this subtitle.

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(b) NONAPPLICATION.—Subsection (a) of this section does not apply to chapters 213, 407, 801, 1403, 1503 (except section 150302(b)), 1513, 1517, 1531, and 1539 of this title.

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- 20111. Use of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

#### § 20101. Organization

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Agricultural Hall of Fame (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

#### § 20102. Purposes

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and maintain one or more funds and to use any part of the principal or interest only for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributing to organizations authorized to carry on similar activities;

(2) to honor farmers, farm women, farm leaders, teachers, scientists, inventors, governmental leaders, and other individuals who have helped make this Nation great by their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of agriculture in the United States;

(3) to perpetuate the memory of those individuals and record their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance of buildings and monuments as may be appropriate as a lasting memorial;

(4) to promote a greater sense of appreciation of the dignity and importance of agriculture, historically carried out through owner-operated farms, and the part it has played in developing those social, economic, and spiritual values which are essential in maintaining the free and democratic institutions of our Republic;

(5) to establish and maintain a library and museum for the collection and preservation for posterity of agricultural tools, implements, machines, vehicles, pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, data, relics, mementos, artifacts, and other items relating to agriculture;

1 (6) to cooperate with other organizations interested in similar  
2 projects; and

3 (7) to engage in other activities appropriate to carry out its pur-  
4 poses.

5 **§ 20103. Membership**

6 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
7 membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
8 of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

9 (b) VOTING.—Each member given voting rights by the bylaws has one  
10 vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the voting mem-  
11 bers. The vote may be cast in the manner provided in the bylaws.

12 **§ 20104. Governing body**

13 (a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the govern-  
14 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the cor-  
15 poration, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of  
16 the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

17 (2) The number of governors, their manner of selection (including the  
18 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws.  
19 However, the board shall have at least 15 members.

20 (3) The board may appoint committees. Each committee has the pow-  
21 ers provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board. The powers of a  
22 committee may include all the powers of the board.

23 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
24 or more vice presidents as provided in the bylaws, a secretary, a treas-  
25 urer, one or more assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers, and other  
26 officers as provided in the bylaws.

27 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
28 are as provided in the bylaws.

29 **§ 20105. Powers**

30 The corporation may—

31 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property  
32 and the regulation of its affairs;

33 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

34 (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
35 ties of the corporation require;

36 (4) make contracts;

37 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
38 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

39 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
40 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

41 (7) sue and be sued.

1 **§ 20106. Restrictions**

2 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
3 declare or pay a dividend.

4 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a governor, officer,  
5 employee, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a  
6 political party or candidate for public office.

7 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
8 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a gov-  
9 ernor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on  
10 its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
11 ment of compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by  
12 the board of governors.

13 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a  
14 governor, officer, employee, or member. Governors who vote for or assent  
15 to making a loan or advance to a governor, officer, employee, or member,  
16 and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and  
17 severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance  
18 until it is repaid.

19 (e) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—None of the prin-  
20 cipal or interest of a fund referred to in section 20102(1) of this title may  
21 be contributed to an organization if—

22 (1) a substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda  
23 or attempting to influence legislation; or

24 (2) any part of its net earnings benefits a private shareholder or  
25 individual.

26 **§ 20107. Principal office**

27 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Kansas City, Kansas,  
28 or another place decided by the board of governors. However, the activities  
29 of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office  
30 is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and pos-  
31 sessions of the United States.

32 **§ 20108. Records and inspection**

33 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

34 (1) correct and complete records of account;

35 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of governors,  
36 and committees having any of the authority of its board of governors;  
37 and

38 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
39 its members entitled to vote.

1 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
2 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
3 purpose, at any reasonable time.

4 **§ 20109. Service of process**

5 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
6 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
7 the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

8 **§ 20110. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

9 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
10 within the scope of their authority.

11 **§ 20111. Use of assets on dissolution or final liquidation**

12 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets of the  
13 corporation remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distrib-  
14 uted as provided by the board of governors, but in compliance with the char-  
15 ter and bylaws.

16 **CHAPTER 203—AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ARTS AND**  
17 **LETTERS**

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20301. Organization.

20302. Purpose.

20303. Membership.

20304. Powers.

20305. Annual meeting.

20306. Annual report.

20307. Nonapplication of audit requirements.

18 **§ 20301. Organization**

19 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Academy of Arts and Letters (in  
20 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

21 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be in-  
22 corporated in the District of Columbia.

23 **§ 20302. Purpose**

24 The purpose of the corporation is to further the interests of literature  
25 and the fine arts.

26 **§ 20303. Membership**

27 The corporation may have not more than 50 regular members.

28 **§ 20304. Powers**

29 The corporation may—

30 (1) adopt bylaws and regulations;

31 (2) fill vacancies;

32 (3) provide for the election of foreign, domestic, or honorary asso-  
33 ciate members, and the division of those members into classes;

34 (4) receive bequests and donations of property, hold the property  
35 in trust, and invest the property to carry out the purpose of the cor-  
36 poration; and

1 (5) do any other act necessary or usual for such a corporation.

2 **§ 20305. Annual meeting**

3 The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place in the United  
4 States as may be designated.

5 **§ 20306. Annual report**

6 The corporation shall make an annual report to Congress, to be filed  
7 with the Librarian of Congress.

8 **§ 20307. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

9 The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
10 the corporation.

11 **CHAPTER 205—AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY**

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20501. Organization.

20502. Purposes.

20503. Powers.

20504. Cooperation with the military.

20505. Annual meeting.

20506. Annual report.

12 **§ 20501. Organization**

13 American Chemical Society (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a  
14 federally chartered corporation.

15 **§ 20502. Purposes**

16 The purposes of the corporation are—

17 (1) to encourage in the broadest and most liberal manner the ad-  
18 vancement of chemistry in all its branches;

19 (2) to promote research in chemical science and industry;

20 (3) to improve the qualifications and usefulness of chemists  
21 through high standards of professional ethics, education, and attain-  
22 ments;

23 (4) to increase and diffuse chemical knowledge; and

24 (5) by its meetings, professional contacts, reports, papers, discus-  
25 sions, and publications, to promote scientific interests and inquiry to  
26 foster public welfare and education, aid the development of our coun-  
27 try’s industries, and add to the material prosperity and happiness of  
28 our people.

29 **§ 20503. Powers**

30 The corporation may—

31 (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

32 (2) fill vacancies;

33 (3) provide for the election of members and the division of those  
34 members into classes;

35 (4) receive property, hold the property absolutely or in trust, in-  
36 vest and manage the property, and use the property and income arising  
37 from it to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

1           (5) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
2           poses of the corporation.

3   **§ 20504. Cooperation with the military**

4           (a) INVESTIGATIONS, EXAMINATIONS, EXPERIMENTS, AND REPORTS.—  
5   When requested by the Secretary of the Army, Air Force, or Navy, the cor-  
6   poration shall investigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject  
7   in pure or applied chemistry connected with the national defense.

8           (b) PAYMENTS.—The actual expense of those investigations, examina-  
9   tions, experiments, and reports shall be paid from amounts appropriated for  
10  those purposes, but the corporation may not receive compensation for any  
11  services performed for the United States Government.

12          (c) TITLE AND LICENSE.—Title to inventions and discoveries made in  
13  the course of those investigations, examinations, and experiments that the  
14  appropriate Secretary believes involve the national defense vest in the Gov-  
15  ernment. The Government shall have unlimited license under other inven-  
16  tions and discoveries made in the course of those investigations, examina-  
17  tions, and experiments.

18  **§ 20505. Annual meeting**

19          The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place in the United  
20  States as may from time to time be designated.

21  **§ 20506. Annual report**

22          Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
23  a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
24  calendar year, including a complete statement of its receipts and expendi-  
25  tures. The report may not be printed as a public document.

26                   **CHAPTER 207—AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED**  
27                   **SOCIETIES**

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- 20701. Definition.
- 20702. Organization.
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- 20705. Governing body.
- 20706. Powers.
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- 20708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status.
- 20709. Records and inspection.
- 20710. Service of process.
- 20711. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 20712. Annual report.

28  **§ 20701. Definition**

29          For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
30  and the territories and possessions of the United States.

1    **§ 20702. Organization**

2           American Council of Learned Societies (in this chapter, the “corpora-  
3    tion”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Columbia, is  
4    a federally chartered corporation.

5    **§ 20703. Purposes**

6           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
7    poration and include—

8           (1) the advancement of the humanistic studies in all fields of  
9    learning; and

10          (2) the maintenance and strengthening of relations among the na-  
11    tional societies devoted to those studies.

12   **§ 20704. Membership**

13          Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
14    corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
15    constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

16   **§ 20705. Governing body**

17          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
18    sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

19          (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
20    vided in the articles of incorporation.

21   **§ 20706. Powers**

22          The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
23    of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

24   **§ 20707. Restrictions**

25          (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
26    declare or pay a dividend.

27          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
28    such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
29    or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

30          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
31    the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
32    tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
33    ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
34    tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
35    amounts approved by the board of directors.

36          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
37    cer, or employee.

38          (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
39    poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
40    United States Government for any of its activities.

1    **§ 20708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

2           The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
3 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
4 seq.). If the corporation does not maintain that status, the charter granted  
5 by this chapter expires.

6    **§ 20709. Records and inspection**

7           (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

8               (1) correct and complete records of account;

9               (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
10           and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
11           and

12               (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
13           its members entitled to vote.

14           (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
15 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
16 purpose, at any reasonable time.

17    **§ 20710. Service of process**

18           The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
19 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
20 tivities.

21    **§ 20711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

22           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
23 within the scope of their authority.

24    **§ 20712. Annual report**

25           The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
26 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
27 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
28 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

29           **CHAPTER 209—AMERICAN EX-PRISONERS OF WAR**

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20909. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status.

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20912. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

20913. Annual report.

30    **§ 20901. Definition**

31           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
32 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

1    **§ 20902. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Ex-Prisoners of War (in this chap-  
3    ter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the State  
4    of Washington, is a federally chartered corporation.

5           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
6    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
7    pires.

8    **§ 20903. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
10   poration and include—

11           (1) encouraging fraternity for the common good;

12           (2) fostering patriotism and loyalty;

13           (3) assisting widows and orphans of deceased ex-prisoners of war;

14           (4) assisting ex-prisoners of war who have been injured or disabled  
15    as a result of their service;

16           (5) maintaining allegiance to the United States;

17           (6) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies;

18    and

19           (7) maintaining historical records.

20   **§ 20904. Membership**

21           Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
22   corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
23   bylaws.

24   **§ 20905. Governing body**

25           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
26   sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

27           (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
28   vided in the articles of incorporation.

29   **§ 20906. Powers**

30           The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
31   of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

32   **§ 20907. Exclusive right to name and emblem**

33           The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to  
34   use the name “American Ex-Prisoners of War” and the official American  
35   Ex-Prisoners of War emblem or any colorable simulation of that emblem.  
36   This section does not affect any vested rights.

37   **§ 20908. Restrictions**

38           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
39   declare or pay a dividend.

1 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
 2 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
 3 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

4 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 5 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 6 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
 7 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
 8 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
 9 amounts approved by the board or directors.

10 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 11 cer, or employee.

12 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
 13 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
 14 United States Government for any of its activities.

15 **§ 20909. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

16 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
 17 a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Washington.

18 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
 19 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
 20 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

21 **§ 20910. Records and inspection**

22 (a) RECORDS.—The Corporation shall keep—

23 (1) correct and complete records of account;

24 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 25 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 26 and

27 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 28 its members entitled to vote.

29 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 30 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 31 purpose, at any reasonable time.

32 **§ 20911. Service of process**

33 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
 34 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
 35 tivities.

36 **§ 20912. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

37 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 38 within the scope of their authority.

39 **§ 20913. Annual report**

40 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
 41 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be

1 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
2 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

3 **CHAPTER 211—AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS,**  
4 **INCORPORATED**

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- 21101. Definition.
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- 21103. Purposes.
- 21104. Membership.
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- 21107. Restrictions.
- 21108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status.
- 21109. Records and inspection.
- 21110. Service of process.
- 21111. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 21112. Annual report.

5 **§ 21101. Definition**

6 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
7 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

8 **§ 21102. Organization**

9 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Gold Star Mothers, Incorporated  
10 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in the District of Colum-  
11 bia, is a federally chartered corporation.

12 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
13 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
14 pires.

15 **§ 21103. Purposes**

16 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
17 poration and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

- 18 (1) keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world services;
- 19 (2) maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service, and assist  
20 and further all patriotic work;
- 21 (3) inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community,  
22 State, and Nation;
- 23 (4) assist veterans of World War I, World War II, the Korean  
24 Conflict, Vietnam, and other strategic areas and their dependents in  
25 the presentation of claims to the Department of Veterans Affairs, and  
26 aid in any way in their power the men and women who served and died  
27 or were wounded or incapacitated during hostilities;
- 28 (5) perpetuate the memory of those whose lives were sacrificed in  
29 our wars;
- 30 (6) maintain true allegiance to the United States;
- 31 (7) inculcate lessons of patriotism and love of country in the com-  
32 munities in which we live;

1 (8) inspire respect for the Stars and Stripes in the youth of Amer-  
2 ica;

3 (9) extend needful assistance to all Gold Star Mothers and, when  
4 possible, to their descendants; and

5 (10) promote peace and good will for the United States and all  
6 other Nations.

7 **§ 21104. Membership**

8 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
9 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
10 as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

11 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
12 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

13 **§ 21105. Governing body**

14 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
15 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

16 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
17 vided in the articles of incorporation.

18 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
19 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
20 tional origin.

21 **§ 21106. Powers**

22 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
23 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

24 **§ 21107. Restrictions**

25 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
26 declare or pay a dividend.

27 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
28 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
29 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
30 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
31 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
32 amounts approved by the board of directors.

33 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
34 cer, or employee.

35 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
36 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
37 United States Government for any of its activities.

38 **§ 21108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

39 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
40 a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incor-  
41 porated.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

**§ 21109. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 21110. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

**§ 21111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 21112. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**CHAPTER 213—AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

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21302. Purposes.

21303. Powers.

21304. Annual meeting.

21305. Principal office.

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21307. Annual report.

**§ 21301. Organization**

American Historical Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

**§ 21302. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to promote historical studies;

(2) to collect and preserve historical manuscripts; and

(3) other kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America.

1    **§ 21303. Powers**

2           The corporation may—

3               (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws; and

4               (2) hold property in the District of Columbia necessary to carry  
5           out the purposes of the corporation.

6    **§ 21304. Annual meeting**

7           The corporation may hold its annual meeting in a place the members  
8    of the corporation select.

9    **§ 21305. Principal office**

10          The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
11       lumbia.

12   **§ 21306. Historical collections**

13          The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may allow the corporation  
14       to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other histori-  
15       cal material in the Smithsonian Institution or the National Museum on con-  
16       ditions and under regulations the Regents prescribe.

17   **§ 21307. Annual report**

18          The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the  
19       Smithsonian Institution on the activities of the corporation and the condi-  
20       tion of historical study in America. The Secretary shall submit to Congress  
21       any part of the report the Secretary decides is appropriate.

22                   **CHAPTER 215—AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF PARIS**

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23   **§ 21501. Organization**

24           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Hospital of Paris (in this chapter,  
25       the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

26           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be in-  
27       corporated in the District of Columbia.

28           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
29       poration has perpetual existence.

30   **§ 21502. Purpose**

31          The purpose of the corporation is to maintain a hospital in the vicinity  
32       of Paris, France, to provide medical and surgical care to citizens of the  
33       United States.

34   **§ 21503. Governing body**

35           (a) GENERAL.—(1) The board of governors is the governing body of  
36       the corporation.

1           (2) The board shall have at least 12 governors, divided into 3 classes  
2 of equal numbers. One class of governors shall be elected each year for a  
3 term of 3 years or until their successors are elected. The corporation shall  
4 elect the governors at its annual meeting.

5           (b) QUORUM.—Five governors are a quorum for the transaction of  
6 business, except that a majority vote of the board is required for—

7                   (1) the sale or alienation of any real or personal estate of the cor-  
8 poration; or

9                   (2) the leasing of real estate of the corporation for a term of more  
10 than one year.

11           (c) POWERS.—The board may—

12                   (1) adopt and amend bylaws, as may be necessary and proper, re-  
13 lated to—

14                           (A) elections and meetings;

15                           (B) qualifications and duties of governors and officers;

16                           (C) admission and qualifications of members; and

17                           (D) management and disposition of the property, business,  
18 and concerns of the corporation;

19                   (2) conduct all business of the corporation;

20                   (3) fill, until the next annual election, a vacancy on the board; and

21                   (4) appoint attending and resident physicians and surgeons,  
22 agents, assistants, and attendants as may be necessary, set their com-  
23 pensation, and discharge them.

24           **§ 21504. Acquisition and management of property**

25           The corporation may acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer prop-  
26 erty, in the United States and France, to carry out the purposes of the cor-  
27 poration.

28           **§ 21505. Charges for medical services**

29           The corporation may charge a reasonable compensation for providing  
30 medical and surgical services or may provide those services without charge.  
31 Amounts received under this section shall be used to carry out the purposes  
32 of the corporation.

33           **§ 21506. Principal office**

34           The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
35 lumbia. However, offices may be maintained and meetings of the board of  
36 governors and committees may be held elsewhere.

37           **§ 21507. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

38           The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
39 the corporation.

40           **CHAPTER 217—THE AMERICAN LEGION**

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1    **§ 21701. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American Legion (in this chapter, the  
 3 “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 5 poration has perpetual existence.

6    **§ 21702. Purposes**

7           The purposes of the corporation are—

8           (1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

9           (2) to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the  
 10 United States and all the nations of the Earth;

11           (3) to preserve the memories and incidents of the 2 World Wars  
 12 and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy;

13           (4) to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and

14           (5) to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness  
 15 and service to their country.

16    **§ 21703. Membership**

17           An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the  
 18 individual—

19           (1) has served in the armed forces of—

20           (A) the United States at any time during any period from—

21           (i) April 6, 1917, through November 11, 1918;

22           (ii) December 7, 1941, through December 31, 1946;

23           (iii) June 25, 1950, through January 31, 1955;

24           (iv) December 22, 1961, through May 7, 1975;

25           (v) August 24, 1982, through July 31, 1984;

26           (vi) December 20, 1989, through January 31, 1990; or

27           (vii) August 2, 1990, through the date of cessation of  
 28 hostilities, as decided by the United States Government; or

29           (B) a government associated with the United States during  
 30 a period referred to in subclause (A) of this clause and was a citi-  
 31 zen of the United States when the individual entered that service;  
 32 and

33           (2) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or  
 34 continues to serve honorably after that period.

35    **§ 21704. Powers**

36           The corporation may—

- 1           (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the  
2 purposes of the corporation;
- 3           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- 4           (3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- 5           (4) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter  
6 or post organizations;
- 7           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
8 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- 9           (6) publish a magazine and other publications;
- 10          (7) sue and be sued; and
- 11          (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
12 poses of the corporation.

13 **§ 21705. Exclusive right to name, emblems, and badges**

14           The corporation and its State and local subdivisions have the exclusive  
15 right to use the name “The American Legion” or “American Legion”. The  
16 corporation has the exclusive right to use, manufacture, and control the  
17 right to manufacture, emblems and badges the corporation adopts.

18 **§ 21706. Political activities**

19           The corporation shall be nonpolitical and may not promote the can-  
20 didacy of an individual seeking public office.

21 **§ 21707. Service of process**

22           As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
23 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
24 ignated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that  
25 State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be  
26 served.

27 **§ 21708. Annual report**

28           Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
29 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
30 calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

31 **CHAPTER 219—THE AMERICAN NATIONAL THEATER**  
32 **AND ACADEMY**

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33 **§ 21901. Organization**

34           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American National Theater and Acad-  
35 emy (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

1 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 2 poration has perpetual existence.

3 **§ 21902. Purposes**

4 The purposes of the corporation include—

- 5 (1) the presentation of theatrical productions of the highest type;  
 6 (2) the stimulation of public interest in the drama as an art be-  
 7 longing both to the theater and to literature and to be enjoyed both  
 8 on the stage and in the study;  
 9 (3) the advancement of interest in the drama throughout the  
 10 United States by furthering the production of the best plays, inter-  
 11 preted by the best actors at a minimum cost;  
 12 (4) the further development of the study of drama of the present  
 13 and past in our universities, colleges, schools, and elsewhere; and  
 14 (5) the sponsoring, encouraging, and developing of the art and  
 15 technique of the theater through a school within the National Academy.

16 **§ 21903. Powers**

17 The corporation may—

- 18 (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;  
 19 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;  
 20 (3) establish and maintain offices and buildings to conduct its ac-  
 21 tivities;  
 22 (4) establish State and territorial organizations and local  
 23 branches;  
 24 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 25 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, subject to its con-  
 26 stitution and instructions of donors;  
 27 (6) sue and be sued; and  
 28 (7) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 29 poses of the corporation.

30 **§ 21904. Exclusive right to name**

31 The corporation and its State and local branches and subdivisions have  
 32 the exclusive right to use the name “The American National Theater and  
 33 Academy”.

34 **§ 21905. Restrictions**

35 (a) PROFIT AND STOCK.—The corporation shall be nonprofit and may  
 36 not issue stock.

37 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and  
 38 nonsectarian, and may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking  
 39 public office.

40 (c) HONORARY MEMBERS.—The corporation may not have honorary  
 41 members.

1    **§ 21906. Headquarters and meetings**

2           The corporation may have its headquarters and hold its meetings at  
3 places the corporation decides are best.

4    **§ 21907. Service of process**

5           As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
6 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
7 ignated official of the District of Columbia or of each State, territory, or  
8 possession of the United States in which its headquarters, branches, or sub-  
9 divisions are located, the name and address of an agent in that jurisdiction  
10 on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be served.

11   **§ 21908. Annual report**

12           Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
13 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
14 calendar year, including a complete report of its receipts and expenditures.  
15 The report may not be printed as a public document.

16                           **CHAPTER 221—THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF**  
17                                   **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

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18   **§ 22101. Organization**

19           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American Society of International Law  
20 (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

21           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
22 poration has perpetual existence.

23   **§ 22102. Purposes**

24           The purposes of the corporation are—

- 25           (1) to foster the study of international law; and
- 26           (2) to promote the establishment and maintenance of international  
27 relations on the basis of law and justice.

28   **§ 22103. Governing body**

29           (a) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.—(1) The executive council is the governing  
30 body of the corporation. However, the council is subject to the directions  
31 of the corporation at its annual meetings and at any other meeting called  
32 under the constitution, bylaws, or regulations of the corporation.

33           (2) The council consists of a president, an honorary president, a num-  
34 ber of vice presidents and honorary vice presidents as provided in the con-  
35 stitution, a secretary, a treasurer, and at least 24 additional individuals.

1 (b) ELECTION AND TERMS.—The officers of the corporation and one-  
 2 third of the other members of the council shall be elected at each annual  
 3 meeting of the corporation. However, the constitution may authorize the  
 4 council—

5 (1) to elect the secretary and the treasurer of the corporation for  
 6 specified terms; and

7 (2) to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

8 **§ 22104. Powers**

9 The corporation may—

10 (1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations for  
 11 the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

12 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

13 (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
 14 corporation require;

15 (4) make contracts;

16 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 17 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

18 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 19 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

20 (7) publish a journal and other publications;

21 (8) sue and be sued; and

22 (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 23 poses of the corporation.

24 **§ 22105. Restrictions**

25 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

26 (b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 27 declare or pay a dividend.

28 (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member  
 29 of the executive council as such may not contribute to, support, or assist  
 30 a political party or candidate for elective public office.

31 (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 32 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a mem-  
 33 ber of the corporation or an officer or member of the executive council, ex-  
 34 cept on the dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

35 (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
 36 officer or member of the executive council. Members of the council who vote  
 37 for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or member of the  
 38 council, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are  
 39 jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or  
 40 advance until it is repaid.

1    **§ 22106. Principal office**

2           The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
3    lumbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the  
4    District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the United States.

5    **§ 22107. Records and inspection**

6           (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

7                 (1) correct and complete records of account;

8                 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive council,  
9           and committees having any of the authority of its executive council;  
10          and

11                (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
12          its members entitled to vote.

13          (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
14    may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
15    reasonable time.

16    **§ 22108. Service of process**

17           The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
18    bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
19    the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
20    service on the corporation.

21    **§ 22109. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

22           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
23    within the scope of their authority.

24                           **CHAPTER 223—AMERICAN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**  
25   **LEAGUE**

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22312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

26    **§ 22301. Organization**

27           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American Symphony Orchestra League (in  
28    this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

29           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
30    poration has perpetual existence.

31    **§ 22302. Purposes**

32           The purposes of the corporation are—

1           (1) to serve as a coordinating, research, and educational agency  
2           and clearinghouse for symphony orchestras to help strengthen the work  
3           in their local communities;

4           (2) to assist in the formation of new symphony orchestras;

5           (3) to encourage and recognize the work of America's musicians,  
6           conductors, and composers, through suitable means; and

7           (4) to aid the expansion of the musical and cultural life of the  
8           United States through suitable educational and service activities.

9     **§ 22303. Membership**

10          (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
11          membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
12          of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
13          corporation.

14          (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary, sustaining, or associ-  
15          ate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting  
16          of the members.

17     **§ 22304. Governing body**

18          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
19          ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the cor-  
20          poration, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of  
21          the corporation and for the control of contributions raised by the corpora-  
22          tion.

23          (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
24          filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
25          tion and bylaws of the corporation.

26          (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
27          or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a sec-  
28          retary, a treasurer, and one or more assistant secretaries and assistant  
29          treasurers as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

30          (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
31          are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

32     **§ 22305. Powers**

33          The corporation may—

34               (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
35               ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

36               (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

37               (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
38               ties of the corporation require;

39               (4) make contracts;

40               (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
41               essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

1           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
2           its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

3           (7) sue and be sued.

4   **§ 22306. Exclusive right to name, insignia, emblems, and**  
5           **badges**

6           The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “American  
7   Symphony Orchestra League” and distinctive insignia, emblems and badges,  
8   descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases required to carry  
9   out the duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect  
10   any vested rights.

11   **§ 22307. Restrictions**

12           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
13   declare or pay a dividend.

14           (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
15   such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
16   for public office.

17           (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
18   the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
19   tor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its  
20   dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
21   ment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board  
22   of directors.

23           (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
24   rector, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a  
25   loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who partici-  
26   pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
27   corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

28   **§ 22308. Principal office**

29           The principal office of the corporation shall be in Charleston, West Vir-  
30   ginia, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
31   tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
32   office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
33   and possessions of the United States.

34   **§ 22309. Records and inspection**

35           (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

36           (1) correct and complete records of account;

37           (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
38           and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
39           and

40           (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
41           its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 22310. Service of process**

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

**§ 22311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 22312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation**

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

**CHAPTER 225—AMERICAN WAR MOTHERS**

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**§ 22501. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—American War Mothers (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERIOD OF EXISTENCE.—The corporation may continue to exist until there are no individuals who qualify for membership.

**§ 22502. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

- (1) to keep alive and develop the spirit that promoted world service;
- (2) to maintain the ties of fellowship born of that service and to assist and further any patriotic work;
- (3) to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, State, and Nation;
- (4) to work for the welfare of the Army and Navy;

1 (5) to assist, in any way in their power, men and women who  
2 served and were wounded or incapacitated in World War I; and

3 (6) to foster and promote friendship and understanding between  
4 America and the Allies in World War I.

5 **§ 22503. Membership**

6 Eligibility for membership in the corporation is limited to women—

7 (1) who are citizens of the United States; and

8 (2) whose natural son or daughter, legally adopted son or daugh-  
9 ter, or stepson or stepdaughter—

10 (A) served in the armed forces of the United States or its al-  
11 lies in World War I, World War II, the Korean conflict, or any  
12 subsequent war or conflict involving the United States; and

13 (B) was honorably discharged from that service or continues  
14 in the service.

15 **§ 22504. Powers**

16 The corporation may—

17 (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;

18 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

19 (3) adopt emblems and badges;

20 (4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

21 (5) establish State, territorial, and local subdivisions;

22 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
23 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, subject to section  
24 22506(b) of this title;

25 (7) publish a magazine and other publications;

26 (8) sue and be sued; and

27 (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out its pur-  
28 poses.

29 **§ 22505. Exclusive right to name**

30 The corporation and its State, territorial, and local subdivisions have  
31 the exclusive right to use the name “American War Mothers”.

32 **§ 22506. Restrictions**

33 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation shall be nonprofit, nonpolitical, non-  
34 sectarian, and nonpartisan, and may not promote the candidacy of an indi-  
35 vidual seeking public office.

36 (b) OWNERSHIP AND USE OF PROPERTY.—The corporation may not  
37 accept, own, or hold, directly or indirectly, any property not reasonably nec-  
38 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

39 **§ 22507. Tax-exempt status**

40 The personal property and funds of the corporation, whether principal  
41 or income, so long as held or used only to carry out the purposes of the

1 corporation, are exempt from taxation by the United States Government,  
 2 the District of Columbia, and the territories and possessions of the United  
 3 States.

4 **§ 22508. Meetings**

5 The corporation may hold its meetings at any place the corporation de-  
 6 cides.

7 **§ 22509. Service of process**

8 As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
 9 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
 10 ignated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that  
 11 State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be  
 12 served.

13 **§ 22510. Annual report**

14 Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
 15 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
 16 calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

17 **CHAPTER 227—AMVETS (AMERICAN VETERANS OF**  
 18 **WORLD WAR II, KOREA, AND VIETNAM)**

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19 **§ 22701. Organization**

20 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—AMVETS (American Veterans of World War  
 21 II, Korea, and Vietnam) (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally  
 22 chartered corporation.

23 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 24 poration has perpetual existence.

25 **§ 22702. Purposes**

26 The purposes of corporation are—

27 (1) to preserve for ourselves and our posterity the great and basic  
 28 truths and enduring principles upon which this Nation was founded;

29 (2) to maintain a continuing interest in the welfare and rehabilita-  
 30 tion of the disabled veterans of World War II, the Korean conflict, and  
 31 the Vietnam era and to establish facilities for the assistance of all vet-  
 32 erans and to represent them in their claims before the Department of  
 33 Veterans Affairs and other organizations without charge;

1 (3) to dedicate ourselves to the service and best interests of the  
2 community, State, and Nation to the end that our country shall be and  
3 remain forever a whole, strong, and free Nation;

4 (4) to aid and encourage the abolition of prejudice, ignorance, and  
5 disease;

6 (5) to encourage universal exercise of the voting franchise to the  
7 end that there shall be elected and maintained in public office men and  
8 women who hold public office as a public trust administered in the best  
9 interests of all the people;

10 (6) to advocate the development and means by which all Ameri-  
11 cans may become enlightened and informed citizens and thus partici-  
12 pate fully in the functions of our democracy;

13 (7) to encourage and support an international organization of all  
14 peace-loving nations to the end that not again shall any nation be per-  
15 mitted to breach their national peace;

16 (8) to continue to serve the best interests of our Nation in peace  
17 as in war;

18 (9) to develop to the utmost the human, mental, spiritual, and eco-  
19 nomical resources of our Nation;

20 (10) to perpetuate and preserve the friendships and comradeship  
21 born on the battle front and nurtured in the common experience of  
22 service to our Nation during time of war; and

23 (11) to honor the memory of those men and women who gave their  
24 lives that a free America and a free world might live by the creation  
25 of living memorials in the form of additional educational, cultural, and  
26 recreational facilities.

27 **§ 22703. Membership**

28 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
29 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
30 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

31 (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official  
32 business at the post level.

33 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
34 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

35 **§ 22704. Governing body**

36 (a) DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.—Each post may elect  
37 delegates to national conventions of the corporation. The delegates each  
38 have one vote in the conduct of business of the convention to which they  
39 are elected.

40 (b) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The executive committee of the corpora-  
41 tion consists of—

1 (1) one member elected to represent each department; and

2 (2) the officers of the corporation as ex officio members.

3 (c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national com-  
4 mander, 7 national vice commanders, one of whom shall be a woman, a fi-  
5 nance officer, an adjutant, a judge advocate, and a provost marshal.

6 (2) The officers shall be elected by the delegates at the annual national  
7 convention.

8 (d) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
9 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,  
10 or national origin.

### 11 **§ 22705. Powers**

12 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

13 (1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its prop-  
14 erty and the regulation of its affairs;

15 (2) adopt seals, emblems, and badges;

16 (3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to  
17 carry out the purposes of the corporation;

18 (4) make contracts;

19 (5) establish State and regional organizations and local posts;

20 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
21 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

22 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
23 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

24 (8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consist-  
25 ent with the purposes of the corporation;

26 (9) sue and be sued; and

27 (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
28 poses of the corporation.

29 (b) POWERS GRANTED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.—The provisions,  
30 privileges, and prerogatives granted before July 24, 1947, to other national  
31 veterans' organizations because of their incorporation by Congress are  
32 granted to the corporation.

### 33 **§ 22706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

34 The corporation and its State, regional, and local subdivisions have the  
35 exclusive right to use the name “AMVETS (American Veterans of World  
36 War II, Korea, and Vietnam)” and seals, emblems, and badges the corpora-  
37 tion adopts.

### 38 **§ 22707. Restrictions**

39 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation shall operate as a not-for-profit corpora-  
40 tion, exclusively for charitable, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement  
41 purposes.

1 (b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
2 declare or pay a dividend.

3 (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer of the cor-  
4 poration or member of its executive committee as such may not contribute  
5 to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.  
6 The corporation may not carry on propaganda.

7 (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
8 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
9 tor, officer, or member of the corporation, except on dissolution or final liq-  
10 uidation of the corporation.

11 (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
12 rector or officer. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or ad-  
13 vance to a director or officer, and officers who participate in making the  
14 loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the  
15 amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

16 **§ 22708. Headquarters and principal place of business**

17 The headquarters and principal place of business of the corporation  
18 shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corpora-  
19 tion are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted  
20 throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

21 **§ 22709. Records and inspection**

22 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 23 (1) correct and complete records of account;  
24 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive commit-  
25 tee, and committees having any of the authority of its executive com-  
26 mittee; and  
27 (3) at its registered or principal office, a record of the names and  
28 addresses of its members entitled to vote.

29 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
30 may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
31 reasonable time.

32 **§ 22710. Service of process**

33 (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
34 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
35 poration. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business ad-  
36 dress of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

37 (b) STATES.—As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege  
38 granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of  
39 state or other designated official of each State, the name and address of  
40 an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the cor-  
41 poration may be served.

1    **§ 22711. Liability for acts of officials, representatives, and**  
 2                   **agents**

3           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officials, representatives,  
 4    and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

5    **§ 22712. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
 6                   **uidation**

7           On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
 8    maining after the discharge or satisfactory provision for discharge of all li-  
 9    abilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be ap-  
 10   applied to the care and comfort of disabled veterans of World War II, the Ko-  
 11   rean conflict, and the Vietnam era.

12    **CHAPTER 229—ARMY AND NAVY UNION OF THE UNITED**  
 13                   **STATES OF AMERICA**

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14    **§ 22901. Definition**

15           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
 16    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

17    **§ 22902. Organization**

18           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Army and Navy Union of the United States  
 19    of America (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in Ohio, is a  
 20    federally chartered corporation.

21           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
 22    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
 23    pires.

24    **§ 22903. Purposes**

25           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
 26    poration and include—

27           (1) holding true allegiance to the United States Government and  
 28    fidelity to its Constitution, laws, and institutions;

29           (2) serving our Nation under God in peace as well as in war by  
 30    fostering the ideals of faith and patriotism, loyalty, justice, and liberty,  
 31    by inculcating in the hearts of young and old, through precept and  
 32    practice, the spirit of true Americanism, and by participating in civic  
 33    activities for the good of our country and our community;

1 (3) uniting in fraternal fellowship those who have served, or are  
2 now serving, honorably in the armed forces of the United States;

3 (4) protecting and advancing their civic, social, and economic wel-  
4 fare;

5 (5) aiding them in sickness and distress;

6 (6) assisting in the burial and commemoration of their dead and  
7 providing help for their widows and orphans; and

8 (7) perpetuating the memory of patriotic deeds performed by the  
9 defenders of our country.

#### 10 **§ 22904. Membership**

11 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
12 leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

#### 13 **§ 22905. Governing body**

14 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
15 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

16 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
17 vided in the articles of incorporation.

#### 18 **§ 22906. Powers**

19 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
20 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

#### 21 **§ 22907. Restrictions**

22 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
23 declare or pay a dividend.

24 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
25 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
26 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

27 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
28 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
29 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
30 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
31 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
32 amounts approved by the board of directors.

33 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
34 cer, or employee.

35 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
36 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
37 United States Government for any of its activities.

#### 38 **§ 22908. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

39 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
40 a corporation incorporated under the laws of Ohio.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

**§ 22909. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 22910. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

**§ 22911. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 22912. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

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**§ 23101. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Aviation Hall of Fame (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

**§ 23102. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and maintain one or more funds and to use any part of the principal and income only for charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, either directly or by contributing to organizations authorized to carry on similar activities;

(2) to honor citizens, aviation leaders, pilots, teachers, scientists, engineers, inventors, governmental leaders, and other individuals who have helped to make this Nation great by their outstanding contributions to the establishment, development, advancement, or improvement of aviation in the United States;

(3) to perpetuate the memory of those individuals and record their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance of buildings and monuments as may be appropriate as a lasting memorial;

(4) to promote a better sense of appreciation of the origins and growth of aviation, especially in the United States, and the part aviation has played in changing the economic, social, and scientific aspects of our Nation;

(5) to establish and maintain a library and museum for the collection and preservation for posterity of the history of those honored by the organization, together with a documentation of their accomplishments and contributions to aviation, including items such as aviation pictures, paintings, books, papers, documents, scientific data, relics, mementos, artifacts, and other items related to that history;

(6) to cooperate with other recognized aviation organizations actively engaged and interested in similar projects; and

(7) to engage in any other activities appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

**§ 23103. Membership**

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

(b) VOTING.—Each member given voting rights by the bylaws has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the voting members. The vote may be cast in the manner provided in the bylaws.

**§ 23104. Governing body**

(a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the corporation, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

1 (2) The number of trustees, their manner of selection (including the  
2 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws.  
3 However, the board shall have at least 18 members.

4 (3) The board may appoint committees. Each committee has the pow-  
5 ers provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board. The powers of a  
6 committee may include all the powers of the board.

7 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
8 or more vice presidents as provided in the bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer,  
9 and other officers as provided in the bylaws.

10 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
11 are as provided in the bylaws.

12 (c)(1) BOARD OF NOMINATIONS.—The board of trustees shall appoint  
13 a board of nominations, consisting of at least 24 members, from members  
14 of the corporation not concurrently serving as members of the board of  
15 trustees. Those individuals serve for the term provided in the bylaws.

16 (2) The board of nominations shall nominate United States citizens or  
17 residents to be honored by the corporation and recommend those persons  
18 to the board of trustees for consideration as provided in the bylaws.

19 **§ 23105. Powers**

20 The corporation may—

21 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property  
22 and the regulation of its affairs;

23 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

24 (3) choose officers, trustees, managers, agents, and employees as  
25 the activities of the corporation require;

26 (4) make contracts;

27 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
28 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

29 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
30 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

31 (7) sue and be sued.

32 **§ 23106. Restrictions**

33 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
34 declare or pay a dividend.

35 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a trustee, officer, em-  
36 ployee, member of the board of nominations, or member of the corporation  
37 as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or can-  
38 didate for public office.

39 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
40 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trust-  
41 ee, officer, member of the board of nominations, or member of the corpora-

1 tion, as such, during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final  
 2 liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable  
 3 compensation to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board  
 4 of trustees.

5 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a  
 6 trustee, officer, employee, member of the board of nominations, or member  
 7 of the corporation. Trustees who vote for or assent to making such a loan  
 8 or advance, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are  
 9 jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or  
 10 advance until it is repaid.

11 (e) CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.—None of the prin-  
 12 cipal or interest of a fund referred to in section 23102(1) of this title may  
 13 be contributed to an organization if—

14 (1) a substantial part of its activities is carrying on propaganda  
 15 or attempting to influence legislation; or

16 (2) any part of its net earnings benefits a private shareholder or  
 17 individual.

#### 18 **§ 23107. Principal office**

19 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Dayton, Ohio, or an-  
 20 other place decided by the board of trustees. However, the activities of the  
 21 corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is lo-  
 22 cated but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and posses-  
 23 sions of the United States.

#### 24 **§ 23108. Records and inspection**

25 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

26 (1) correct and complete records of account;

27 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of trustees,  
 28 board of nominations, and committees having any of the authority of  
 29 its board of trustees; and

30 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 31 its members entitled to vote.

32 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 33 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 34 purpose, at any reasonable time.

#### 35 **§ 23109. Statement required in audit report**

36 The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required  
 37 under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requir-  
 38 ing payments greater than \$10,000 and all payments of compensation or  
 39 fees at a rate greater than \$10,000 a year.

1    **§ 23110. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
3    bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
4    the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

5    **§ 23111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

6           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
7    within the scope of their authority.

8    **§ 23112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
9            uidation**

10          On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
11    maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
12    by the board of trustees, but consistent with the purposes of the corporation  
13    and in compliance with the charter and bylaws.

14                   **CHAPTER 301—BIG BROTHERS—BIG SISTERS OF  
15                    AMERICA**

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16    **§ 30101. Organization**

17          (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America (in  
18    this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

19          (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
20    clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

21          (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
22    poration has perpetual existence.

23    **§ 30102. Purposes**

24          The purposes of the corporation are—

25               (1) to assist individuals throughout the United States in solving  
26    their social and economic problems and in their health and educational  
27    and character development;

28               (2) to promote the use, by other lay and professional agencies and  
29    workers, of the techniques of that assistance developed by the corpora-  
30    tion; and

31               (3) to receive, invest, and disburse funds and hold property for the  
32    purposes of the corporation.

1    **§ 30103. Membership**

2           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
3 membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
4 of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
5 corporation.

6           (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to  
7 a vote at a meeting of the members.

8    **§ 30104. Governing body**

9           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
10 ing body of the corporation. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the  
11 board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

12           (2) The number of directors is as provided in the constitution. Their  
13 manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies) and their term of of-  
14 fice are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

15           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of  
16 the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided  
17 in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, and a treasurer.

18           (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
19 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

20    **§ 30105. Powers**

21           The corporation may—

22           (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
23 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

24           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

25           (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
26 ties of the corporation require;

27           (4) make contracts;

28           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
29 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

30           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
31 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

32           (7) sue and be sued.

33    **§ 30106. Exclusive right to names, seals, emblems, and**  
34           **badges**

35           The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
36 to use the names “The Big Brothers of America, Big Sisters International,  
37 Incorporated”, “Big Sisters of America”, “Big Brothers”, “Big Sisters”,  
38 “Big Brothers—Big Sisters of America”, and “Big Sisters—Big Brothers”,  
39 and to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the cor-  
40 poration adopts.

**§ 30107. Restrictions**

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

(d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

**§ 30108. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

**§ 30109. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 30110. Service of process**

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

1    **§ 30111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

2           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
3    within the scope of their authority.

4    **§ 30112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
5                                   **uidation**

6           On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
7    maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
8    by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
9    laws of the corporation.

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11    **§ 30301. Organization**

12           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Blinded Veterans Association (in this chap-  
13    ter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

14           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
15    poration has perpetual existence.

16    **§ 30302. Purposes**

17           The purposes of the corporation are—

18           (1) to operate as a not-for-profit corporation exclusively for chari-  
19    table, educational, patriotic, and civic improvement purposes;

20           (2) to promote the welfare of blinded veterans so that, notwith-  
21    standing their disabilities, they may take their rightful place in the  
22    community and work with their fellow citizens toward the creation of  
23    a peaceful world;

24           (3) to preserve and strengthen a spirit of fellowship among blinded  
25    veterans so that they may give mutual aid and assistance to one an-  
26    other; and

27           (4) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom  
28    and to encourage loyalty to the Constitution and laws of the United  
29    States and of the States in which they reside.

30    **§ 30303. Membership**

31           (a) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP.—An individual who served in the armed  
32    forces of the United States and who, in the line of duty in that service, sus-

1 tained a substantial impairment of sight or vision as defined by the bylaws  
2 of the corporation is eligible for general membership in the corporation.

3 (b) HONORARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP.—In addition to general  
4 membership, the corporation shall have special classes of honorary and asso-  
5 ciate membership. Eligibility for, and the rights and obligations of, those  
6 special classes are as provided in the bylaws.

7 **§ 30304. Governing body**

8 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The number of directors of the cor-  
9 poration shall be at least 3 but not more than 15. The directors shall be  
10 divided into a specified number of classes. Each class shall hold office for  
11 a definite period of years as provided in the bylaws.

12 (2) A majority of the directors must be present at a meeting of direc-  
13 tors to constitute a quorum. A majority vote of the directors present at a  
14 meeting at which there is a quorum is necessary for the transaction of busi-  
15 ness.

16 (3) A director may be removed at any time for just and proper cause  
17 by a majority vote of a quorum of directors present at a meeting called for  
18 that purpose.

19 (4) A vacancy in the office of director may be filled by a majority vote  
20 of a quorum of the remaining directors present at a meeting called for that  
21 purpose. A director elected to fill a vacancy serves until the next annual  
22 meeting of the corporation.

23 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of  
24 election, term of office, duties, and powers are as provided in the bylaws.

25 **§ 30305. Powers**

26 The corporation may—

27 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
28 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

29 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

30 (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
31 corporation require;

32 (4) charge and collect membership dues;

33 (5) make contracts;

34 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
35 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

36 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
37 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

38 (8) sue and be sued; and

39 (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
40 poses of the corporation.

1    **§ 30306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

2           The corporation and its authorized regional groups and other local sub-  
3    divisions have the exclusive right to use the name “Blinded Veterans Asso-  
4    ciation” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

5    **§ 30307. Restrictions**

6           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
7    declare or pay a dividend.

8           (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
9    such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
10   for elective public office.

11          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
12   the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
13   tor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its  
14   dissolution or final liquidation. This section does not prevent the payment  
15   of—

16           (1) bona fide expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts  
17   approved by the board of directors; or

18           (2) appropriate aid to blinded veterans or their widows or children  
19   in carrying out the purposes of the corporation.

20          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
21   cer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making  
22   a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in  
23   making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the  
24   amount of the loan until it is repaid.

25          (e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Members and private individuals are  
26   not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

27    **§ 30308. Principal office**

28           The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
29   lumbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
30   tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
31   office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
32   and possessions of the United States.

33    **§ 30309. Records and inspection**

34          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

35           (1) correct and complete records of account;

36           (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
37   and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
38   and

39           (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
40   its members, directors, and officers.

1 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
2 may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
3 reasonable time.

4 **§ 30310. Service of process**

5 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
6 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
7 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
8 service on the corporation.

9 **§ 30311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

10 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
11 within the scope of their authority.

12 **§ 30312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
13 uidation**

14 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
15 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred to the Sec-  
16 retary of Veterans Affairs to be applied to the care and comfort of blinded  
17 veterans.

18 **CHAPTER 305—BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF AMERICA, INC.**

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19 **§ 30501. Definition**

20 For purposes of this chapter, “armed forces” includes the United  
21 States Army, United States Navy, United States Marines, United States Air  
22 Force, United States Coast Guard, National Guard, United States Army  
23 Reserves, United States Navy Reserves, United States Marine Reserves,  
24 United States Air Force Reserves, United States Coast Guard Reserves,  
25 United States Naval Militia, merchant marines, and armed home guards  
26 who have served on active duty.

27 **§ 30502. Organization**

28 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. (in this  
29 chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.

30 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
31 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

1 (e) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 2 poration has perpetual existence.

3 **§ 30503. Purposes**

4 The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, educational, social, and  
 5 for service, and include—

6 (1) perpetuating the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the  
 7 memory of all the men and women who have served our country as  
 8 members of the armed forces;

9 (2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United  
 10 States;

11 (3) educating members of the corporation and others not to di-  
 12 vulge military, naval, or other Government information;

13 (4) assisting in veterans' ceremonies;

14 (5) attending patriotic rallies and meetings;

15 (6) fostering true democracy;

16 (7) caring for unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the  
 17 service of the Nation;

18 (8) aiding in bringing about recognition of the need for permanent  
 19 civilian defense in each community and the need to be always alert  
 20 against invasion of un-American activities;

21 (9) upholding the American institutions of freedom, justice, and  
 22 equal rights; and

23 (10) defending the United States from all enemies.

24 **§ 30504. Membership**

25 An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if—

26 (1) she is a mother, adoptive mother, or stepmother (who has  
 27 given a mother's care at least since the stepchild was age 13) of a son  
 28 or daughter who—

29 (A) is serving in the armed forces; or

30 (B) has served in, or has been honorably discharged from, the  
 31 armed forces in World War II or the Korean hostilities; and

32 (2) she is living in the United States.

33 **§ 30505. Governing body**

34 (a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the su-  
 35 preme governing authority of the corporation.

36 (2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected rep-  
 37 resentatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation  
 38 as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of govern-  
 39 ment of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large  
 40 and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of mem-

1   bers or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership  
2   at large.

3       (3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District  
4   of Columbia or any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

5       (b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation and their manner of se-  
6   lection, term of office, and duties are as provided in the constitution and  
7   bylaws of the corporation.

8   **§ 30506. Powers**

9       The corporation may—

10       (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
11   ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

12       (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

13       (3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activi-  
14   ties of the corporation require;

15       (4) make contracts;

16       (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
17   essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

18       (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
19   its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

20       (7) sue and be sued; and

21       (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
22   poses of the corporation.

23   **§ 30507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

24       The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
25   to use the name “Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc.”. The corporation has  
26   the exclusive right to use, and to allow others to use, seals, emblems, and  
27   badges the corporation adopts.

28   **§ 30508. Restrictions**

29       (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
30   declare or pay a dividend.

31       (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as  
32   such may not contribute to a political party or candidate for public office.

33       (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
34   the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
35   cer or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its dissolu-  
36   tion or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of  
37   compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses  
38   in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

39       (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
40   officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for  
41   or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and offi-

1 eers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally  
 2 liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is  
 3 repaid.

4 **§ 30509. Principal office**

5 The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
 6 lumbia.

7 **§ 30510. Records and inspection**

8 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

9 (1) correct and complete records of account; and

10 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions and  
 11 council of administration.

12 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
 13 may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
 14 reasonable time.

15 **§ 30511. Service of process**

16 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
 17 bia to receive service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation. Des-  
 18 ignation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the Mayor of the District  
 19 of Columbia or another office designated by the Mayor. Notice to or service  
 20 on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

21 **§ 30512. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

22 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 23 within the scope of their authority.

24 **§ 30513. Annual report**

25 Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a  
 26 report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal  
 27 year. The report may consist of a report of the proceedings of the national  
 28 convention. The report may not be printed as a public document.

29 **§ 30514. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
 30 uidation**

31 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
 32 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
 33 by the national executive board, but in compliance with the constitution and  
 34 bylaws of the corporation.

35 **CHAPTER 307—BOARD FOR FUNDAMENTAL EDUCATION**

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1     **§ 30701. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Board for Fundamental Education (in this  
3 chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
5 poration has perpetual existence.

6     **§ 30702. Purpose**

7           The purpose of the corporation is to foster the development of fun-  
8 damental education through programs and projects such as—

9                   (1) giving citizens (children, youth, and adults) an opportunity to  
10 acquire the understandings and skills necessary to relate the resources  
11 of the community to the needs and interests of the community;

12                   (2) demonstrating programs of fundamental education and meas-  
13 uring results; and

14                   (3) training men and women as leaders in fundamental education  
15 by providing internships and other experiences.

16     **§ 30703. Membership**

17           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
18 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
19 as provided in constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

20           (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official  
21 business of the corporation.

22     **§ 30704. Governing body**

23           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors is the governing  
24 body of the corporation. The board shall consist of at least 15 directors  
25 elected annually by the members.

26           (b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the  
27 board, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and  
28 any assistant officers designated by the board. The officers have the powers  
29 and shall carry out the duties provided in the bylaws or prescribed by the  
30 board.

31     **§ 30705. Powers**

32           The corporation may—

33                   (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
34 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

35                   (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

36                   (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
37 ties of the corporation require;

38                   (4) make contracts;

1           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
2           essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

3           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
4           its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

5           (7) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, scholarships,  
6           and grants to deserving students to carry out the purpose of the cor-  
7           poration;

8           (8) publish a magazine and other publications;

9           (9) sue and be sued; and

10          (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
11          pose of the corporation.

12   **§ 30706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

13          The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “Board for  
14          Fundamental Education” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation  
15          adopts.

16   **§ 30707. Restrictions**

17          (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

18          (b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
19          declare or pay a dividend.

20          (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
21          member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party  
22          or candidate for elective public office.

23          (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
24          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
25          tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
26          poration.

27          (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
28          cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
29          director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
30          loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
31          the loan until it is repaid.

32   **§ 30708. Principal office**

33          The principal office of the corporation shall be in a place the board of  
34          directors decides is appropriate. However, the activities of the corporation  
35          may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the  
36          United States.

37   **§ 30709. Records and inspection**

38          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

39               (1) correct and complete records of account;

1 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
2 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
3 and

4 (3) a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled  
5 to vote.

6 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
7 may inspect the records of the corporation at any reasonable time.

8 **§ 30710. Service of process**

9 (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
10 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
11 poration. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk  
12 of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to  
13 or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is  
14 notice to or service on the corporation.

15 (b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the  
16 exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation  
17 shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each  
18 State, territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation  
19 does business, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory,  
20 or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation  
21 may be served.

22 **§ 30711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

23 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
24 within the scope of their authority.

25 **§ 30712. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
26 uidation**

27 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
28 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of  
29 directors for the purpose stated in section 30702 of this title or be trans-  
30 ferred to a recognized educational foundation.

31 **CHAPTER 309—BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

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32 **§ 30901. Organization**

33 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Boy Scouts of America (in this chapter, the  
34 “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia.

1 (b) DOMICILE.—The domicile of the corporation is the District of Co-  
2 lumbia.

3 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
4 poration has perpetual existence.

5 **§ 30902. Purposes**

6 The purposes of the corporation are to promote, through organization,  
7 and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for  
8 themselves and others, to train them in scoutcraft, and to teach them patri-  
9 otism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods that  
10 were in common use by boy scouts on June 15, 1916.

11 **§ 30903. Governing body**

12 (a) EXECUTIVE BOARD.—An executive board composed of citizens of  
13 the United States is the governing body of the corporation. The number,  
14 qualifications, and term of office of members of the board are as provided  
15 in the bylaws. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of  
16 the remaining members of the board.

17 (b) QUORUM.—The bylaws may prescribe the number of members of  
18 the board necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a major-  
19 ity of the entire board.

20 (c) COMMITTEES.—(1) The board, by resolution passed by a majority  
21 of the entire board, may designate 3 or more members of the board as an  
22 executive or governing committee. A majority of the committee is a quorum.  
23 The committee, to the extent provided in the resolution or bylaws, may—

24 (A) exercise the powers of the executive board in managing the ac-  
25 tivities of the corporation; and

26 (B) authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to papers  
27 that may require it.

28 (2) The board, by majority vote of the entire board, may appoint other  
29 standing committees. The standing committees may exercise powers as pro-  
30 vided in the bylaws.

31 **§ 30904. Powers**

32 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

33 (1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations, including regulations  
34 for the election of associates and successors;

35 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

36 (3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Colum-  
37 bia and the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;

38 (4) acquire and own property as necessary to carry out the pur-  
39 poses of the corporation;

40 (5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States;  
41 and

1 (6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and pro-  
2 mote the purpose of the corporation.

3 (b) LIMITATIONS ON EXERCISING CERTAIN POWERS.—(1) The cor-  
4 poration may execute mortgages and liens on the property of the corpora-  
5 tion only if approved by a two-thirds vote of the entire executive board at  
6 a meeting called for that purpose.

7 (2) The corporation may dispose in any manner of the whole property  
8 of the corporation only with the written consent and affirmative vote of a  
9 majority of the members of the corporation.

10 **§ 30905. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and**  
11 **words**

12 The corporation has the exclusive right to use emblems, badges, de-  
13 scriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation  
14 adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

15 **§ 30906. Restrictions**

16 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for pecuniary profit to  
17 its members.

18 (b) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
19 declare or pay a dividend.

20 **§ 30907. Annual and special meetings**

21 (a) ANNUAL MEETINGS.—The corporation shall hold an annual meet-  
22 ing at a time and place as provided in the bylaws. At the meeting, the an-  
23 nual reports of the officers and executive board shall be presented, and  
24 members of the board shall be elected for the next year.

25 (b) SPECIAL MEETINGS.—Special meetings of the corporation may be  
26 called on notice as provided in the bylaws.

27 (c) QUORUM.—The number of members necessary for a quorum at an  
28 annual or special meeting shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

29 (d) LOCATIONS.—The members and the executive board may hold  
30 meetings and keep the seal and records of the corporation in or outside the  
31 District of Columbia.

32 **§ 30908. Annual report**

33 Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a re-  
34 port to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior cal-  
35 endar year.

36 **CHAPTER 311—BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA**

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1     **§ 31101. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Boys & Girls Clubs of America (in this chap-  
3     ter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
5     clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

6           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
7     poration has perpetual existence.

8     **§ 31102. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are—

10           (1) to promote the health, social, educational, vocational, and  
11     character development of youth throughout the United States; and

12           (2) to receive, invest, and disburse funds and to hold property for  
13     the purposes of the corporation.

14    **§ 31103. Membership**

15           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
16     membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
17     of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
18     corporation.

19           (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to  
20     a vote at a meeting of the members.

21           (c) BENEFITS OF MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS.—Each organization that  
22     is a member of the corporation as provided in the constitution of the cor-  
23     poration is entitled to all the benefits of incorporation under this chapter.  
24     Those benefits cease immediately on termination of membership, whether  
25     by—

26           (1) resignation from the corporation; or

27           (2) termination of its membership by the board of directors of the  
28     corporation as provided in the constitution.

29    **§ 31104. Governing body**

30           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
31     ing body of the corporation. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the  
32     board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

33           (2) The number of directors is as provided in the constitution of the  
34     corporation. Their manner of selection (including the filling of vacancies)  
35     and their term of office are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

36           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of  
37     the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided  
38     in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and one or more

1 assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as provided in the constitution  
2 and bylaws.

3 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
4 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

5 **§ 31105. Powers**

6 The corporation may—

7 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
8 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

9 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

10 (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
11 ties of the corporation require;

12 (4) make contracts;

13 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
14 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

15 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
16 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

17 (7) sue and be sued.

18 **§ 31106. Restrictions**

19 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
20 declare or pay a dividend.

21 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
22 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
23 for public office.

24 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
25 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
26 tor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its  
27 dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
28 ment of compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board  
29 of directors.

30 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
31 rector, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a  
32 loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who partici-  
33 pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
34 corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

35 **§ 31107. Principal office**

36 The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New  
37 York, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
38 tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
39 office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
40 and possessions of the United States.

1 **§ 31108. Records and inspection**

2 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

3 (1) correct and complete records of account;

4 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
5 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
6 and

7 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
8 its members entitled to vote.

9 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
10 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
11 purpose, at any reasonable time.

12 **§ 31109. Service of process**

13 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
14 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
15 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
16 service on the corporation.

17 **§ 31110. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

18 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
19 within the scope of their authority.

20 **§ 31111. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
21 uidation**

22 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
23 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
24 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
25 laws of the corporation.

26 **CHAPTER 401—CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE  
27 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**

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28 **§ 40101. Definition**

29 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
30 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

1    **§ 40102. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Catholic War Veterans of the United States  
3 of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated  
4 in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

5           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
6 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
7 pires.

8    **§ 40103. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
10 poration and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

11           (1) preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United  
12 States and the laws of the States;

13           (2) commemorate the wars, campaigns, and military actions of the  
14 United States to reflect profound respect, high honor, and great tribute  
15 on the glorious dead and the surviving veterans of those wars, cam-  
16 paigns, and actions and to give all Americans a greater understanding  
17 of and appreciation for the sacrifices of those who participated in them  
18 for all Americans;

19           (3) stimulate to the highest degree possible the interests of the en-  
20 tire Nation in the problems of veterans, their widows, and orphans;

21           (4) cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner  
22 with all veterans’ organizations in common projects designed to serve  
23 the interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has  
24 participated;

25           (5) collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical epi-  
26 sodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to the wars, cam-  
27 paigns, and military actions of the United States;

28           (6) inculcate an enduring love of country, a deep and abiding  
29 sense of patriotism, and a profound commitment to Americanism  
30 among all the people of the United States;

31           (7) encourage, among the youth of our Nation, respect for our na-  
32 tional flag, our anthem, and the traditions of America;

33           (8) preserve the freedoms of all the people, national peace, pros-  
34 perity, tranquility, good will, the permanence of free institutions, and  
35 the defense of the United States;

36           (9) foster the association of veterans of the Catholic faith who  
37 have served in the armed forces of the United States;

38           (10) encourage morality in government, labor, management, eco-  
39 nomic, social, fraternal, and all other phases of American life;

40           (11) promote the realization that the family is the basic unit of  
41 society;

1           (12) increase our love, honor, and service to God and to our fellow  
2           man without regard to race, creed, color, or national origin; and

3           (13) function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as author-  
4           ized by the laws of the each State in which it is incorporated.

5   **§ 40104. Membership**

6           Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
7           leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

8   **§ 40105. Governing body**

9           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
10          sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

11          (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
12          vided in the articles of incorporation.

13   **§ 40106. Powers**

14          The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
15          of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

16   **§ 40107. Restrictions**

17          (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
18          declare or pay a dividend.

19          (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
20          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
21          tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
22          ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
23          tion to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the board of direc-  
24          tors.

25          (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
26          cer, or employee.

27          (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
28          corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
29          United States Government for any of its activities.

30   **§ 40108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

31          The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
32          from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
33          seq.).

34   **§ 40109. Records and inspection**

35          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

36               (1) correct and complete records of account;

37               (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
38               and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
39               and

40               (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
41               its members entitled to vote.

1 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
2 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
3 purpose, at any reasonable time.

4 **§ 40110. Service of process**

5 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
6 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
7 tivities.

8 **§ 40111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

9 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
10 within the scope of their authority.

11 **§ 40112. Annual report**

12 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
13 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
14 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
15 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

16 **CHAPTER 403—CIVIL AIR PATROL**

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40307. Annual report.

17 **§ 40301. Organization**

18 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Civil Air Patrol (in this chapter, the “cor-  
19 poration”) is a federally chartered corporation.

20 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
21 poration has perpetual existence.

22 **§ 40302. Purposes**

23 The purposes of the corporation are to—

24 (1) provide an organization to—

25 (A) encourage and aid citizens of the United States in con-  
26 tributing their efforts, services, and resources in developing avia-  
27 tion and in maintaining air supremacy; and

28 (B) encourage and develop by example the voluntary contribu-  
29 tion of private citizens to the public welfare;

30 (2) provide aviation education and training especially to its senior  
31 and cadet members;

32 (3) encourage and foster civil aviation in local communities; and

33 (4) provide an organization of private citizens with adequate facili-  
34 ties to assist in meeting local and national emergencies.



1 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
2 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

3 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
4 poration has perpetual existence.

#### 5 **§ 40502. Purposes**

6 The purposes of the corporation are—

7 (1) to form a bond of friendship and comradeship among all hold-  
8 ers of the Medal of Honor as presented by Congress;

9 (2) to protect, uphold, and preserve the dignity and honor of the  
10 medal at all times and on all occasions;

11 (3) to protect the name of the medal and individual holders of the  
12 medal from exploitation;

13 (4) to provide appropriate aid to all persons to whom the medal  
14 has been awarded, their widows, or their children;

15 (5) to serve our country in peace as in war;

16 (6) to inspire and stimulate our youth to become worthy citizens  
17 of our country; and

18 (7) to foster and perpetuate Americanism.

#### 19 **§ 40503. Membership**

20 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual who has been awarded the Medal of  
21 Honor as presented by Congress is eligible for membership in the corpora-  
22 tion. An honorary membership may not be granted.

23 (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to  
24 a vote at a meeting of the members. The vote may be cast in person or  
25 by proxy.

#### 26 **§ 40504. Governing body**

27 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
28 ing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the ex-  
29 ercise of, the powers of the corporation.

30 (2) The number of directors, their manner of election (including the  
31 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the bylaws.  
32 However, the board shall have at least 9 directors.

33 (3) The board shall meet at least annually. Each director has one vote  
34 on matters decided by the board.

35 (4) The president of the corporation is the chairman of the board.

36 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, an  
37 executive vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and 6 regional vice presi-  
38 dents as provided in the bylaws. The offices of secretary and treasurer may  
39 be combined and held by the same individual, but an individual holding  
40 those combined offices has only one vote as a director.

1 (2) The manner of election, term of office, duties, and powers of the  
2 officers are as provided in the bylaws.

3 **§ 40505. Powers**

4 The corporation may—

5 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
6 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

7 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

8 (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
9 corporation require;

10 (4) charge and collect membership dues;

11 (5) make contracts;

12 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
13 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

14 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
15 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

16 (8) sue and be sued; and

17 (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
18 poses of the corporation.

19 **§ 40506. Restrictions**

20 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
21 declare or pay a dividend.

22 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
23 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
24 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

25 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
26 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
27 tor, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its  
28 dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
29 ment of—

30 (1) expenses of officers of the corporation in amounts approved by  
31 the board of directors; or

32 (2) appropriate aid to individuals to whom the Medal of Honor  
33 has been awarded, their widows, or their children, to carry out the pur-  
34 poses of the corporation.

35 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
36 cer, or employee. Directors and officers who vote for or assent to making  
37 a loan to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in  
38 making the loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the  
39 amount of the loan until it is repaid.

1 **§ 40507. Principal office**

2 The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
3 lumbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
4 tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
5 office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
6 and possessions of the United States.

7 **§ 40508. Records and inspection**

8 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

9 (1) correct and complete records of account;

10 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
11 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
12 and

13 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
14 its members entitled to vote.

15 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
16 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
17 purpose, at any reasonable time.

18 **§ 40509. Service of process**

19 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
20 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
21 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
22 service on the corporation.

23 **§ 40510. Liability**

24 (a) LIABILITY OF CORPORATION.—The corporation is liable for the  
25 acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

26 (b) IMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS.—A member or private individual is  
27 not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

28 **§ 40511. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
29 uidation**

30 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
31 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
32 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the bylaws.

33 **CHAPTER 407—CORPORATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF  
34 RIFLE PRACTICE AND FIREARMS SAFETY**

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1 SUBCHAPTER I—CORPORATION

2 **§ 40701. Organization**

3 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Prac-  
4 tice and Firearms Safety (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally  
5 chartered corporation.

6 (b) NON-GOVERNMENTAL STATUS.—The corporation is a private cor-  
7 poration, not a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States  
8 Government. An officer or employee of the corporation is not an officer or  
9 employee of the Government.

10 **§ 40702. Governing body**

11 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
12 ing body of the corporation. The board of directors may adopt bylaws, poli-  
13 cies, and procedures for the corporation and may take any other action that  
14 it considers necessary for the management and operation of the corporation.

15 (2) The board shall have at least 9 directors.

16 (3) The term of office of a director is 2 years. A director may be re-  
17 appointed.

18 (4) A vacancy on the board of directors shall be filled by a majority  
19 vote of the remaining directors.

20 (b) DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP.—(1) The board of direc-  
21 tors shall appoint the Director of Civilian Marksmanship.

22 (2) The Director is responsible for—

23 (A) the daily operation of the corporation; and

24 (B) the duties of the corporation under subchapter II of this chap-  
25 ter.

26 **§ 40703. Powers**

27 The corporation may—

28 (1) adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal, which shall be judicially  
29 noticed;

30 (2) make contracts;

31 (3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
32 essary or convenient to carry out the activities of the corporation;

33 (4) incur and pay obligations;

1 (5) charge fees to cover the corporation's costs in carrying out the  
2 Civilian Marksmanship Program; and

3 (6) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the activi-  
4 ties of the corporation.

5 **§ 40704. Restrictions**

6 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

7 (b) USE OF AMOUNTS COLLECTED.—Amounts collected under section  
8 40703(3) and (5) of this title, including proceeds from the sale of firearms,  
9 ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies, may be used only to support  
10 the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

11 **§ 40705. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

12 The corporation shall be operated in a manner and for purposes that  
13 qualify the corporation for exemption from taxation under section 501(a) of  
14 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(a)) as an organization  
15 described in section 501(c)(3) of that Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)).

16 **§ 40706. Distribution of assets on dissolution**

17 (a) SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.—On dissolution of the corporation, title  
18 to the following items, and the right to possess the items, vest in the Sec-  
19 retary of the Army:

20 (1) firearms stored at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, An-  
21 niston, Alabama on the date of dissolution.

22 (2) M-16 rifles under control of the corporation.

23 (3) trophies received from the National Board for the Promotion  
24 of Rifle Practice through the date of dissolution.

25 (b) TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS.—(1) On dissolution of the corpora-  
26 tion, an asset not described in subsection (a) of this section may be distrib-  
27 uted to an organization that—

28 (A) is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of the Internal  
29 Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(a)) as an organization described  
30 in section 501(c)(3) of that Code (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)); and

31 (B) performs functions similar to the functions described in sec-  
32 tion 40722 of this title.

33 (2) An asset distributed under this subsection may not be distributed  
34 to an individual.

35 (c) TREASURY.—On dissolution of the corporation, any asset not dis-  
36 tributed under subsection (a) or (b) of this section shall be sold and the  
37 proceeds shall be deposited in the Treasury.

38 **§ 40707. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

39 The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
40 the corporation.

## SUBCHAPTER II—CIVILIAN MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM

**§ 40721. Responsibility of corporation**

The corporation shall supervise and control the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

**§ 40722. Functions**

The functions of the Civilian Marksmanship Program are—

- (1) to instruct citizens of the United States in marksmanship;
- (2) to promote practice and safety in the use of firearms;
- (3) to conduct competitions in the use of firearms and to award trophies, prizes, badges, and other insignia to competitors;
- (4) to secure and account for firearms, ammunition, and other equipment for which the corporation is responsible;
- (5) to issue, loan, or sell firearms, ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies under sections 40731 and 40732 of this title; and
- (6) to procure necessary supplies and services to carry out the Program.

**§ 40723. Eligibility for participation**

(a) CERTIFICATION.—(1) An individual shall certify by affidavit, before participating in an activity sponsored or supported by the corporation, that the individual—

- (A) has not been convicted of a felony;
- (B) has not been convicted of a violation of section 922 of title 18; and
- (C) is not a member of an organization that advocates the violent overthrow of the United States Government.

(2) The Director of Civilian Marksmanship may require an individual to provide certification from law enforcement agencies to verify that the individual has not been convicted of a felony or a violation of section 922 of title 18.

(b) INELIGIBILITY.—An individual may not participate in an activity sponsored or supported by the corporation if the individual—

- (1) has been convicted of a felony; or
- (2) has been convicted of a violation of section 922 of title 18.

(c) LIMITING PARTICIPATION.—The Director may limit participation in the program as necessary to ensure—

- (1) the safety of participants;
- (2) the security of firearms, ammunition, and equipment; and
- (3) the quality of instruction in the use of firearms.

**§ 40724. Priority of youth participation**

In carrying out the Civilian Marksmanship Program, the corporation shall give priority to activities that benefit firearms safety, training, and

1 competition for youth and that reach as many youth participants as possible.  
2

3 **§ 40725. National Matches and small-arms firing school**

4 (a) ANNUAL COMPETITION.—An annual competition called the “National Matches” and consisting of rifle and pistol matches for a national trophy, medals, and other prizes shall be held as prescribed by the Secretary  
5 of the Army.  
6

7 (b) ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS.—The National Matches are open to members of the armed forces, National Guard, Reserve Officers’ Training  
8 Corps, Air Force Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, Citizens’ Military Training  
9 Camps, Citizens’ Air Training Camps, and rifle clubs, and to civilians.  
10

11 (c) SMALL-ARMS FIRING SCHOOL.—A small-arms firing school shall be held in connection with the National Matches.  
12

13 (d) OTHER COMPETITIONS.—Competitions for which trophies and medals are provided by the National Rifle Association of America shall be held  
14 in connection with the National Matches.  
15

16 **§ 40726. Allowances for junior competitors**

17 (a) DEFINITION.—In this section, a “junior competitor” is a competitor at the National Matches, a small-arms firing school, a competition in  
18 connection with the National Matches, or a special clinic under section  
19 40725 of this title who is—  
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21 (1) less than 18 years of age; or  
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23 (2) a member of a gun club organized for the students of a college  
24 or university.

25 (b) SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—A junior competitor may be paid a subsistence allowance in an amount prescribed by the Secretary of the  
26 Army.  
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28 (c) TRAVEL ALLOWANCE.—A junior competitor may be paid a travel allowance in an amount prescribed by the Secretary instead of travel expenses and subsistence while traveling. The travel allowance for the return  
29 trip may be paid in advance.  
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31 **§ 40727. Army support**

32 (a) LOGISTICAL SUPPORT.—The Secretary of the Army shall provide logistical support to the Civilian Marksmanship Program for competitions  
33 and other activities. The corporation shall reimburse the Secretary for incremental direct costs incurred in providing logistical support. The reimbursements shall be credited to the appropriations account of the Department of  
34 the Army that is charged to provide the logistical support.  
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36 (b) NATIONAL MATCHES.—(1) The National Matches may be held at Department of Defense facilities where the National Matches were held before February 10, 1996.  
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1 (2) The Secretary shall provide, without cost to the corporation, mem-  
 2 bers of the National Guard and Army Reserve to support the National  
 3 Matches as part of the annual training under title 10 and title 32.

4 (c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to carry  
 5 out this section.

6 **§ 40728. Transfer of firearms, ammunition, and parts**

7 (a) REQUIRED TRANSFERS.—In accordance with subsection (b) of this  
 8 section, the Secretary of the Army shall transfer to the corporation all fire-  
 9 arms and ammunition that, on February 9, 1996, were under the control  
 10 of the director of civilian marksmanship (as that position existed under sec-  
 11 tion 4307 of title 10 on February 9, 1996), including—

12 (1) all firearms on loan to affiliated clubs and State associations;

13 (2) all firearms in the possession of the Civilian Marksmanship  
 14 Support Detachment; and

15 (3) all M–1 Garand and caliber .22 rimfire rifles stored at Defense  
 16 Distribution Depot, Anniston, Anniston, Alabama.

17 (b) TIME FOR TRANSFERS.—The Secretary shall transfer firearms and  
 18 ammunition under subsection (a) of this section as and when necessary to  
 19 enable the corporation—

20 (1) to issue or loan firearms or ammunition under section 40731  
 21 of this title; or

22 (2) to sell firearms or ammunition under section 40732 of this  
 23 title.

24 (c) VESTING OF TITLE IN TRANSFERRED ITEMS.—Title to an item  
 25 transferred to the corporation under this section shall vest in the corpora-  
 26 tion—

27 (1) on the issuance of the item to an eligible recipient under sec-  
 28 tion 40731 of this title; or

29 (2) immediately before the corporation delivers the item to a pur-  
 30 chaser in accordance with a contract for sale of the item that is author-  
 31 ized under section 40732 of this title.

32 (d) STORAGE OF FIREARMS.—Firearms stored at Defense Distribution  
 33 Depot, Anniston, Anniston, Alabama, before February 10, 1996, and used  
 34 for the Civilian Marksmanship Program (as that program existed under sec-  
 35 tion 4308(e) of title 10 before February 10, 1996), shall remain at that fa-  
 36 cility or another storage facility designated by the Secretary, without cost  
 37 to the corporation, until the firearms are issued, loaned, or sold by the cor-  
 38 poration, or otherwise transferred to the corporation.

39 (e) DISCRETIONARY TRANSFER OF PARTS.—The Secretary may trans-  
 40 fer from the inventory of the Department of the Army to the corporation  
 41 any part from a rifle designated to be demilitarized.

1 (f) LIMITATION ON DEMILITARIZATION OF M-1 RIFLES.—After Feb-  
 2 ruary 10, 1996, the Secretary may not demilitarize an M-1 Garand rifle  
 3 in the inventory of the Army unless the Defense Logistics Agency decides  
 4 the rifle is unserviceable.

5 (g) COST OF TRANSFERS.—A transfer of firearms, ammunition, or  
 6 parts to the corporation under this section shall be made without cost to  
 7 the corporation, except that the corporation shall assume the cost of prepa-  
 8 ration and transportation of firearms and ammunition transferred under  
 9 this section.

10 **§ 40729. Reservation of firearms, ammunition, and parts**

11 (a) RESERVATION.—The Secretary of the Army shall reserve for the  
 12 corporation—

- 13 (1) firearms described in section 40728(a) of this title;
- 14 (2) ammunition for firearms described in 40728(a) of this title;
- 15 (3) M-16 rifles held by the Department of the Army on February  
 16 10, 1996, and used to support the small-arms firing school; and
- 17 (4) parts from, and other supplies for, surplus caliber .30 and cali-  
 18 ber .22 rimfire rifles.

19 (b) EXCEPTION.—This section does not supersede the authority pro-  
 20 vided in section 1208 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal  
 21 Years 1990 and 1991 (Public Law 101-189; 10 U.S.C. 372 note).

22 **§ 40730. Surplus property**

23 The corporation may obtain surplus property from the Defense Reutili-  
 24 zation Marketing Service to carry out the Civilian Marksmanship Program.  
 25 A transfer of property to the corporation under this section shall be made  
 26 without cost to the corporation.

27 **§ 40731. Issuance or loan of firearms and supplies**

28 (a) ISSUANCE OR LOAN.—For purposes of training and competition,  
 29 the corporation may issue or loan, with or without charges to recover  
 30 administrative costs, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, air  
 31 rifles, caliber .22 and .30 ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies nec-  
 32 essary for activities related to the Civilian Marksmanship Program to—

- 33 (1) organizations affiliated with the corporation that provide fire-  
 34 arms training to youth;
- 35 (2) the Boy Scouts of America;
- 36 (3) 4-H Clubs;
- 37 (4) the Future Farmers of America; and
- 38 (5) other youth oriented organizations.

39 (b) SECURITY OF FIREARMS.—The corporation shall ensure adequate  
 40 oversight and accountability for firearms issued or loaned under this section.

1 The corporation shall prescribe procedures for the security of issued or  
2 loaned firearms in accordance with United States, State, and local laws.

3 **§ 40732. Sale of firearms and supplies**

4 (a) AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.—The corporation may sell, at fair  
5 market value, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, air rifles, cal-  
6 iber .22 and .30 ammunition, repair parts, and other supplies to organiza-  
7 tions affiliated with the corporation that provide training in the use of fire-  
8 arms.

9 (b) GUN CLUB MEMBERS.—(1) The corporation may sell, at fair mar-  
10 ket value, caliber .22 rimfire and caliber .30 surplus rifles, ammunition, re-  
11 pair parts and other supplies necessary for target practice to a citizen of  
12 the United States who is over 18 years of age and who is a member of a  
13 gun club affiliated with the corporation.

14 (2) Except as provided in section 40733 of this title, sales under this  
15 subsection are subject to applicable United States, State, and local law. In  
16 addition to any other requirement, the corporation shall establish procedures  
17 to obtain a criminal records check of the individual with United States Gov-  
18 ernment and State law enforcement agencies.

19 (c) LIMITATION ON SALES.—(1) The corporation may not sell a repair  
20 part designed to convert a firearm to fire in a fully automatic mode.

21 (2) The corporation may not sell any item to an individual who has  
22 been convicted of—

23 (A) a felony; or

24 (B) a violation of section 922 of title 18.

25 **§ 40733. Applicability of other law**

26 Section 922(a)(1)–(3) and (5) of title 18 does not apply to the ship-  
27 ment, transportation, receipt, transfer, sale, issuance, loan, or delivery by  
28 the corporation, of an item that the corporation is authorized to issue, loan,  
29 sell, or receive under this chapter.

30 **CHAPTER 501—DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF**  
31 **THE CIVIL WAR 1861–1865**

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1    **§ 50101. Definition**

2           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4    **§ 50102. Organization**

5           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil  
6    War 1861–1865 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corpora-  
7    tion incorporated in Ohio, is a federally chartered corporation.

8           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
9    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
10   pires.

11   **§ 50103. Purposes**

12           (a) PROVIDED IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.—The purposes of the  
13   corporation are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

14           (b) PERPETUATING MEMORIES.—To perpetuate the memories of the  
15   fathers of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861–1865,  
16   their loyalty to the Union, and their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation  
17   of the Union, the purposes of the corporation also include—

18               (1) encouraging the preservation of historic sites and the construc-  
19               tion and preservation of monuments commemorating any aspect of the  
20               Civil War;

21               (2) building and maintaining a Museum of Civil War History, ad-  
22               mission to which shall be free and open to the public, in the city of  
23               Springfield, Illinois, as a repository of Civil War documents, artifacts,  
24               and cultural relics;

25               (3) maintaining a library in connection with the Civil War mu-  
26               seum, admission to which shall be open to the public, containing the  
27               official volumes of the War of the Rebellion Records, Civil War genea-  
28               logical files, Adjutant General reports of the various States, military  
29               and biographical records and accounts of the individual service of  
30               Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, diaries, letters, relics, and other  
31               records;

32               (4) promulgating and teaching American history, particularly the  
33               history of the Civil War period, through the establishment of scholar-  
34               ship programs at the national and State levels, the presentation of  
35               American flags to youth groups and newly naturalized citizens, and the  
36               sponsorship of contests of educational merit;

37               (5) caring for veterans of all wars through volunteer programs in  
38               Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers and in homes and  
39               other institutions maintained by the States for the welfare of American  
40               veterans; and

1 (6) participating, in a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity, in pro-  
2 grams with other societies devoted to American history, veterans' af-  
3 fairs, or community interests.

4 (e) VETERANS' AND PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION.—The corporation shall  
5 function as a veterans' and patriotic organization as authorized by the laws  
6 of each State in which it is incorporated.

#### 7 **§ 50104. Membership**

8 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
9 leges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the cor-  
10 poration.

#### 11 **§ 50105. Governing body**

12 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
13 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

14 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
15 vided in the articles of incorporation.

#### 16 **§ 50106. Powers**

17 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
18 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

#### 19 **§ 50107. Restrictions**

20 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
21 declare or pay a dividend.

22 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
23 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
24 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

25 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
26 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
27 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
28 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
29 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
30 amounts approved by the board of directors.

31 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
32 cer, or employee.

33 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
34 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
35 United States Government for any of its activities.

#### 36 **§ 50108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

37 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
38 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
39 seq.). If the corporation does not maintain that status, the charter granted  
40 by this chapter expires.

**§ 50109. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 50110. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

**§ 50111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 50112. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**CHAPTER 503—DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS**

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**§ 50301. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Disabled American Veterans (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

**§ 50302. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to uphold and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States;

(2) to realize the true American ideals and aims for which those eligible to membership fought;

1 (3) to advance the interests, and work for the betterment, of all  
2 wounded, injured, and disabled American veterans;

3 (4) to cooperate with the Department of Veterans Affairs and all  
4 other public and private agencies devoted to the cause of improving and  
5 advancing the condition, health, and interests of all wounded, injured,  
6 and disabled veterans;

7 (5) to stimulate a feeling of mutual devotion, helpfulness, and  
8 comradeship among all wounded, injured, and disabled veterans;

9 (6) to serve our comrades, our communities, and our country; and

10 (7) to encourage in all people that spirit of understanding which  
11 will guard against future wars.

### 12 **§ 50303. Membership**

13 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for membership in the cor-  
14 poration if the individual—

15 (1)(A) was wounded, gassed, injured, or disabled in the line of  
16 duty during time of war while in the service of the military or naval  
17 forces of the United States; and

18 (B) was honorably discharged or separated from that service or is  
19 still in active service in the armed forces of the United States; or

20 (2)(A) was disabled while serving with any of the armed forces of  
21 a country associated with the United States as an ally during any of  
22 its war periods;

23 (B) is a citizen of the United States; and

24 (C) was honorably discharged.

25 (b) NO HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS.—An honorary membership may not  
26 be granted.

### 27 **§ 50304. Powers**

28 The corporation may—

29 (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to carry out the  
30 purposes of the corporation;

31 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

32 (3) adopt emblems and badges;

33 (4) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

34 (5) establish State and territorial organizations and local chapter  
35 or post organizations;

36 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
37 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

38 (7) publish a newspaper and other publications devoted to the pur-  
39 poses of the corporation;

40 (8) sue and be sued; and

1 (9) do any other act necessary or proper to carry out the purposes  
2 of the corporation.

3 **§ 50305. Exclusive right to name**

4 The corporation and its State and local subdivisions have the exclusive  
5 right to use the name “Disabled American Veterans”.

6 **§ 50306. Restrictions**

7 The corporation shall be nonpolitical and nonsectarian, and may not  
8 promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

9 **§ 50307. Service of process**

10 As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
11 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
12 ignated official of each State in which a chapter is organized, the name and  
13 address of an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against  
14 the corporation may be served.

15 **§ 50308. Annual report**

16 Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
17 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
18 fiscal year.

19 **CHAPTER 601—82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION ASSOCIATION,**  
20 **INCORPORATED**

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- 60112. Annual report.

21 **§ 60101. Definition**

22 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
23 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

24 **§ 60102. Organization**

25 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—82nd Airborne Division Association, Incor-  
26 porated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incor-  
27 porated in Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

28 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
29 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
30 pires.

31 **§ 60103. Purposes**

32 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
33 poration and include—

1 (1) perpetuating the memory of members of the 82nd Airborne Di-  
2 vision who fought and died for this country;

3 (2) furthering the common bond between retired and active mem-  
4 bers of the 82nd Airborne Division;

5 (3) providing educational assistance in the form of college scholar-  
6 ships and grants to the qualified children of current and former mem-  
7 bers of the 82nd Airborne Division;

8 (4) promoting civic and patriotic activities; and

9 (5) promoting the indispensable role of airborne defense to the na-  
10 tional security of the United States.

#### 11 **§ 60104. Membership**

12 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
13 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
14 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

15 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
16 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

#### 17 **§ 60105. Governing body**

18 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
19 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

20 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
21 vided in the articles of incorporation.

22 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
23 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex,  
24 disability, or national origin.

#### 25 **§ 60106. Powers**

26 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
27 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

#### 28 **§ 60107. Restrictions**

29 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
30 declare or pay a dividend.

31 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
32 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
33 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

34 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
35 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
36 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
37 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
38 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses in  
39 amounts approved by the board of directors.

40 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
41 cer, or employee.

1 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
2 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
3 United States Government for any of its activities.

4 **§ 60108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

5 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
6 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
7 seq.).

8 **§ 60109. Records and inspection**

9 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

10 (1) correct and complete records of account;

11 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
12 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
13 and

14 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
15 its members entitled to vote.

16 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
17 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
18 purpose, at any reasonable time.

19 **§ 60110. Service of process**

20 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
21 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
22 tivities.

23 **§ 60111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

24 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
25 within the scope of their authority.

26 **§ 60112. Annual report**

27 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
28 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
29 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
30 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

31 **CHAPTER 701—FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIATION**

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- 70109. Records and inspection.
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- 70111. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 70112. Annual report.

1    **§ 70101. Definition**

2           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4    **§ 70102. Organization**

5           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Fleet Reserve Association (in this chapter,  
6    the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Delaware, is a  
7    federally chartered corporation.

8           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
9    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
10   pires.

11   **§ 70103. Purposes**

12           (a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its  
13   articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

14               (1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

15               (2) aiding and maintaining an adequate naval defense for the  
16   United States;

17               (3) assisting the recruitment of the best personnel available for the  
18   United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States  
19   Coast Guard;

20               (4) providing for the welfare of the personnel who serve in the  
21   United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States  
22   Coast Guard;

23               (5) continuing to loyally serve the United States Navy, United  
24   States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

25               (6) preserving the spirit of shipmanship by providing assistance to  
26   shipmates and their families; and

27               (7) instilling love of the United States and its flag, and promoting  
28   soundness of mind and body, in the youth of the United States.

29           (b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall function as an edu-  
30   cational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization under the laws  
31   of the State of Delaware.

32   **§ 70104. Membership**

33           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
34   membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
35   as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

36           (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
37   nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national ori-  
38   gin.

1 **§ 70105. Governing body**

2 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
3 sibilities of the board are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorpo-  
4 ration.

5 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
6 vided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

7 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director  
8 or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, dis-  
9 ability, age, or national origin.

10 **§ 70106. Powers**

11 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
12 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

13 **§ 70107. Restrictions**

14 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
15 declare or pay a dividend.

16 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
17 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
18 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
19 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
20 tion to an officer or employee or reimbursement for actual necessary ex-  
21 penses in amounts approved by the board of directors.

22 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
23 cer, employee, or member.

24 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
25 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
26 United States Government for any of its activities.

27 **§ 70108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

28 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
29 a corporation incorporated under the laws of Delaware.

30 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
31 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
32 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

33 **§ 70109. Records and inspection**

34 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

35 (1) correct and complete records of account;

36 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
37 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
38 and

39 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
40 its members entitled to vote.

1 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
2 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
3 purpose, at any reasonable time.

4 **§ 70110. Service of process**

5 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
6 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
7 tivities.

8 **§ 70111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

9 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
10 within the scope of their authority.

11 **§ 70112. Annual report**

12 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
13 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
14 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
15 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

16 **CHAPTER 703—FORMER MEMBERS OF CONGRESS**

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17 **§ 70301. Definition**

18 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
19 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

20 **§ 70302. Organization**

21 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Former Members of Congress (in this chap-  
22 ter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District  
23 of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

24 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
25 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
26 pires.

27 **§ 70303. Purposes**

28 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
29 poration and include the promotion of the cause of good government at the  
30 national level by improving the public understanding of Congress as an in-  
31 stitution and strengthening its support by the public. The corporation shall  
32 function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organiza-  
33 tion as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

1 **§ 70304. Membership**

2 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
3 leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

4 **§ 70305. Governing body**

5 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
6 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

7 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
8 vided in the articles of incorporation.

9 **§ 70306. Powers**

10 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
11 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

12 **§ 70307. Restrictions**

13 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
14 declare or pay a dividend.

15 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
16 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
17 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

18 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
19 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
20 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
21 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
22 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
23 amounts approved by the board of directors.

24 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
25 cer, or employee.

26 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
27 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
28 United States Government for any of its activities.

29 **§ 70308. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

30 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
31 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
32 seq.).

33 **§ 70309. Records and inspection**

34 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

35 (1) correct and complete records of account;

36 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
37 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
38 and

39 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
40 its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 70310. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

**§ 70311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 70312. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**CHAPTER 705—THE FOUNDATION OF THE FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION**

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**§ 70501. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

(c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

**§ 70502. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to receive and hold property, including by gift, devise, or grant, and to invest, administer, and dispose of the property without restrictions applicable to trustees or trust funds;

(2) to apply its income and any part of its principal exclusively to educational, charitable, scientific, or literary purposes—

(A) to advance the science of jurisprudence;

1 (B) to uphold high standards for the Federal judiciary and  
2 attorneys representing the United States Government;

3 (C) to promote and improve the administration of justice, in-  
4 cluding the study of means for the improved handling of the legal  
5 business of the departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the  
6 Government;

7 (D) to facilitate the cultivation and diffusion of knowledge  
8 and understanding of the law and the promotion of the study of  
9 the law and the science of jurisprudence and research in jurispru-  
10 dence, through the maintenance of a law library, the establishment  
11 of seminars, lectures, and studies devoted to the law, and the pub-  
12 lication of addresses, essays, treatises, reports and other literary  
13 works by students, practitioners, and teachers of the law; and

14 (E) to provide for the acquisition, preservation, and exhibition  
15 of rare books and documents, sculptures, paintings, and other ob-  
16 jects of art and historical interest relating to the law, the courts,  
17 and the legal profession; and

18 (3) to do any other acts necessary or incident to the accomplish-  
19 ment of these purposes.

### 20 § 70503. Membership

21 (a) MEMBERS.—The members of the corporation are—

22 (1) the members of the National Council of the Federal Bar Asso-  
23 ciation, a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the District of Colum-  
24 bia, during their term of membership on that Council; and

25 (2) other individuals the corporation provides for in the bylaws or  
26 otherwise.

27 (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to  
28 a vote of the members.

29 (c) GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION.—An individual may not be a  
30 member, director, or officer of the corporation if the individual—

31 (1) is a member of, or advocates the principles of, an organization  
32 believing in, or working for, the overthrow of the United States Govern-  
33 ment by force or violence; or

34 (2) refuses to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United  
35 States.

### 36 § 70504. Governing body

37 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
38 ing body of the corporation. The board may exercise, or provide for the ex-  
39 ercise of, the powers of the corporation.

40 (2) The board shall consist of 12 individuals elected, and subject to re-  
41 moval at any time, by a majority vote of the members of the corporation.

1 The term of office of an elected director is 6 years. A vacancy on the board  
2 shall be filled by a majority vote of the members of the corporation.

3 (3) The board shall meet at least annually. Each director has one vote  
4 on each matter decided by the board. The board may delegate its powers  
5 to a prudential committee subject to the direction of, and reporting to, the  
6 board.

7 (4) The president of the corporation is the chairman of the board and  
8 of the prudential committee.

9 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, a  
10 vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, a historian, and other officers pro-  
11 vided for in the bylaws. The powers of the officers are as provided in the  
12 bylaws.

13 (2) The officers shall be elected by the board of directors at its annual  
14 meeting. The term of office of an officer is one year.

15 **§ 70505. Powers**

16 The corporation may—

17 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property  
18 and the regulation of its affairs;

19 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

20 (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
21 corporation require;

22 (4) make contracts;

23 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
24 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

25 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
26 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

27 (7) sue and be sued; and

28 (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
29 poses of the corporation.

30 **§ 70506. Exclusive right to name**

31 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “The Founda-  
32 tion of the Federal Bar Association”.

33 **§ 70507. Restrictions**

34 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
35 declare or pay a dividend.

36 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—(1) The activities, funds, income, and  
37 property of the corporation may not be used to carry on political activity  
38 or attempt to influence legislation.

39 (2) The corporation or a director or officer as such may not contribute  
40 to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

1 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME.—The income of the corporation may  
2 not inure to the benefit of a director, officer, member, or private individual.

3 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
4 rector or officer. Directors and officers who vote for, assent to, or partici-  
5 pate in making a loan or advance to a director or officer are jointly and  
6 severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance  
7 until it is repaid.

8 (e) IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY.—Members and private individuals are  
9 not liable for the obligations of the corporation.

10 **§ 70508. Principal office**

11 The corporation shall have its principal office in the District of Colum-  
12 bia, but may conduct its activities anywhere.

13 **§ 70509. Records and inspection**

14 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

15 (1) correct and complete records of account;

16 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
17 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
18 and

19 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
20 its members entitled to vote.

21 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
22 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
23 purpose, at any reasonable time.

24 **§ 70510. Service of process**

25 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
26 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
27 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
28 service on the corporation.

29 **§ 70511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

30 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
31 within the scope of their authority.

32 **§ 70512. Deposit of assets on dissolution or final liquidation**

33 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
34 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be deposited in the Treas-  
35 ury of the United States as a miscellaneous receipt.

36 **CHAPTER 707—FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL AND**  
37 **HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

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1     **§ 70701. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical  
3 Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and  
4 politic in the District of Columbia.

5           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
6 poration has perpetual existence.

7     **§ 70702. Purposes**

8           The purposes of the corporation are—

9           (1) to preserve to posterity the memory of the life and character  
10 of the late Frederick Douglass; and

11           (2) to collect, collate, and preserve a historical record of the incep-  
12 tion, progress, and culmination of the antislavery movement in the  
13 United States, and to assemble in the homestead of the late Frederick  
14 Douglass, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, Dis-  
15 trict of Columbia, all suitable exhibits of records or things illustrative  
16 or commemorative of the antislavery movement and history that are do-  
17 nated to, or acquired by, the corporation.

18     **§ 70703. Governing body**

19           (a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing  
20 body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the  
21 corporation.

22           (2) The board shall consist of at least 9 but not more than 19 mem-  
23 bers. A vacancy on the board shall be filled by decision of the remaining  
24 members of the board.

25           (3) The board shall adopt a seal under which all acts of the corporation  
26 shall be passed and authenticated.

27           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The board shall elect officers the board considers  
28 necessary, including a treasurer, for the term and at the compensation the  
29 board decides, as provided in the bylaws.

30           (2) The treasurer shall give a bond as provided in the bylaws.

31           (3) The board may remove an officer, employee, or agent of the cor-  
32 poration for a cause provided in the bylaws.

33     **§ 70704. Powers**

34           The corporation may—

35           (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the regulation of its affairs;

36           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

37           (3) employ persons the corporation considers necessary;

38           (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property;

39           (5) sue and be sued; and

40           (6) do any other act to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

1    **§ 70705. Management of homestead and erection of monu-**  
 2                                   **ment**

3           After the corporation has acquired any part of the property occupied  
 4 by the late Frederick Douglass as his homestead, commonly called Cedar  
 5 Hill, in the village of Anacostia, District of Columbia, the corporation  
 6 may—

7           (1) manage, repair, and improve the property to carry out the pur-  
 8           poses of the corporation; and

9           (2) erect on the property a monument to the memory of the late  
 10          Frederick Douglass.

11    **§ 70706. Property exempt from taxation**

12          Any property formerly occupied by the late Frederick Douglass as his  
 13 homestead, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, District  
 14 of Columbia, and owned by the corporation, is exempt from taxation as long  
 15 as the property is used for the purposes of the corporation.

16    **§ 70707. Misnomer not to affect transfer of property**

17          A misnomer of the corporation does not affect any transfer of property  
 18 to or from the corporation.

19    **§ 70708. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

20          The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
 21 the corporation.

22                           **CHAPTER 709—FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA**

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23    **§ 70901. Organization**

24          (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Future Farmers of America (in this chapter,  
 25 the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

26          (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 27 poration has perpetual existence.

28    **§ 70902. Purposes**

29          The purposes of the corporation are—

30          (1) to create, foster, and assist subsidiary chapters composed of  
 31 students and former students of vocational agriculture in public schools  
 32 qualifying for Federal reimbursement under the Smith-Hughes Voca-

1 tional Education Act (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28) and associations of  
 2 those chapters in the States, territories, and possessions of the United  
 3 States;

4 (2) to develop character, train for useful citizenship, and foster pa-  
 5 triotism, and thereby develop competent and aggressive rural and agri-  
 6 cultural leadership;

7 (3) to create and nurture a love of country life by encouraging  
 8 members to improve the farm home and its surroundings, to develop  
 9 organized rural recreational activities, and to create more interest in  
 10 the intelligent choice of farming occupations;

11 (4) to encourage the practice of thrift;

12 (5) to procure for and distribute to State associations, local chap-  
 13 ters, and members all official supplies and equipment of the corpora-  
 14 tion;

15 (6) to publish an official magazine and other publications for the  
 16 members of the corporation;

17 (7) to strengthen the confidence of young men and women in  
 18 themselves and their work, to encourage members in the development  
 19 of individual farming programs, and to promote their permanent estab-  
 20 lishment in farming by—

21 (A) encouraging improvement in scholarship;

22 (B) providing prizes and awards to deserving students who  
 23 have achieved distinction in vocational agriculture, including farm  
 24 mechanics activities on a local, State, or national basis; and

25 (C) assisting financially, through loans or grants, deserving  
 26 students in all-day vocational agriculture classes and young farm-  
 27 ers under 30 years of age who were former students in all-day vo-  
 28 cational agriculture classes in becoming satisfactorily established  
 29 in a farming occupation;

30 (8) to cooperate with others, including State boards for vocational  
 31 education, in accomplishing these purposes; and

32 (9) to engage in other activities, consistent with these purposes,  
 33 determined by the governing body to be for the best interests of the  
 34 corporation.

### 35 **§ 70903. Membership**

36 (a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
 37 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
 38 as provided in the bylaws.

39 (b) **VOTING.**—In matters of official business of a local chapter, each  
 40 member has one vote. In matters of official business of a State association,  
 41 each qualified delegate of a local chapter has one vote.

1 **§ 70904. Governing body**

2 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
3 ing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted  
4 to the corporation.

5 (2) The board consists of the Secretary of Education, 4 staff members  
6 in the Department of Education, and 4 State supervisors of agriculture edu-  
7 cation. The Secretary is chairman of the board.

8 (3) The term of office of the directors and the method of selecting the  
9 directors (except ex officio directors) are as provided in the bylaws.

10 (4) The board shall meet at least annually at the time and place pro-  
11 vided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board shall be presented at  
12 that meeting. Special meetings of the board may be called at any time by  
13 the chairman.

14 (b) GOVERNING COMMITTEE.—The board may designate the chairman  
15 of the board and 2 members of the chairman's staff as a governing commit-  
16 tee. When the board is not in session, the governing committee has the pow-  
17 ers of the board subject to the board's direction and may authorize the seal  
18 of the corporation to be affixed to all papers that require it.

19 **§ 70905. National officers**

20 (a) COMPOSITION.—The national officers of the corporation are a stu-  
21 dent president, 4 student vice presidents (one from each of 4 regions of the  
22 United States established in the bylaws for purposes of administration of  
23 the corporation), a student secretary, an executive secretary, a treasurer,  
24 and a national advisor.

25 (b) BOARD OF STUDENT OFFICERS.—The national student officers of  
26 the corporation comprise a board of student officers. The board of student  
27 officers shall advise and make recommendations to the board of directors  
28 about the activities and business of the corporation.

29 (c) ELECTION.—The national officers of the corporation shall be elect-  
30 ed annually by a majority vote of the delegates assembled in the annual na-  
31 tional convention from among qualified members of the corporation, except  
32 that—

33 (1) the national advisor shall be the Secretary of Education;

34 (2) the executive secretary shall be a member of the Department  
35 of Education; and

36 (3) the treasurer shall be an employee or member of a State agen-  
37 cy that directs or supervises a State program of agricultural education  
38 under the provisions of the Smith-Hughes Vocational Education Act  
39 (20 U.S.C. 11–15, 16–28).

40 (d) VOTE AT NATIONAL CONVENTION.—Each qualified delegate has  
41 one vote at the annual national convention.

**§ 70906. Powers**

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establishment and maintenance of local chapters and State associations of chapters;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) adopt emblems and badges;

(4) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation require;

(5) make contracts;

(6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(8) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, and grants to deserving students and young farmers to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(9) publish a magazine and other publications;

(10) procure for and distribute to State associations, local chapters, and members all official Future Farmers of America supplies and equipment;

(11) sue and be sued; and

(12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

**§ 70907. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

The corporation and its authorized chapters and associations of chapters have the exclusive right to use the name “Future Farmers of America” and the initials FFA as representing an agricultural membership organization and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

**§ 70908. Restrictions**

(a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or declare or pay a dividend.

(b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate for elective public office.

(c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a director, officer, or member, except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

1 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 2 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
 3 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
 4 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
 5 the loan until it is repaid.

6 (e) PRIZES, AWARDS, GRANTS, OR LOANS TO STUDENT OFFICERS AND  
 7 MEMBERS MEETING CRITERIA.—This section does not preclude prizes,  
 8 awards, grants, or loans to student officers and members meeting the cri-  
 9 teria established by the board of directors for selecting recipients of those  
 10 benefits.

11 **§ 70909. Availability of personnel, services, and facilities of**  
 12 **Department of Education**

13 On request of the board of directors of the corporation, the Secretary  
 14 of Education may make personnel, services, and facilities of the Department  
 15 of Education available to administer or assist in the administration of the  
 16 activities of the corporation. Personnel of the Department may not receive  
 17 compensation from the corporation for their services, except that travel and  
 18 other legitimate expenses as defined by the Secretary and approved by the  
 19 board may be paid. The Secretary also may cooperate with the State boards  
 20 for vocational education to assist in the promotion of the activities of the  
 21 corporation.

22 **§ 70910. Headquarters and principal office**

23 The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the  
 24 District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not con-  
 25 fined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the  
 26 States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

27 **§ 70911. Records and inspection**

28 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 29 (1) correct and complete records of account;  
 30 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 31 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 32 and  
 33 (3) a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled  
 34 to vote.

35 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
 36 may inspect the records of the corporation at any reasonable time.

37 **§ 70912. Service of process**

38 (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
 39 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
 40 poration. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk  
 41 of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to

1 or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is  
2 notice to or service on the corporation.

3 (b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the  
4 exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation  
5 shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each  
6 State, territory, or possession of the United States in which a subordinate  
7 association or chapter is organized, the name and address of an agent in  
8 that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands  
9 against the corporation may be served.

### 10 § 70913. Liability for acts of officers and agents

11 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
12 within the scope of their authority.

### 13 § 70914. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq- 14 uidation

15 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
16 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of  
17 directors for the benefit of students of vocational agriculture or be trans-  
18 ferred to a recognized educational foundation.

## 19 CHAPTER 801—GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN’S 20 CLUBS

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### 21 § 80101. Organization

22 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—General Federation of Women’s Clubs (in  
23 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic of the Dis-  
24 trict of Columbia.

25 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
26 poration has perpetual existence.

### 27 § 80102. Purposes

28 The corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for chari-  
29 table and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of  
30 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 501(c)(3)) and shall comply  
31 with the requirements for classification as an exempt organization under  
32 section 501(c)(3). The charitable purposes of the corporation shall be  
33 achieved through volunteer efforts by the members of the corporation, in-  
34 cluding arts programs, conservation programs, educational programs,  
35 homelife programs, international affairs, public affairs programs advancing  
36 information about public affairs, and community improvement programs.

1 **§ 80103. Constitution and bylaws**

2 The corporation shall have a constitution and may adopt bylaws for the  
3 admission and qualifications of members, the management of its property,  
4 and the regulation of its affairs. The corporation may amend its constitu-  
5 tion and bylaws.

6 **§ 80104. Property**

7 The corporation may—

8 (1) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
9 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

10 (2) issue instruments of indebtedness in relation to its real prop-  
11 erty.

12 **§ 80105. Principal office and meetings**

13 (a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the corporation shall  
14 be in the District of Columbia.

15 (b) MEETINGS.—The corporation may hold its meetings at places out-  
16 side the District of Columbia.

17 **§ 80106. Distribution of assets on dissolution**

18 On dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall liquidate  
19 and distribute its assets to organizations qualified as exempt organizations  
20 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C.  
21 501(c)(3)) with purposes similar to those of the corporation.

22 **CHAPTER 803—GIRL SCOUTS OF THE UNITED STATES**  
23 **OF AMERICA**

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24 **§ 80301. Organization**

25 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Girl Scouts of the United States of America  
26 (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic of the  
27 District of Columbia.

28 (b) DOMICILE.—The domicile of the corporation is the District of Co-  
29 lumbia.

30 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
31 poration has perpetual existence.

32 **§ 80302. Purposes**

33 The purposes of the corporation are—

34 (1) to promote the qualities of truth, loyalty, helpfulness, friendli-  
35 ness, courtesy, purity, kindness, obedience, cheerfulness, thriftiness,

1 and kindred virtues among girls, as a preparation for their responsibil-  
 2 ities in the home and for service to the community;

3 (2) to direct and coordinate the Girl Scout movement in the  
 4 United States and territories and possessions of the United States; and

5 (3) to fix and maintain standards for the movement that will in-  
 6 spire the rising generation with the highest ideals of character, patriot-  
 7 ism, conduct, and attainment.

8 **§ 80303. Governing body**

9 (a) NATIONAL COUNCIL.—(1) There shall be a National Council of Girl  
 10 Scouts. The number, qualifications, and term of office of members of the  
 11 Council are as provided in the constitution of the corporation, except that  
 12 members of the Council must be citizens of the United States.

13 (2) The Council may adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws and  
 14 elect a board of directors, officers, and agents.

15 (3) The constitution may prescribe the number of members of the  
 16 Council necessary for a quorum. That number may be less than a majority  
 17 of the entire Council.

18 (4) Meetings of the Council shall be held as provided in the constitution  
 19 to hold elections and receive reports of the officers and board of directors.  
 20 Special meetings may be called as provided in the constitution.

21 (b) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) To the extent provided in the con-  
 22 stitution and bylaws, the board of directors shall have the powers of the  
 23 Council and manage the activities of the corporation between meetings of  
 24 the Council. The number, qualifications, and term of office of directors are  
 25 as provided in the constitution.

26 (2) The constitution may prescribe the number of directors necessary  
 27 for a quorum. That number shall be at least 20 or two-fifths of the entire  
 28 board.

29 (c) EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMITTEES.—The bylaws may provide  
 30 for—

31 (1) an executive committee to carry out the powers of the board  
 32 of directors between meetings of the board; and

33 (2) other committees to operate under the general supervision of  
 34 the board of directors.

35 (d) LOCATION OF MEETINGS AND RECORDS.—The Council and the  
 36 board of directors may hold meetings and keep the seal and records of the  
 37 corporation in or outside the District of Columbia.

38 **§ 80304. Powers**

39 The corporation may—

40 (1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations, in-  
 41 cluding regulations for the election of associates and successors;

- 1           (2) adopt and alter a seal;
- 2           (3) have offices and conduct its activities in the District of Colum-  
3           bia and in the States, territories, and possessions of the United States;
- 4           (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property, and use  
5           any income from the property, as necessary to carry out the purposes  
6           of the corporation;
- 7           (5) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States;  
8           and
- 9           (6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and the  
10          purposes of the corporation.

11       **§ 80305. Exclusive right to emblems, badges, marks, and**  
12       **words**

13           The corporation has the exclusive right to use all emblems and badges,  
14           descriptive or designating marks, and words or phrases the corporation  
15           adopts, including the badge of the Girl Scouts, Incorporated, referred to in  
16           the Act of August 12, 1937 (ch. 590, 50 Stat. 623), and to authorize their  
17           use, during the life of the corporation, in connection with the manufacture,  
18           advertisement, and sale of equipment and merchandise. This section does  
19           not affect any vested rights.

20       **§ 80306. Restrictions**

21           (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

22           (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and  
23           nonsectarian.

24       **§ 80307. Annual report**

25           Not later than April 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a re-  
26           port to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal  
27           year. The report shall be printed each year, with accompanying illustrations,  
28           as a separate House document of the session of the Congress to which the  
29           report is submitted.

30       **CHAPTER 805—GOLD STAR WIVES OF AMERICA**

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31       **§ 80501. Definition**

32           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
33           and the territories and possessions of the United States.

1 **§ 80502. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Gold Star Wives of America (in this chapter,  
3 the “corporation”), incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered cor-  
4 poration.

5 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
6 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
7 pires.

8 **§ 80503. Purposes**

9 The purposes of the corporation are—

10 (1) to operate in the public interest, as a nonpartisan and non-  
11 profit organization, solely for patriotic, charitable, literary, educational,  
12 scientific, or civic improvement purposes; and

13 (2) the purposes stated in its articles of incorporation that are not  
14 inconsistent with the purposes described in clause (1) of this section.

15 **§ 80504. Membership**

16 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
17 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
18 as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

19 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
20 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

21 **§ 80505. Governing body**

22 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
23 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

24 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
25 vided in the articles of incorporation.

26 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
27 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
28 tional origin.

29 **§ 80506. Powers**

30 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
31 of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated.

32 **§ 80507. Restrictions**

33 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
34 declare or pay a dividend.

35 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
36 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
37 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

38 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
39 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
40 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
41 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-

1 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
2 amounts approved by the board of directors.

3 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to any director, of-  
4 ficer, or employee.

5 **§ 80508. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

6 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
7 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
8 seq.).

9 **§ 80509. Records and inspection**

10 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

11 (1) correct and complete records of account;

12 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
13 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
14 and

15 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
16 its members entitled to vote.

17 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
18 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
19 purpose, at any reasonable time.

20 **§ 80510. Service of process**

21 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
22 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
23 tivities.

24 **§ 80511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

25 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
26 within the scope of their authority and in accordance with the laws of the  
27 States in which it carries on its activities.

28 **§ 80512. Annual report**

29 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
30 tivities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may  
31 not be printed as a public document.

32 **CHAPTER 901—[RESERVED]**

33 **CHAPTER 1001—ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS OF**  
34 **THE UNITED STATES**

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- 100108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status.
- 100109. Records and inspection.
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100111. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

100112. Annual report.

1 **§ 100101. Definition**

2 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4 **§ 100102. Organization**

5 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Italian American War Veterans of the  
6 United States (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation  
7 incorporated in California, Connecticut, Florida, Massachusetts, New Jer-  
8 sey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island, is a federally char-  
9 tered corporation.

10 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
11 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
12 pires.

13 **§ 100103. Purposes**

14 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
15 poration and include—

16 (1) giving patriotic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the  
17 Constitution and laws of the United States, and support to the security  
18 of civil liberty and permanence of free institutions;

19 (2) stimulating patriotism in the minds of Americans by encourag-  
20 ing the study of the history of the United States;

21 (3) ensuring the preservation and defense of the United States  
22 from all enemies without reservation;

23 (4) preserving the memories and records of patriotic service per-  
24 formed by men and women who served in the armed forces, by gather-  
25 ing, collating, editing, publishing, and exhibiting the memorabilia, in-  
26 formation, records, military awards, decorations, and citations of those  
27 who served in the armed forces;

28 (5) promoting peace, prosperity, and good will between the peoples  
29 of the United States and Italy; and

30 (6) functioning as a veterans’ and patriotic organization as au-  
31 thorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

32 **§ 100104. Membership**

33 A citizen of the United States who was honorably discharged from the  
34 armed forces is eligible for membership in the corporation. Except as pro-  
35 vided in this chapter, eligibility for membership and the rights and privileges  
36 of members are as provided in the bylaws.

37 **§ 100105. Governing body**

38 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
39 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

1 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
2 vided in the articles of incorporation.

3 **§ 100106. Powers**

4 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
5 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

6 **§ 100107. Restrictions**

7 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
8 declare or pay a dividend.

9 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
10 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
11 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

12 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
13 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
14 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
15 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
16 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
17 amounts approved by the board of directors.

18 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
19 cer, or employee.

20 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
21 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
22 United States Government for any of its activities.

23 **§ 100108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

24 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
25 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
26 seq.).

27 **§ 100109. Records and inspection**

28 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

29 (1) correct and complete records of account;

30 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
31 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
32 and

33 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
34 its members entitled to vote.

35 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
36 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
37 purpose, at any reasonable time.

38 **§ 100110. Service of process**

39 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
40 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
41 tivities.

1    **§ 100111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

2           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
3 within the scope of their authority.

4    **§ 100112. Annual report**

5           The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
6 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
7 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
8 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

9                   **CHAPTER 1101—JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE**  
10                   **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**

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- 110104. Membership.
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- 110109. Records and inspection.
- 110110. Service of process.
- 110111. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 110112. Annual report.

11   **§ 110101. Definition**

12           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
13 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

14   **§ 110102. Organization**

15           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Jewish War Veterans of the United States  
16 of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit  
17 corporation incorporated in New York, is a federally chartered corporation.

18           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
19 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
20 pires.

21   **§ 110103. Purposes**

22           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
23 poration and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis, to—

- 24           (1) maintain true allegiance to the United States;
- 25           (2) foster and perpetuate true Americanism;
- 26           (3) combat whatever tends to impair the efficiency and perma-  
27 nency of our free institutions;
- 28           (4) uphold the fair name of Jews and fight their battles wherever  
29 unjustly assailed;
- 30           (5) encourage the doctrine of universal liberty, equal rights, and  
31 full justice to all men;
- 32           (6) combat the powers of bigotry and darkness wherever originat-  
33 ing and whatever the target;

1 (7) preserve the spirit of comradeship by mutual helpfulness to  
2 comrades and their families;

3 (8) cooperate with and support existing educational institutions  
4 and establish educational institutions;

5 (9) foster the education of ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen and  
6 members of the corporation in the ideals and principles of American-  
7 ism;

8 (10) instill love of country and flag;

9 (11) promote sound minds and bodies in members of the corpora-  
10 tion and their youth;

11 (12) preserve the memories and records of patriotic service per-  
12 formed by the men and women of the Jewish faith and honor their  
13 memory; and

14 (13) shield from neglect the graves of our heroic dead.

15 **§ 110104. Membership**

16 Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
17 corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
18 constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

19 **§ 110105. Governing body**

20 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
21 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

22 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
23 vided in the articles of incorporation.

24 **§ 110106. Powers**

25 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
26 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

27 **§ 110107. Restrictions**

28 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
29 declare or pay a dividend.

30 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
31 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
32 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
33 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
34 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
35 amounts approved by the board of directors.

36 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
37 cer, or employee.

38 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
39 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
40 United States Government for any of its activities.

1 **§ 110108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

2 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
3 a corporation incorporated under the laws of New York.

4 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
5 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
6 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

7 **§ 110109. Records and inspection**

8 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

9 (1) correct and complete records of account;

10 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
11 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
12 and

13 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
14 its members entitled to vote.

15 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
16 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
17 purpose, at any reasonable time.

18 **§ 110110. Service of process**

19 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
20 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
21 tivities.

22 **§ 110111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

23 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
24 within the scope of their authority.

25 **§ 110112. Annual report**

26 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
27 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
28 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
29 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

30 **CHAPTER 1103—JEWISH WAR VETERANS, U.S.A.,**  
31 **NATIONAL MEMORIAL, INCORPORATED**

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110310. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

1 **§ 110301. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Jewish War Veterans, U.S.A., National Me-  
3 morial, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally char-  
4 tered corporation.

5 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
6 clared to be a nonprofit corporation incorporated and domiciled in the Dis-  
7 trict of Columbia.

8 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
9 poration has perpetual existence.

10 **§ 110302. Purposes**

11 The purposes of the corporation are—

12 (1) to maintain and conduct a national memorial and museum  
13 dedicated to and commemorating the service and sacrifice by Ameri-  
14 cans of the Jewish faith in the armed forces of the United States dur-  
15 ing the period of war;

16 (2) to gather, collate, edit, publish, and exhibit memorabilia, infor-  
17 mation, records, military awards, decorations, citations, and similar  
18 items, to preserve the memories and records of patriotic service per-  
19 formed by men and women of the Jewish faith while in the armed  
20 forces of the United States in time of war; and

21 (3) to stimulate patriotism in the minds of all Americans by en-  
22 couraging the study of the military and naval history of the United  
23 States.

24 **§ 110303. Governing body**

25 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
26 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
27 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The  
28 board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

29 (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
30 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
31 tion and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least  
32 36 directors.

33 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
34 or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a sec-  
35 retary, and a treasurer.

36 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
37 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

38 **§ 110304. Powers**

39 The corporation may—

40 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
41 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

- 1 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- 2 (3) make contracts;
- 3 (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-
- 4 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- 5 (5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure
- 6 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and
- 7 (6) sue and be sued.

#### 8 **§ 110305. Restrictions**

9 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
10 declare or pay a dividend.

11 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
12 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
13 for public office.

14 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
15 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
16 tor or officer. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensa-  
17 tion to an officer or employee in an amount approved by the executive com-  
18 mittee of the corporation.

19 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
20 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
21 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
22 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
23 the loan until it is repaid.

#### 24 **§ 110306. Principal office**

25 The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
26 lumbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to the  
27 District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the States, terri-  
28 tories, and possessions of the United States.

#### 29 **§ 110307. Records and inspection**

30 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 31 (1) correct and complete records of account;
- 32 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
33 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
34 and
- 35 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
36 its members entitled to vote.

37 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
38 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
39 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1    **§ 110308. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall have a designated agent in its headquarters in  
3 the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation.  
4 Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the headquarters of the cor-  
5 poration in the District of Columbia, is notice to or service on the corpora-  
6 tion.

7    **§ 110309. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

8           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
9 within the scope of their authority.

10   **§ 110310. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
11           **uidation**

12           On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
13 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
14 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
15 laws of the corporation. This section does not allow assets to be distributed  
16 to an officer or employee or to inure to the benefit of a private person.

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18                   **CHAPTER 1301—LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE**  
19                           **REPUBLIC**

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20   **§ 130101. Organization**

21           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic  
22 (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

23           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
24 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

25           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
26 poration has perpetual existence.

27   **§ 130102. Purposes**

28           The purposes of the corporation are—

- 29           (1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic  
30           and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;

1 (2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making  
2 available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand  
3 Army of the Republic and its members;

4 (3) to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have served our  
5 country patriotically in any way;

6 (4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history  
7 of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

8 (5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loy-  
9 alty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

10 (6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of  
11 representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

## 12 **§ 130103. Membership**

13 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—(1) Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
14 membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
15 of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
16 corporation.

17 (2) Eligibility for membership is limited to female blood relatives of an  
18 individual who—

19 (A) served at any time during the period April 12, 1861, through  
20 April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in—

21 (i) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue-  
22 Cutter Service; or

23 (ii) a State regiment that was called into active service and  
24 was subject to orders of United States general officers during that  
25 period; and

26 (B) was honorably discharged from, or died in, that service.

27 (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote on each matter submitted to  
28 a vote at a meeting of the members.

## 29 **§ 130104. Governing body**

30 (a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the su-  
31 preme governing authority of the corporation.

32 (2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected rep-  
33 resentatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation  
34 as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of govern-  
35 ment of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large  
36 and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of mem-  
37 bers or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership  
38 at large.

39 (3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District  
40 of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

1 (b) OFFICERS.—The titles, manner of selection, term of office, and du-  
 2 ties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the cor-  
 3 poration.

4 **§ 130105. Powers**

5 The corporation may—

6 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
 7 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

8 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

9 (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
 10 ties of the corporation require;

11 (4) make contracts;

12 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 13 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

14 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 15 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

16 (7) sue and be sued; and

17 (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 18 poses of the corporation.

19 **§ 130106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
 20 **badges**

21 The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
 22 to use the name “Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic”. The corpora-  
 23 tion has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems,  
 24 and badges the corporation adopts.

25 **§ 130107. Restrictions**

26 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 27 declare or pay a dividend.

28 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as  
 29 such may not contribute to a political party or candidate for public office.

30 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 31 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
 32 cer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or  
 33 final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of com-  
 34 pensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
 35 amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

36 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
 37 officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for  
 38 or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and offi-  
 39 cers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally  
 40 liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is  
 41 repaid.



130310. Liability for acts of officers and agents.

130311. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

1     **§ 130301. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Legion of Valor of the United States of  
3 America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally  
4 chartered corporation.

5           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
6 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

7           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
8 poration has perpetual existence.

9           (d) REFERENCES TO ARMY AND NAVY LEGION OF VALOR OF THE  
10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED.—Any reference to the Army  
11 and Navy Legion of Valor of the United States of America, Incorporated,  
12 is deemed to refer to the Legion of Valor of the United States of America,  
13 Incorporated.

14     **§ 130302. Principles and purposes**

15           (a) PRINCIPLES.—The principles underlying the corporation are patri-  
16 otic allegiance to the United States of America, fidelity to the constitution  
17 and law of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the perma-  
18 nence of free institutions.

19           (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are—

20               (1) to cherish the memories of the valiant deeds in arms for which  
21 the Congressional Medal of Honor, the Distinguished Service Cross, the  
22 Navy Cross, and the Air Force Cross are the insignia;

23               (2) to promote true fellowship among its members;

24               (3) to advance the best interests of members of the armed forces  
25 of the United States of America;

26               (4) to extend all possible relief to needy members of the corpora-  
27 tion and their widows and children; and

28               (5) to stimulate patriotism in the minds of our youth by encourag-  
29 ing the study of the patriotic, military, and naval history of our Nation.

30     **§ 130303. Membership**

31           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—An individual is eligible for active membership in  
32 the corporation if the individual—

33               (1) is of good moral character; and

34               (2) has received a Congressional Medal of Honor, a Distinguished  
35 Service Cross, a Navy Cross, or an Air Force Cross awarded for acts  
36 of extraordinary heroism in connection with military or naval oper-  
37 ations against an armed enemy, or for heroism of a specially distin-  
38 guished character, as a member of the armed forces of the United  
39 States or any foreign country.

1 (b) EXTENSION OF ELIGIBILITY TO PARENTS AND DESCENDANTS.—  
 2 The corporation may extend eligibility for membership, either active or asso-  
 3 ciate, to parents and lineal descendants of an individual described in sub-  
 4 section (a) of this section on terms provided in its constitution and bylaws.

5 (c) VOTING.—Each member (except an associate member) has one vote  
 6 on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members.

7 **§ 130304. Governing body**

8 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
 9 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
 10 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The  
 11 board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.

12 (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
 13 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
 14 tion and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least  
 15 10 directors.

16 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander,  
 17 a senior vice commander, a junior vice commander, a chaplain, an adjutant  
 18 and quartermaster, a judge advocate, an inspector, a surgeon, a historian,  
 19 and any aides-de-camp provided in the constitution and bylaws.

20 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
 21 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

22 **§ 130305. Powers**

23 The corporation may—

24 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
 25 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

26 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

27 (3) make contracts;

28 (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 29 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

30 (5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 31 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

32 (6) charge and collect membership dues; and

33 (7) sue and be sued.

34 **§ 130306. Restrictions**

35 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 36 declare or pay a dividend.

37 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
 38 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
 39 for public office.

40 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 41 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-

1 tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
 2 poration. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to  
 3 an officer in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corpora-  
 4 tion.

5 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 6 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
 7 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
 8 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
 9 the loan until it is repaid.

10 **§ 130307. Principal office**

11 The principal office of the corporation shall be in a place decided by  
 12 the board of directors. However, the activities of the corporation are not  
 13 confined to the place where the principal office is located but may be con-  
 14 ducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United  
 15 States.

16 **§ 130308. Records and inspection**

17 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

18 (1) correct and complete records of account;

19 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 20 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 21 and

22 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 23 its members entitled to vote.

24 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 25 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 26 purpose, at any reasonable time.

27 **§ 130309. Service of process**

28 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
 29 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
 30 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
 31 service on the corporation.

32 **§ 130310. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

33 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 34 within the scope of their authority.

35 **§ 130311. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
 36 uidation**

37 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
 38 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
 39 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
 40 laws of the corporation.

1                   **CHAPTER 1305—LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL,**  
 2   **INCORPORATED**

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3           **§ 130501. Organization**

4           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Little League Baseball, Incorporated (in this  
 5 chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.

6           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 7 poration has perpetual existence.

8           **§ 130502. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are—

10           (1) to promote, develop, supervise, and voluntarily assist in all  
 11 lawful ways the interest of young people who participate in Little  
 12 League baseball;

13           (2) to help and voluntarily assist young people in developing quali-  
 14 ties of citizenship and sportsmanship; and

15           (3) using the disciplines of the native American game of baseball,  
 16 to teach spirit and competitive will to win, physical fitness through in-  
 17 dividual sacrifice, the values of team play, and wholesome well being  
 18 through healthy social association with other youngsters under proper  
 19 leadership.

20           **§ 130503. Membership**

21           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
 22 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
 23 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

24           (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member)  
 25 has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the mem-  
 26 bers.

27           **§ 130504. Governing body**

28           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
 29 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
 30 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The  
 31 board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

1           (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
2 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
3 tion and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least  
4 13 directors.

5           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of  
6 the board of directors, a president, a vice president, and a secretary-treas-  
7 urer. Their duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the cor-  
8 poration.

9           (2) The officers shall be elected annually at the annual meeting of the  
10 corporation.

### 11 **§ 130505. Powers**

12           The corporation may—

13           (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
14 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

15           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

16           (3) adopt, alter, and display seals, emblems, and badges;

17           (4) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and  
18 agents as the activities of the corporation require;

19           (5) make contracts;

20           (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
21 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

22           (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
23 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

24           (8) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;

25           (9) sue and be sued; and

26           (10) do any other act necessary or desirable to carry out the pur-  
27 poses of the corporation.

### 28 **§ 130506. Exclusive right to name and emblems**

29           The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to  
30 use the names “Little League” and “Little Leaguer” and the official Little  
31 League emblem or any colorable simulation of that emblem. This section  
32 does not affect any vested rights.

### 33 **§ 130507. Restrictions**

34           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
35 declare or pay a dividend.

36           (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
37 agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist any political party  
38 or candidate for office.

39           (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income and assets of  
40 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
41 tor, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolu-

1 tion or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of  
 2 reasonable compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board  
 3 of directors.

4 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 5 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
 6 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
 7 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
 8 the loan until it is repaid.

9 **§ 130508. Principal office**

10 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Williamsport, Penn-  
 11 sylvania, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the  
 12 activities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the world.

13 **§ 130509. Records and inspection**

14 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

15 (1) correct and complete records of account;

16 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 17 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 18 and

19 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 20 its members entitled to vote.

21 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 22 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 23 purpose, at any reasonable time.

24 **§ 130510. Statement required in audit report**

25 The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required  
 26 under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requir-  
 27 ing payments greater than \$10,000 and all payments of compensation or  
 28 fees at a rate greater than \$10,000 a year.

29 **§ 130511. Service of process**

30 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
 31 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
 32 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
 33 service on the corporation.

34 **§ 130512. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

35 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 36 within the scope of their authority.

37 **§ 130513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
 38 uidation**

39 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
 40 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided

1 by the board of directors, but consistent with the purposes of the corpora-  
 2 tion and in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

### 3 **CHAPTER 1401—MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**

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#### 4 **§ 140101. Organization**

5 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Marine Corps League (in this chapter, the  
 6 “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

7 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 8 poration has perpetual existence.

#### 9 **§ 140102. Purposes**

10 The purposes of the corporation are—

11 (1) to preserve the traditions and to promote the interests of the  
 12 United States Marine Corps;

13 (2) to band those who, on August 4, 1937, were serving in the  
 14 United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably dis-  
 15 charged from that service together in fellowship that they may effec-  
 16 tively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy;

17 (3) to fit its members for the duties of citizenship and to encour-  
 18 age them to serve as ably as citizens as they have served the Nation  
 19 under arms;

20 (4) to hold sacred the history and memory of the men who have  
 21 given their lives to the Nation;

22 (5) to foster love for the principles which they have supported by  
 23 blood and valor since the founding of the Republic;

24 (6) to maintain true allegiance to American institutions;

25 (7) to create a bond of comradeship between those in service and  
 26 those who have returned to civil life;

27 (8) to aid voluntarily and to render assistance to all marines and  
 28 former marines as well as to their widows and orphans; and

29 (9) to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps  
 30 and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions  
 31 of peculiar interest to marines.

#### 32 **§ 140103. Powers**

33 The corporation may—

34 (1) adopt and amend bylaws;

35 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

36 (3) appoint or elect officers and agents;

1 (4) choose a board of trustees, consisting of at least 5 but not  
 2 more than 15 individuals, to conduct the business and exercise the pow-  
 3 ers of the corporation;

4 (5) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;

5 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 6 essary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

7 (7) charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions  
 8 of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the  
 9 corporation;

10 (8) sue and be sued; and

11 (9) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the pur-  
 12 poses of the corporation.

13 **§ 140104. Annual report**

14 Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
 15 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
 16 calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

17 **CHAPTER 1403—THE MILITARY CHAPLAINS**

18 **ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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19 **§ 140301. Organization**

20 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The Military Chaplains Association of the  
 21 United States of America (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally  
 22 chartered corporation.

23 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 24 poration has perpetual existence.

25 **§ 140302. Purposes**

26 The purposes of the corporation are—

27 (1) to safeguard and strengthen the forces of faith and morality  
 28 of our Nation;

29 (2) to perpetuate and deepen the bonds of understanding and  
 30 friendship of our military service;

31 (3) to preserve our spiritual influence and interest in all members  
 32 and veterans of the armed forces;

33 (4) to uphold the Constitution of the United States; and

34 (5) to promote justice, peace, and good will.

35 **§ 140303. Powers**

36 The corporation may—

- 1           (1) make its own organization, including its constitution, bylaws,  
2           and regulations;
- 3           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- 4           (3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;
- 5           (4) appoint or elect officers and agents;
- 6           (5) authorize the executive committee to conduct the business and  
7           exercise the powers of the corporation;
- 8           (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
9           essary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;
- 10          (7) publish a magazine and other publications;
- 11          (8) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;
- 12          (9) sue and be sued; and
- 13          (10) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the  
14          purposes of the corporation.

15   **§ 140304. Exclusive right to name**

16          The corporation and its area, State, and local chapters have the exclu-  
17          sive right to use the name “The Military Chaplains Association of the  
18          United States of America”.

19   **§ 140305. Annual report**

20          Not later than September 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
21          a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
22          calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

23   **CHAPTER 1405—MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE**  
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26   **§ 140501. Organization**

27          (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the Purple Heart of the  
28          United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”),  
29          is a federally chartered corporation.

30          (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
31          clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

32          (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
33          poration has perpetual existence.

1    **§ 140502. Principles and purposes**

2           (a) PRINCIPLES.—The principles underlying the corporation are patri-  
3       otic allegiance to the United States, fidelity to the Constitution and laws  
4       of the United States, the security of civil liberty, and the permanence of  
5       free institutions.

6           (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are educational, fra-  
7       ternal, historical, and patriotic, perpetuating the principles of liberty and  
8       justice which have created the United States, by—

9               (1) commemorating all national patriotic holidays;

10              (2) maintaining true allegiance to the Government of the United  
11       States and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;

12              (3) preserving and strengthening comradeship and patriotism  
13       among its members;

14              (4) assisting, comforting, and aiding all needy and distressed  
15       members and their dependents;

16              (5) giving needed hospital and service work through its Depart-  
17       ment of Veterans Affairs certified service officers;

18              (6) cooperating with other civic and patriotic organizations having  
19       worthy objectives;

20              (7) keeping alive the achievements and memory of our country's  
21       founders;

22              (8) ever cherishing the memory of General George Washington,  
23       who founded the Purple Heart at his headquarters at Newburgh-on-  
24       the-Hudson on August 7, 1782;

25              (9) influencing and teaching our citizenry, in a loyal appreciation  
26       of the heritages of American citizenship, with its responsibilities and  
27       privileges; and

28              (10) preserving and defending the United States from all enemies.

29    **§ 140503. Membership**

30           (a) ACTIVE MEMBERS.—An individual is eligible for active membership  
31       in the corporation if the individual—

32               (1) is of good moral character; and

33               (2) has received the Purple Heart for wounds received as a mem-  
34       ber, of any rank, of the armed forces of the United States or any fore-  
35       ign country during military or naval combat against an armed enemy  
36       of the United States.

37           (b) ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.—The corporation may extend eligibility for  
38       membership as associate members to parents and lineal descendants of an  
39       individual described in subsection (a) of this section on terms provided in  
40       its constitution and bylaws.

1 (c) VOTING.—Each member described in subsection (a) of this section  
 2 has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the mem-  
 3 bers.

4 **§ 140504. Governing body**

5 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
 6 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
 7 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The  
 8 board is responsible for all funds of the corporation.

9 (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
 10 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
 11 tion and bylaws of the corporation. However, the board shall have at least  
 12 18 directors.

13 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander,  
 14 a senior vice commander, a chaplain, an adjutant, a finance officer, a judge  
 15 advocate, an inspector, a surgeon, a historian, and other elected officers as  
 16 provided in the constitution and bylaws.

17 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
 18 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

19 **§ 140505. Powers**

20 The corporation may—

21 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
 22 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

23 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

24 (3) make contracts;

25 (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 26 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

27 (5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 28 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

29 (6) charge and collect membership dues; and

30 (7) sue and be sued.

31 **§ 140506. Restrictions**

32 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 33 declare or pay a dividend.

34 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
 35 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
 36 for public office.

37 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 38 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 39 tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
 40 poration. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to

1 an officer in an amount approved by the executive committee of the corpora-  
2 tion.

3 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
4 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
5 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
6 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
7 the loan until it is repaid.

8 **§ 140507. Principal office**

9 The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
10 lumbia or another place decided by the national executive board. However,  
11 the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the prin-  
12 cipal office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, terri-  
13 tories, and possessions of the United States.

14 **§ 140508. Records and inspection**

15 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 16 (1) correct and complete records of account;  
17 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
18 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
19 and  
20 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
21 its members entitled to vote.

22 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
23 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
24 purpose, at any reasonable time.

25 **§ 140509. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

26 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
27 within the scope of their authority.

28 **§ 140510. Service of process**

29 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
30 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
31 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
32 service on the corporation.

33 **§ 140511. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
34 uidation**

35 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
36 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
37 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
38 laws of the corporation.

39 **CHAPTER 1407—MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS**

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1    **§ 140701. Definition**

2           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4    **§ 140702. Organization**

5           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Military Order of the World Wars (in this  
6 chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in the Dis-  
7 trict of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

8           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—The charter granted by this chapter  
9 expires if the corporation fails to comply with any provision of—

- 10           (1) its bylaws or articles of incorporation;
- 11           (2) this chapter; or
- 12           (3) the laws of the District of Columbia that apply to corporations  
13           such as the corporation recognized under this chapter.

14   **§ 140703. Purposes**

15           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
16 poration and bylaws and include—

- 17           (1) promoting military service associations;
- 18           (2) promoting patriotic education and military, naval, and air  
19           science;
- 20           (3) defending the honor and integrity of the United States Gov-  
21           ernment and the Constitution;
- 22           (4) fostering fraternal relations among all branches of the armed  
23           forces;
- 24           (5) encouraging the adoption of a suitable policy of national secu-  
25           rity; and
- 26           (6) encouraging the commemoration of military service and the es-  
27           tablishment of war memorials.

28   **§ 140704. Membership**

29           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
30 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
31 as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

32           (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
33 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national ori-  
34 gin.

1 **§ 140705. Governing body**

2 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
3 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

4 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
5 vided in the articles of incorporation.

6 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director  
7 or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, dis-  
8 ability, age, or national origin.

9 **§ 140706. Powers**

10 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
11 of incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated.

12 **§ 140707. Restrictions**

13 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
14 declare or pay a dividend.

15 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
16 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
17 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
18 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
19 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
20 amounts approved by the board of directors.

21 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
22 cer, or employee.

23 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
24 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
25 United States Government for any of its activities.

26 **§ 140708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

27 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
28 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
29 seq.).

30 **§ 140709. Records and inspection**

31 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

32 (1) correct and complete records of account;

33 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
34 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
35 and

36 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
37 its members entitled to vote.

38 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
39 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
40 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1    **§ 140710. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
3 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
4 tivities.

5    **§ 140711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

6           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
7 within the scope of their authority.

8    **§ 140712. Annual report**

9           The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
10 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
11 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
12 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

13                   **CHAPTER 1501—NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC**  
14                                   **ADMINISTRATION**

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15    **§ 150101. Definition**

16           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
17 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

18    **§ 150102. Organization**

19           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Academy of Public Administration  
20 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in the District of Colum-  
21 bia, is a federally chartered corporation.

22           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
23 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
24 pires.

25    **§ 150103. Purposes**

26           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
27 poration and include—

- 28           (1) evaluating the structure, administration, operation, and pro-  
29 gram performance of Federal and other governments and government  
30 agencies, anticipating, identifying, and analyzing significant problems,  
31 and suggesting timely corrective action;

1           (2) foreseeing and examining critical emerging issues in govern-  
2           ance, and formulating practical approaches to their resolution;

3           (3) assessing the effectiveness, structure, administration, and im-  
4           plications for governance of present or proposed public programs, poli-  
5           cies, and processes, and recommending specific changes;

6           (4) advising on the relationship of Federal, State, regional, and  
7           local governments, and increasing public officials', citizens', and schol-  
8           ars' understanding of requirements and opportunities for sound govern-  
9           ance and how these can be effectively met; and

10          (5) demonstrating by the conduct of its affairs a commitment to  
11          the highest professional standards of ethics and scholarship.

#### 12   **§ 150104. Services to United States Government**

13          On request of the United States Government, the corporation shall in-  
14          vestigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject of government.  
15          The actual expense of the investigation, examination, experimentation, and  
16          report shall be paid by the Government from appropriations available for  
17          that purpose.

#### 18   **§ 150105. Membership**

19          Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
20          leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

#### 21   **§ 150106. Governing body**

22          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
23          sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

24          (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
25          vided in the articles of incorporation.

#### 26   **§ 150107. Powers**

27          The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
28          of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

#### 29   **§ 150108. Restrictions**

30          (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
31          declare or pay a dividend.

32          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
33          such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
34          or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

35          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
36          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
37          tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
38          ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
39          tion to an officer or member in an amount approved by the board of direc-  
40          tors.

1 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
2 cer, or employee.

3 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—Ex-  
4 cept by agreement, the corporation may not claim congressional approval or  
5 the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

6 **§ 150109. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

7 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
8 a corporation incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia.

9 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
10 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
11 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

12 **§ 150110. Records and inspection**

13 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

14 (1) correct and complete records of account;

15 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
16 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
17 and

18 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
19 its members entitled to vote.

20 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
21 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
22 purpose, at any reasonable time.

23 **§ 150111. Service of process**

24 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
25 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
26 tivities.

27 **§ 150112. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

28 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
29 within the scope of their authority.

30 **§ 150113. Annual report**

31 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
32 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
33 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
34 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

35 **CHAPTER 1503—NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES**

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36 **§ 150301. Federal charter**

37 National Academy of Sciences (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is  
38 a federally chartered corporation.

1 **§ 150302. Powers**

2 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

3 (1) make its own organization, including adopting a constitution,  
4 bylaws, and regulations;

5 (2) provide for the election of domestic and foreign members, their  
6 division into classes, and other matters needful or usual in such an in-  
7 stitution;

8 (3) fill vacancies; and

9 (4) report its actions under this subsection to Congress.

10 (b) PROPERTY.—(1) The corporation may—

11 (A) receive property by devise, bequest, donation, or otherwise;

12 (B) hold the property absolutely or in trust;

13 (C) manage and invest the property as provided in the constitution  
14 of the corporation; and

15 (D) use the property and income from the property to carry out  
16 the purposes of the corporation, subject to instructions of donors.

17 (2) Congress at any time may limit the amount of real estate the cor-  
18 poration may acquire and the amount of time it may be held.

19 **§ 150303. Services to United States Government**

20 On request of the United States Government, the corporation shall in-  
21 vestigate, examine, experiment, and report on any subject of science or art.  
22 The corporation may not receive compensation for services to the Govern-  
23 ment, but the actual expense of the investigation, examination, experimen-  
24 tation, and report shall be paid by the Government from an appropriation  
25 for that purpose.

26 **§ 150304. Annual meeting**

27 The corporation shall hold an annual meeting at a place designated by  
28 the corporation.

29 **CHAPTER 1505—NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE**  
30 **SOCIETIES, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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150513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

1 **§ 150501. Definition**

2 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Colum-  
3 bia.

4 **§ 150502. Organization**

5 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Conference of State Societies,  
6 Washington, District of Columbia (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a  
7 federally chartered corporation.

8 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
9 poration has perpetual existence.

10 **§ 150503. Purposes**

11 The purposes of the corporation are—

12 (1) to promote friendly and cooperative relations between the  
13 State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia;

14 (2) to foster, participate in, and encourage educational, cultural,  
15 charitable, civic, and patriotic programs and activities in the District  
16 of Columbia and surrounding communities; and

17 (3) to act as contact agent with States for carrying out State and  
18 national programs.

19 **§ 150504. Membership**

20 The membership of the corporation consists of the members of the  
21 State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia. Except as pro-  
22 vided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the  
23 rights and privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws and regula-  
24 tions of the corporation.

25 **§ 150505. Governing body**

26 (a) BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES.—(1) The board of representatives  
27 is the governing body of the corporation. The board shall exercise the pow-  
28 ers granted to the corporation.

29 (2) The board consists of one representative from each State society  
30 and territorial society in the District of Columbia. Each member of the  
31 board has one vote.

32 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, a  
33 first vice president, a second vice president, a secretary, an assistant sec-  
34 retary, a treasurer, an assistant treasurer, a historian, and other officers  
35 designated by the board.

36 (2) The officers shall be elected by the board at an annual meeting and  
37 serve for a term of one year.

38 **§ 150506. Powers**

39 The corporation has the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of  
40 incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated, including the  
41 power to—

1 (1) adopt bylaws and regulations for the management of its prop-  
 2 erty and the regulation of its affairs;

3 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

4 (3) adopt emblems and badges;

5 (4) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
 6 corporation require;

7 (5) make contracts;

8 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 9 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

10 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 11 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

12 (8) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consist-  
 13 ent with the purposes of the corporation;

14 (9) sue and be sued; and

15 (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 16 poses of the corporation.

17 **§ 150507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
 18 **badges**

19 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “National Con-  
 20 ference of State Societies, Washington, District of Columbia” and seals, em-  
 21 blems, and badges the corporation adopts.

22 **§ 150508. Restrictions**

23 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 24 declare or pay a dividend.

25 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member  
 26 as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or can-  
 27 didate for elective public office. The corporation may not carry on propa-  
 28 ganda.

29 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 30 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
 31 cer or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

32 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
 33 officer or member of the board of representatives. Officers and members of  
 34 the board who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer  
 35 or member of the board, and officers or members of the board who partici-  
 36 pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
 37 corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

38 **§ 150509. Headquarters and principal office**

39 The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the  
 40 District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corporation are not con-

1 fined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted throughout the  
2 States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

3 **§ 150510. Records and inspection**

4 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

5 (1) correct and complete records of account;

6 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of represent-  
7 atives, and committees having any of the authority of its board of rep-  
8 resentatives; and

9 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
10 its members entitled to vote.

11 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
12 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
13 purpose, at any reasonable time.

14 **§ 150511. Service of process**

15 (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
16 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
17 poration. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk  
18 of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to  
19 or service on the agent, or mailed to the address of the agent, is notice to  
20 or service on the corporation.

21 (b) STATES.—As a condition to the exercise in any State of any power  
22 or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation shall file, with secretary  
23 of state or other designated official of that State, the name and address of  
24 an agent in that State on whom legal process or demands against the cor-  
25 poration may be served.

26 **§ 150512. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

27 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
28 within the scope of their authority.

29 **§ 150513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
30 uidation**

31 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
32 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be divided equally among  
33 the State and territorial societies in the District of Columbia.

34 **CHAPTER 1507—NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON  
35 CITIZENSHIP**

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1     **§ 150701. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Conference on Citizenship (in this  
 3 chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 5 poration has perpetual existence.

6     **§ 150702. Purposes**

7           The purposes of the corporation are—

8           (1) to hold an annual national conference on citizenship on or  
 9 about “Citizenship Day”, September 17;

10          (2) to assist in the development of more dynamic procedures for  
 11 making citizenship more effective, including the promotion and encour-  
 12 agement of local, State, and regional citizenship conferences; and

13          (3) to indicate the ways and means by which various organizations  
 14 may contribute concretely to the development of a more active, alert,  
 15 enlightened, conscientious, and progressive citizenry in our country.

16     **§ 150703. Membership**

17          (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Membership in the corporation is confined to agen-  
 18 cies and organizations. Except as provided in this chapter, the rights and  
 19 privileges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

20          (b) VOTING.—Each agency or organization sending delegates to, and  
 21 participating in, the annual national conference on citizenship has one vote  
 22 in the conduct of the business of the conference.

23     **§ 150704. National officers**

24          (a) NATIONAL OFFICERS.—The national officers of the corporation are  
 25 a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a third vice presi-  
 26 dent, a secretary, and a treasurer. The president is chairman of the board  
 27 of directors and of the executive committee described in section 150705(d)  
 28 of this title.

29          (b) ELECTION.—The national officers are elected biennially from  
 30 among the officers and members of the member agencies and organizations  
 31 participating in the annual national conference on citizenship, by a majority  
 32 vote of the agencies and organizations sending delegates to, and participat-  
 33 ing in, the conference.

34     **§ 150705. Board of directors**

35          (a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the  
 36 corporation. The board shall exercise the powers granted to the corporation.

37          (b) NUMBER AND ELECTION.—The number of directors and their term  
 38 of office are as provided in the bylaws, except that the board shall have at  
 39 least 10 members (including ex officio members). The directors are elected

1 from among the officers and members of the member agencies and organiza-  
 2 tions participating in the annual national conference on citizenship, by a  
 3 majority vote of the agencies and organizations sending delegates to, and  
 4 participating in, the conference.

5 (c) MEETINGS.—The board shall hold an annual meeting at a time and  
 6 place as may be provided in the bylaws. The annual report of the board  
 7 shall be presented at the annual meeting. Special meetings of the board may  
 8 be called as provided in the bylaws.

9 (d) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The board shall designate 3 of its own  
 10 members, who together with the president and the 3 vice presidents con-  
 11 stitute the executive committee. When the board is not in session, the execu-  
 12 tive committee has the powers of the board subject to the board's direction  
 13 and may authorize the seal of the corporation to be affixed to all papers  
 14 that require it.

15 (e) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF.—The executive  
 16 committee shall select an executive director for the corporation, who shall  
 17 have the qualifications and terms of employment decided by the committee.  
 18 The executive director shall nominate other professional staff members, who  
 19 must be approved by the executive committee.

## 20 § 150706. Powers

21 The corporation may—

22 (1) adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the management  
 23 of its property and the regulation of its affairs, including the establish-  
 24 ment and maintenance of local and State conferences on citizenship;

25 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

26 (3) adopt emblems and badges;

27 (4) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activi-  
 28 ties of the corporation require;

29 (5) make contracts;

30 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 31 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

32 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 33 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

34 (8) use corporate funds to give prizes or awards to citizens for  
 35 outstanding contributions toward the achievement of the purposes of  
 36 the corporation;

37 (9) publish a magazine and other publications consistent with the  
 38 purposes of the corporation;

39 (10) sue and be sued; and

40 (11) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 41 poses of the corporation.

1 **§ 150707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
 2 **badges**

3 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “National Con-  
 4 ference on Citizenship” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation  
 5 adopts.

6 **§ 150708. Restrictions**

7 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 8 declare or pay a dividend.

9 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
 10 member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party  
 11 or candidate for elective public office, or advocate, sponsor, or promote legis-  
 12 lation in the Congress of the United States or in the legislature of a State.

13 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 14 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 15 tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
 16 poration. This subsection does not prevent the executive committee from  
 17 adopting terms of employment of the executive director as provided in sec-  
 18 tion 150705(e) of this title.

19 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 20 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
 21 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
 22 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
 23 the loan until it is repaid.

24 **§ 150709. Headquarters and principal office**

25 The headquarters and principal office of the corporation shall be in the  
 26 District of Columbia, Maryland, or Virginia. However, the activities of the  
 27 corporation are not confined to the District of Columbia, Maryland, and  
 28 Virginia but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and pos-  
 29 sessions of the United States.

30 **§ 150710. Records and inspection**

31 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

32 (1) correct and complete records of account;

33 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its annual national conference,  
 34 board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its  
 35 board of directors; and

36 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 37 its members entitled to vote.

38 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 39 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 40 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1    **§ 150711. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
3    bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Designation of the  
4    agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the United States District  
5    Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to or service on the agent, or  
6    mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the  
7    corporation.

8    **§ 150712. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

9           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
10   within the scope of their authority.

11   **§ 150713. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
12    uidation**

13           On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
14   maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be transferred by the board  
15   of directors to a recognized agency or agencies engaged in the furtherance  
16   and advancement of citizenship.

17           **CHAPTER 1509—NATIONAL COUNCIL ON RADIATION  
18           PROTECTION AND MEASUREMENTS**

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- 150901. Organization.
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- 150910. Service of process.
- 150911. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 150912. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

19   **§ 150901. Organization**

20           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Council on Radiation Protection  
21   and Measurements (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally char-  
22   tered corporation.

23           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
24   poration has perpetual existence.

25   **§ 150902. Purposes**

26           The purposes of the corporation are—

27           (1) to collect, analyze, develop, and disseminate in the public inter-  
28   est information and recommendations about—

29                   (A) protection against radiation; and

30                   (B) radiation measurements, quantities, and units, particu-  
31   larly those concerned with protection against radiation;

32           (2) to provide a means by which organizations concerned with the  
33   scientific and related aspects of protection against radiation and of ra-

1 diation quantities, units, and measurements may cooperate for effective  
 2 use of their combined resources, and to stimulate the work of those or-  
 3 ganizations;

4 (3) to develop basic concepts about—

5 (A) radiation quantities, units, and measurements;

6 (B) the application of those concepts; and

7 (C) protection against radiation; and

8 (4) to cooperate with the International Commission on Radiologi-  
 9 cal Protection, the Federal Radiation Council, the International Com-  
 10 mission on Radiological Units and Measurements, and other national  
 11 and international organizations, governmental and private, concerned  
 12 with radiation quantities, units, and measurements and with protection  
 13 against radiation.

#### 14 **§ 150903. Membership**

15 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
 16 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
 17 as provided in the bylaws.

18 (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member)  
 19 has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the mem-  
 20 bers.

#### 21 **§ 150904. Governing body**

22 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
 23 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
 24 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. The  
 25 board is responsible for the control of all funds of the corporation.

26 (2) The selection of directors and their term of office are as provided  
 27 in the bylaws.

28 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
 29 or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as pro-  
 30 vided in the bylaws. Their duties are as provided in the bylaws.

31 (2) The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corpora-  
 32 tion.

#### 33 **§ 150905. Powers**

34 The corporation may—

35 (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property  
 36 and the regulation of its affairs;

37 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

38 (3) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and  
 39 agents as the activities of the corporation require;

40 (4) make contracts;

1           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
2           essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

3           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
4           its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

5           (7) sue and be sued; and

6           (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
7           poses of the corporation.

8   **§ 150906. Restrictions**

9           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
10          declare or pay a dividend.

11          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
12          agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or  
13          candidate for office.

14          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
15          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
16          tor, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolu-  
17          tion or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of  
18          reasonable compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board  
19          of directors.

20          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
21          cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
22          director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
23          loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
24          the loan until it is repaid.

25   **§ 150907. Principal office**

26          The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
27          lumbia or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
28          tivities of the corporation may be conducted throughout the world.

29   **§ 150908. Records and inspection**

30          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

31               (1) correct and complete records of account;

32               (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
33               and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
34               and

35               (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
36               its members entitled to vote.

37          (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
38          of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
39          purpose, at any reasonable time.

1 **§ 150909. Statement required in audit report**

2 The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required  
3 under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requir-  
4 ing payments greater than \$10,000 and all payments of compensation or  
5 fees at a rate greater than \$10,000 a year.

6 **§ 150910. Service of process**

7 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
8 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
9 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
10 service on the corporation.

11 **§ 150911. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

12 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
13 within the scope of their authority.

14 **§ 150912. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
15 uidation**

16 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
17 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
18 by the board of directors, but consistent with the purposes of the corpora-  
19 tion and in compliance with the bylaws.

20 **CHAPTER 1511—NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION  
21 OF THE UNITED STATES**

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- 151108. Nonapplication of audit requirements.

22 **§ 151101. Organization**

23 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Education Association of the  
24 United States (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered  
25 corporation.

26 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be in-  
27 corporated in the District of Columbia.

28 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
29 poration has perpetual existence.

30 **§ 151102. Purposes**

31 The purposes of the corporation are—

- 32 (1) to elevate the character and advance the interests of the pro-  
33 fession of teaching; and
- 34 (2) to promote the cause of education in the United States.

1 **§ 151103. Membership**

2 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, obliga-  
3 tions, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws.

4 **§ 151104. Governing body**

5 (a) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a president, one or  
6 more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and the members of a board  
7 of directors, an executive committee, and any other boards, councils, and  
8 committees, and other officers, as provided in the bylaws.

9 (b) ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS.—Except as provided in this chapter, the  
10 manner of selection, term of office, powers, and duties of the officers,  
11 boards, councils, and committees are as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws  
12 may provide other and different provisions as to the names and numbers  
13 of the officers, boards, councils, and committees.

14 **§ 151105. Powers**

15 The corporation may—

- 16 (1) adopt and amend bylaws;  
17 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;  
18 (3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property to carry  
19 out the purposes of the corporation;  
20 (4) accept and administer a trust for educational purposes;  
21 (5) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
22 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and  
23 (6) sue and be sued in any court of the United States, or other  
24 court of competent jurisdiction.

25 **§ 151106. Tax exemption**

26 (a) REAL PROPERTY.—Real property of the corporation is exempt from  
27 taxation if it is—

- 28 (1) located in the District of Columbia;  
29 (2) used for the purposes provided in section 151102 of this title;  
30 and  
31 (3) not used to produce income.

32 (b) PERSONAL PROPERTY.—Personal property of the corporation is ex-  
33 empt from taxation if it is used for the purposes provided in section 151102  
34 of this title or to produce income to be used for those purposes.

35 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit annually to the  
36 Secretary of Education a written report stating in detail for the prior  
37 year—

- 38 (1) the real and personal property held by the corporation;  
39 (2) the income from the property; and  
40 (3) the expenditure or other use or disposition of the property and  
41 income from the property.

1 **§ 151107. Principal office**

2 The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
3 lumbia. However, the activities of the corporation may be conducted, and  
4 offices may be maintained, throughout the United States in accordance with  
5 the bylaws.

6 **§ 151108. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

7 The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
8 the corporation.

9 **CHAPTER 1513—NATIONAL FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS**  
10 **FOUNDATION**

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11 **§ 151301. Organization**

12 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Fallen Firefighters Foundation (in  
13 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

14 (b) NATURE OF CORPORATION AND PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The  
15 corporation is a charitable and nonprofit corporation incorporated under the  
16 laws of Maryland and is not an agency or establishment of the United  
17 States Government.

18 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
19 poration has perpetual existence.

20 **§ 151302. Purposes**

21 The purposes of the corporation are—

22 (1) primarily to encourage, accept, and administer private gifts of  
23 property for the benefit of the National Fallen Firefighters’ Memorial  
24 and the annual memorial service associated with it;

25 (2) to provide financial assistance to families of fallen firefighters  
26 for transportation to and lodging at non-Federal facilities during the  
27 annual memorial service;

28 (3) to assist State and local efforts to recognize firefighters who  
29 die in the line of duty; and

30 (4) to provide scholarships and other financial assistance for edu-  
31 cational purposes and job training for the spouses and children of fall-  
32 en firefighters.

1 **§ 151303. Board of directors**

2 (a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the  
3 corporation.

4 (b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Administrator of the  
5 United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management  
6 Agency is an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. The Administrator  
7 appoints the voting members of the board.

8 (2) The board consists of the following 9 voting members:

9 (A) one active volunteer firefighter;

10 (B) one active career firefighter;

11 (C) one United States Government firefighter; and

12 (D) six individuals who have a demonstrated interest in the fire  
13 service.

14 (3) The terms of office of the voting members are 6 years (except for  
15 the initial members). The terms shall be staggered so that the terms of 3  
16 members expire every 2 years.

17 (4) A vacancy on the board shall be filled within 60 days in the manner  
18 in which the original appointment was made.

19 (c) CHAIRMAN.—The Chairman shall be elected by the board from its  
20 voting members for a 2-year term.

21 (d) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the board is  
22 a quorum.

23 (e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the chairman at  
24 least once a year. If a member of the board misses 3 consecutive meetings,  
25 that member may be removed from the board and that vacancy may be  
26 filled as provided in subsection (b)(4) of this section.

27 (f) STATUS AND COMPENSATION.—Members of the board—

28 (1) are not officers or employees of the United States Government;  
29 and

30 (2) serve without compensation.

31 (g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Members of the board are not person-  
32 ally liable, except for gross negligence.

33 **§ 151304. Officers and employees**

34 (a) APPOINTMENT.—The board of directors may appoint not more than  
35 2 officers or employees, but only after the corporation has sufficient funds  
36 to pay for their services.

37 (b) STATUS AND COMPENSATION.—Officers and employees of the cor-  
38 poration—

39 (1) are not employees of the United States Government;

40 (2) shall be appointed without regard to the provisions of title 5  
41 governing appointments in the competitive service; and

(3) may be paid without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, except that an officer or employee may not be paid more than the annual rate of basic pay for level GS-15 of the General Schedule under section 5107 of title 5.

**§ 151305. Powers**

(a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

(2) adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed; and

(3) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter.

(b) POWERS AS TRUSTEE.—To carry out its purposes, the corporation has the usual powers of a corporation acting as a trustee in the State of Maryland, including the power—

(1) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gift, devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust, of property or any income from or other interest in the property;

(2) unless otherwise required by the instrument of transfer, to sell, donate, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of any property or income from the property;

(3) to make contracts and other arrangements with public agencies and private organizations and persons and to make payments necessary to carry out its functions;

(4) to sue and be sued; and

(5) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

**§ 151306. Principal office**

The principal office of the corporation shall be in Maryland. However, the corporation may conduct business throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

**§ 151307. Provision and acceptance of support by Administrator**

(a) PROVISION BY ADMINISTRATOR.—(1) The Administrator of the United States Fire Administration of the Federal Emergency Management Agency—

(A) may provide personnel, facilities, and other administrative services to the corporation; and

(B) shall require and accept reimbursements for these personnel, facilities, and services.

(2) Reimbursements under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and chargeable for the cost of providing the services.

1 (3) Notwithstanding any other law, United States Government person-  
2 nel and stationery may not be used to solicit funding for the corporation.

3 (b) ACCEPTANCE BY ADMINISTRATOR.—The Administrator may accept,  
4 without regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of  
5 title 5 and related regulations, the services of the corporation and its direc-  
6 tors, officers, and employees as volunteers in performing functions author-  
7 ized under this chapter, without compensation from the Administration.

8 **§ 151308. Service of process**

9 The corporation shall have a designated agent to receive service of  
10 process for the corporation.

11 **§ 151309. Civil action by Attorney General for equitable re-  
12 lief**

13 The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the United States  
14 District Court for the District of Columbia for appropriate equitable relief  
15 if the corporation—

16 (1) engages or threatens to engage in any act, practice, or policy  
17 that is inconsistent with the purposes in section 151302 of this title;  
18 or

19 (2) refuses, fails, or neglects to carry out its obligations under this  
20 chapter or threatens to do so.

21 **§ 151310. Immunity of United States Government**

22 The United States Government is not liable for any debts, defaults,  
23 acts, or omissions of the corporation. The full faith and credit of the Gov-  
24 ernment does not extend to any obligation of the corporation.

25 **§ 151311. Annual report**

26 Not later than 4 months after the end of each fiscal year, the corpora-  
27 tion shall submit a report to the appropriate committees of Congress on the  
28 activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year, including a com-  
29 plete statement of its receipts, expenditures, and investments.

30 **CHAPTER 1515—NATIONAL FEDERATION OF MUSIC**

31 **CLUBS**

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1 **§ 151501. Definition**

2 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4 **§ 151502. Organization**

5 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Federation of Music Clubs (in this  
6 chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in Illinois, is a federally chartered  
7 corporation.

8 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
9 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
10 pires.

11 **§ 151503. Purposes**

12 (a) SPECIFIC PURPOSES.—The purposes of the corporation are as pro-  
13 vided in the articles of incorporation and include—

14 (1) bringing into working relations with one another, music clubs  
15 and other musical organizations and individuals associated with musical  
16 activity for the purpose of developing and maintaining high musical  
17 standards;

18 (2) aiding and encouraging musical education; and

19 (3) promoting American music and American artists throughout  
20 the United States and the world.

21 (b) PATRIOTIC, CIVIC, AND HISTORICAL ORGANIZATION.—The corpora-  
22 tion shall function as a patriotic, civic, and historical organization as au-  
23 thorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

24 **§ 151504. Membership**

25 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
26 leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

27 **§ 151505. Governing body**

28 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
29 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

30 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of the officers are as pro-  
31 vided in the articles of incorporation.

32 **§ 151506. Powers**

33 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
34 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

35 **§ 151507. Restrictions**

36 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
37 declare or pay a dividend.

38 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
39 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
40 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

1 (e) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 2 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 3 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
 4 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
 5 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
 6 amounts approved by the board of directors.

7 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 8 cer, or employee.

9 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
 10 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
 11 United States Government for any of its activities.

12 **§ 151508. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

13 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
 14 a corporation incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

15 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
 16 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
 17 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

18 **§ 151509. Records and inspection**

19 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

20 (1) correct and complete records of account;

21 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 22 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 23 and

24 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 25 its members entitled to vote.

26 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 27 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 28 purpose, at any reasonable time.

29 **§ 151510. Service of process**

30 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
 31 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
 32 tivities.

33 **§ 151511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

34 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 35 within the scope of their authority.

36 **§ 151512. Annual report**

37 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
 38 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
 39 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
 40 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

1           **CHAPTER 1517—NATIONAL FILM PRESERVATION**  
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3           **§ 151701. Organization**

4           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Film Preservation Foundation (in  
 5 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

6           (b) NATURE OF CORPORATION.—The corporation is a charitable and  
 7 nonprofit corporation and is not an agency or establishment of the United  
 8 States Government.

9           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 10 poration has perpetual existence.

11          **§ 151702. Purposes**

12          The purposes of the corporation are to—

13           (1) encourage, accept, and administer private gifts to promote and  
 14 ensure the preservation and public accessibility of the nation’s film her-  
 15 itage held at the Library of Congress and other public and nonprofit  
 16 archives throughout the United States;

17           (2) further the goals of the Library of Congress and the National  
 18 Film Preservation Board in connection with their activities under the  
 19 National Film Preservation Act of 1996 (2 U.S.C. 179l–179w); and

20           (3) conduct activities, alone or in cooperation with other film relat-  
 21 ed institutions and organizations, to further the preservation and public  
 22 accessibility of films made in the United States, particularly films not  
 23 protected by private interests, for the benefit of present and future gen-  
 24 erations of Americans.

25          **§ 151703. Board of directors**

26          (a) GENERAL.—The board of directors is the governing body of the  
 27 corporation.

28          (b) MEMBERS AND APPOINTMENT.—(1) The Librarian of Congress is  
 29 an ex officio nonvoting member of the board. The Librarian appoints the  
 30 directors to the board.

31           (2)(A) The board consists of 9 directors.

32           (B) Each director must be a United States citizen.

1 (C) At least 6 directors must be knowledgeable or experienced in film  
 2 production, distribution, preservation, or restoration, including 2 who are  
 3 sitting members of the National Film Preservation Board. These 6 directors  
 4 must, to the extent practicable, represent diverse points of view from the  
 5 film community, including motion picture producers, creative artists, non-  
 6 profit and public archivists, historians, film critics, theater owners, and lab-  
 7 oratory and university personnel.

8 (3) A director is not an employee of the Library of Congress and ap-  
 9 pointment to the board does not constitute appointment as an officer or em-  
 10 ployee of the United States Government for the purpose of any law of the  
 11 United States.

12 (4) The terms of office of the directors are 4 years. An individual may  
 13 not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.

14 (5) A vacancy on the board shall be filled within 60 days in the manner  
 15 in which the original appointment was made.

16 (e) CHAIR.—The Librarian shall appoint one of the directors as the ini-  
 17 tial chair of the board for a 2-year term. Thereafter, the chair shall be ap-  
 18 pointed and removed in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.

19 (d) QUORUM.—A majority of the current membership of the board is  
 20 a quorum.

21 (e) MEETINGS.—The board shall meet at the call of the Librarian or  
 22 the chair at least once each year. If a director misses 3 consecutive regularly  
 23 scheduled meetings, the director may be removed from the board by the Li-  
 24 brarian and that vacancy may be filled as provided in subsection (b) of this  
 25 section.

26 (f) COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT.—Directors serve without  
 27 compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary travel and  
 28 subsistence expenses incurred in performing duties for the corporation.

29 (g) LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS.—Directors are not personally liable, ex-  
 30 cept for gross negligence.

### 31 **§ 151704. Officers and employees**

32 (a) SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.—(1) The Librarian of Congress shall  
 33 appoint a Secretary of the Board to serve as executive director of the cor-  
 34 poration. The Librarian may remove the Secretary.

35 (2) The Secretary must be knowledgeable and experienced in matters  
 36 relating to—

- 37 (A) film preservation and restoration activities;
- 38 (B) financial management; and
- 39 (C) fundraising.

1 (b) APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.—Except as provided in subsection  
2 (a) of this section, the board of directors appoints, removes, and replaces  
3 officers of the corporation.

4 (c) APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES.—Except as provided in subsection  
5 (a) of this section, the Secretary appoints, removes, and replaces employees  
6 of the corporation.

7 (d) STATUS AND COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES.—Employees of the  
8 corporation (including the Secretary)—

9 (1) are not employees of the Library of Congress;

10 (2) shall be appointed and removed without regard to the provi-  
11 sions of title 5 governing appointments in the competitive service; and

12 (3) may be paid without regard to chapter 51 and subchapter III  
13 of chapter 53 of title 5, except that an employee may not be paid more  
14 than the annual rate of basic pay for level GS-15 of the General  
15 Schedule under section 5107 of title 5.

16 **§ 151705. Powers**

17 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

18 (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

19 (2) adopt a seal which shall be judicially noticed; and

20 (3) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter.

21 (b) POWERS AS TRUSTEE.—To carry out its purposes, the corporation  
22 has the usual powers of a corporation acting as a trustee in the District  
23 of Columbia, including the power—

24 (1) to accept, receive, solicit, hold, administer, and use any gift,  
25 devise, or bequest, either absolutely or in trust, of property or any in-  
26 come from or other interest in property;

27 (2) to acquire property or an interest in property by purchase or  
28 exchange;

29 (3) unless otherwise required by an instrument of transfer, to sell,  
30 donate, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of any property or income  
31 from property;

32 (4) to borrow money and issue instruments of indebtedness;

33 (5) to make contracts and other arrangements with public agen-  
34 cies and private organizations and persons and to make payments nec-  
35 essary to carry out its functions;

36 (6) to sue and be sued; and

37 (7) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
38 poses of the corporation.

39 (c) ENCUMBERED OR RESTRICTED GIFTS.—A gift, devise, or bequest  
40 may be accepted by the corporation even though it is encumbered, re-

1     stricted, or subject to beneficial interests of private persons, if any current  
2     or future interest is for the benefit of the corporation.

3     **§ 151706. Principal office**

4             The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
5     lumbia. However, the corporation may conduct business throughout the  
6     States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

7     **§ 151707. Provision and acceptance of support by Librarian**  
8             **of Congress**

9             (a) PROVISION BY LIBRARIAN.—(1) The Librarian of Congress may  
10     provide personnel, facilities, and other administrative services to the cor-  
11     poration. Administrative services may include reimbursement of expenses  
12     under section 151703(f) of this title, at rates not exceeding the applicable  
13     per diem rates for the United States Government.

14             (2) The corporation shall reimburse the Librarian for support provided  
15     under paragraph (1) of this subsection. Amounts reimbursed shall be depos-  
16     ited in the Treasury to the credit of the appropriations then current and  
17     chargeable for the cost of providing the support.

18             (b) ACCEPTANCE BY LIBRARIAN.—The Librarian may accept, without  
19     regard to chapters 33 and 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5  
20     and related regulations, the services of the corporation and its directors, of-  
21     ficers, and employees as volunteers in performing functions authorized  
22     under this chapter, without compensation from the Library of Congress.

23     **§ 151708. Service of process**

24             The corporation shall have a designated agent to receive service of  
25     process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to  
26     the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

27     **§ 151709. Civil action by Attorney General for equitable re-**  
28             **lief**

29             The Attorney General may bring a civil action in the United States  
30     District Court for the District of Columbia for appropriate equitable relief  
31     if the corporation—

32             (1) engages or threatens to engage in any act, practice, or policy  
33     that is inconsistent with the purposes in section 151702 of this title;

34             or

35             (2) refuses, fails, or neglects to carry out its obligations under this  
36     chapter or threatens to do so.

37     **§ 151710. Immunity of United States Government**

38             The United States Government is not liable for any debts, defaults,  
39     acts, or omissions of the corporation. The full faith and credit of the Gov-  
40     ernment does not extend to any obligation of the corporation.

1 **§ 151711. Authorization of appropriations**

2 (a) AUTHORIZATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the  
3 Library of Congress amounts necessary to carry out this chapter, not to ex-  
4 ceed \$250,000 for each of the fiscal years ending September 30, 2000–  
5 2003. These amounts are to be made available to the corporation to match  
6 private contributions (whether in currency, services, or property) made to  
7 the corporation by private persons and State and local governments.

8 (b) LIMITATION RELATED TO ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.—Amounts  
9 authorized under this section may not be used by the corporation for admin-  
10 istrative expenses of the corporation, including salaries, travel, transpor-  
11 tation, and overhead expenses.

12 **§ 151712. Annual report**

13 As soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year, the corporation  
14 shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during  
15 the prior fiscal year, including a complete statement of its receipts, expendi-  
16 tures, and investments.

17 **CHAPTER 1519—NATIONAL FUND FOR MEDICAL**  
18 **EDUCATION**

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19 **§ 151901. Organization**

20 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Fund for Medical Education (in  
21 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

22 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
23 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

24 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
25 poration has perpetual existence.

26 **§ 151902. Purposes**

27 The purposes of the corporation are to raise from private sources, ad-  
28 minister, and disperse funds for medical education, and in carrying out  
29 those purposes, to take other appropriate action to promote—

- 30 (1) the interpretation of the needs of medical education to the  
31 American public;

1           (2) the encouragement of the growth, development, and advance-  
2           ment of constantly improving standards and methods in the education  
3           and training of all medical personnel in the United States; and

4           (3) the preservation of academic freedom in the institutions of  
5           medical education.

6   **§ 151903. Membership**

7           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
8           membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation  
9           of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
10          corporation.

11          (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary, sustaining, or associ-  
12          ate member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting  
13          of the members.

14   **§ 151904. Governing body**

15          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
16          ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the members of the cor-  
17          poration, the board is responsible for the general policies and program of  
18          the corporation and for the control of all funds of the corporation.

19          (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
20          filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
21          tion and bylaws of the corporation. However—

22                (A) the corporation shall have at least 15 but not more than 25  
23                directors; and

24                (B) at least 4 of the directors shall be members of the medical  
25                profession.

26          (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of  
27          the board of directors, a president, one or more vice presidents as provided  
28          in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and one or more  
29          assistant secretaries and assistant treasurers as provided in the constitution  
30          and bylaws.

31          (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
32          are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

33   **§ 151905. Powers**

34          The corporation may—

35                (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
36                ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

37                (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

38                (3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activi-  
39                ties of the corporation require;

40                (4) make contracts;

1 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 2 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

3 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 4 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

5 (7) sue and be sued.

6 **§ 151906. Restrictions**

7 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 8 declare or pay a dividend.

9 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
 10 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
 11 for public office.

12 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 13 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 14 tor, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolu-  
 15 tion or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of  
 16 compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

17 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
 18 rector, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a  
 19 loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who partici-  
 20 pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
 21 corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

22 **§ 151907. Principal office**

23 The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New  
 24 York, or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the ac-  
 25 tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
 26 office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
 27 and possessions of the United States.

28 **§ 151908. Records and inspection**

29 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

30 (1) correct and complete records of account;

31 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 32 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 33 and

34 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 35 its members entitled to vote.

36 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 37 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 38 purpose, at any reasonable time.

39 **§ 151909. Service of process**

40 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
 41 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on

1 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
2 service on the corporation.

3 **§ 151910. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

4 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
5 within the scope of their authority.

6 **§ 151911. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
7 **uidation**

8 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
9 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
10 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
11 laws of the corporation.

12 **CHAPTER 1521—NATIONAL MINING HALL OF FAME AND**  
13 **MUSEUM**

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14 **§ 152101. Definition**

15 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
16 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

17 **§ 152102. Organization**

18 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum  
19 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in Colorado, is a federally  
20 chartered corporation.

21 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
22 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
23 pires.

24 **§ 152103. Purposes**

25 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
26 poration and include—

27 (1) honoring citizens, mining leaders, miners, prospectors, teach-  
28 ers, scientists, engineers, inventors, governmental leaders, and other in-  
29 dividuals, who have helped to make this country great by their out-  
30 standing contributions to the establishment, development, advancement,  
31 or improvement of mining in the United States;

32 (2) perpetuating the memory of those individuals and recording  
33 their contributions and achievements by the erection and maintenance

1 of buildings, monuments, and edifices considered appropriate as a last-  
2 ing memorial;

3 (3) fostering, promoting, and encouraging a better understanding  
4 of the origins and growth of mining, especially in the United States,  
5 and the part mining has played in changing the economic, social, and  
6 scientific aspects of our country;

7 (4) establishing and maintaining a library and museum for collect-  
8 ing and preserving for posterity, the history of those honored by the  
9 corporation, together with a documentation of their accomplishments  
10 and contributions to mining, including such items as mining pictures,  
11 paintings, books, papers, documents, scientific data, relics, mementos,  
12 artifacts, and things relating to those items;

13 (5) cooperating with other mining organizations that are actively  
14 engaged and interested in similar projects; and

15 (6) engaging in any other activity necessary or proper to accom-  
16 plish any of the purposes in this section.

17 **§ 152104. Membership**

18 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
19 leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

20 **§ 152105. Governing body**

21 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
22 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

23 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
24 vided in the articles of incorporation.

25 **§ 152106. Powers**

26 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
27 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

28 **§ 152107. Restrictions**

29 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
30 declare or pay a dividend.

31 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
32 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
33 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

34 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
35 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
36 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
37 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
38 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
39 amounts approved by the board of directors.

40 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
41 cer, or employee.

(e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the United States Government for any of its activities.

**§ 152108. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

(a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated under the laws of Colorado.

(b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

**§ 152109. Records and inspection**

(a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

(1) correct and complete records of account;

(2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors; and

(3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of its members entitled to vote.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 152110. Service of process**

The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on activities.

**§ 152111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 152112. Annual report**

The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**CHAPTER 1523—NATIONAL MUSIC COUNCIL**

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152312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

1 **§ 152301. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Music Council (in this chapter, the  
3 “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
5 poration has perpetual existence.

6 **§ 152302. Purposes**

7 The purposes of the corporation are—

8 (1) to provide the member organizations with a forum for the free  
9 discussion of problems affecting national musical life in this country;

10 (2) to speak with one voice for music whenever an authoritative  
11 expression of opinion is desirable;

12 (3) to provide for the interchange of information between the var-  
13 ious member organizations;

14 (4) to encourage the coordination of efforts of the member organi-  
15 zations, thereby avoiding duplication or conflict;

16 (5) to organize exploratory surveys or fact-finding commissions  
17 whenever the corporation considers them necessary for the solution of  
18 important problems; and

19 (6) to encourage the development and appreciation of the art of  
20 music and to foster the highest ethical standards in the musical profes-  
21 sions and industries.

22 **§ 152303. Membership**

23 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
24 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
25 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

26 (b) VOTING.—Each member has one vote in the conduct of official  
27 business of the corporation.

28 **§ 152304. Governing body**

29 (a) GENERAL.—(1) The board of directors is the governing body of the  
30 corporation. The board may be known as an Executive Committee.

31 (2) The board shall consist of at least 10 individuals who shall be rep-  
32 resentative of members of the corporation or other individuals selected by  
33 the members of the corporation. The directors shall be elected by the mem-  
34 bers of the corporation annually or at another regular interval as provided  
35 in the bylaws of the corporation.

36 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers of the corporation are a chairman of the  
37 board, a president, one or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and  
38 assistant officers the board designates. The officers shall perform the duties  
39 and have the powers provided in the bylaws and by the board.

40 **§ 152305. Powers**

41 The corporation may—

1           (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
2           ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

3           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

4           (3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activi-  
5           ties of the corporation require;

6           (4) make contracts;

7           (5) publish a bulletin, magazine, and other publications;

8           (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
9           essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

10          (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
11          its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

12          (8) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, loans, scholarships,  
13          and grants to deserving composers, conductors, and others for the pur-  
14          poses stated in section 152302 of this title and for other purposes the  
15          board of directors considers proper;

16          (9) sue and be sued; and

17          (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
18          poses of the corporation.

19       **§ 152306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
20       **badges**

21           The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “National  
22       Music Council” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

23       **§ 152307. Restrictions**

24           (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

25           (b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
26       declare or pay a dividend.

27           (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
28       member as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party  
29       or candidate for elective public office.

30           (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
31       the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
32       tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
33       poration.

34           (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
35       cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
36       director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
37       loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
38       the loan until it is repaid.

39       **§ 152308. Principal office**

40           The principal office of the corporation shall be at the place the board  
41       of directors decides. However, the activities of the corporation may be con-

1 ducted throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United  
2 States.

3 **§ 152309. Records and inspection**

4 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

5 (1) correct and complete records of account;

6 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
7 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
8 and

9 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
10 its members entitled to vote.

11 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
12 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
13 purpose, at any reasonable time.

14 **§ 152310. Service of process**

15 (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
16 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
17 poration. Designation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the clerk  
18 of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Notice to  
19 or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is  
20 notice to or service on the corporation.

21 (b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the  
22 exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation  
23 shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each  
24 State, territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation  
25 does business, the name and address of an agent in that State, territory,  
26 or possession on whom legal process or demands against the corporation  
27 may be served.

28 **§ 152311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

29 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
30 within the scope of their authority.

31 **§ 152312. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
32 uidation**

33 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
34 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be used by the board of  
35 directors for the purposes stated in section 152302 of this title or be trans-  
36 ferred to a recognized educational foundation.

37 **CHAPTER 1525—NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL**

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1     **§ 152501. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Safety Council (in this chapter, the  
3 “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
5 poration has perpetual existence.

6     **§ 152502. Purposes**

7           The purposes of the corporation are—

8           (1) to further, encourage, and promote methods and procedures  
9 leading to increased safety, protection, and health among employees,  
10 employers, and children in industries, on farms, in schools and colleges,  
11 in homes, on streets and highways, in recreation, and in other public  
12 and private places;

13           (2) to collect, correlate, publish, and disseminate educational and  
14 informative reports and all other data related to safety methods and  
15 procedures;

16           (3) to arouse and maintain the interest of the people of the United  
17 States and its territories and possessions in safety and accident preven-  
18 tion, and to encourage the adoption and institution of safety methods  
19 by all individuals, corporations, and other organizations;

20           (4) to organize, establish, and conduct programs, lectures, con-  
21 ferences, and other activities for the education of all individuals, cor-  
22 porations, and other organizations in safety methods and procedures;

23           (5) to organize and aid in organizing local safety chapters  
24 throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, and  
25 to provide organizational guidance and materials to promote the na-  
26 tional safety;

27           (6) to cooperate with, enlist, and develop the cooperation of and  
28 among all individuals, corporations, and other organizations and agen-  
29 cies, public and private, engaged in, interested in, or in any manner  
30 connected with, any of these purposes; and

31           (7) to do any lawful acts necessary, useful, suitable, desirable, and  
32 proper for the furtherance and accomplishment of any of these pur-  
33 poses.

34     **§ 152503. Membership**

35           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
36 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
37 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

1 (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or sustaining mem-  
2 ber) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the  
3 members. The corporation may provide in its constitution and bylaws for  
4 additional voting rights based on dues paid.

5 **§ 152504. Governing body**

6 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
7 ing body of the corporation. Between meetings of the corporation, the board  
8 is responsible for the general policies and program of the corporation. Ex-  
9 cept as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the board is responsible  
10 for all funds of the corporation.

11 (2) The board shall consist of at least 15 directors. Their manner of  
12 selection (including the filling of vacancies) and term of office are as pro-  
13 vided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

14 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a chairman of  
15 the board of directors, a president, 3 or more vice presidents as provided  
16 in the constitution and bylaws, a secretary, a treasurer, and an executive  
17 vice president. Their duties are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

18 (2) Except for the executive vice president, the officers shall be elected  
19 at the annual meeting of the corporation. The executive vice president shall  
20 be elected by the board of directors in the manner provided in the constitu-  
21 tion and bylaws.

22 (c) TRUSTEES.—The corporation shall have at least 15 trustees. Their  
23 manner of selection and term of office are as provided in the constitution  
24 and bylaws. The trustees have full power and control over contributed funds  
25 that they raise.

26 **§ 152505. Powers**

27 The corporation may—

28 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
29 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

30 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

31 (3) adopt and alter seals, emblems, and badges;

32 (4) choose directors, officers, trustees, managers, employees, and  
33 agents as the activities of the corporation require;

34 (5) make contracts;

35 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
36 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

37 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
38 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

39 (8) publish a magazine and other publications consistent with the  
40 purposes of the corporation;

41 (9) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees;

1 (10) receive contributions or grants of money or property to be de-  
2 voted to carrying out the purposes of the corporation;

3 (11) use corporate funds to give prizes, awards, or other evidences  
4 of merit or recognition to individuals, corporations, and other organiza-  
5 tions, public or private, for outstanding contributions toward the  
6 achievement of the purposes of the corporation;

7 (12) organize, establish, and conduct conferences on safety and ac-  
8 cident prevention;

9 (13) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities, char-  
10 ter local, State, and regional safety organizations, and establish, regu-  
11 late, and discontinue departmental subdivisions and local, State, and  
12 regional chapters in appropriate places throughout the United States  
13 and its territories and possessions;

14 (14) sue and be sued; and

15 (15) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
16 poses of the corporation.

17 **§ 152506. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
18 **badges**

19 The corporation and its subordinate divisions and regional, State, and  
20 local chapters have the exclusive right to use the name “National Safety  
21 Council”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others  
22 to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts. This section does  
23 not affect any vested rights.

24 **§ 152507. Restrictions**

25 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
26 declare or pay a dividend.

27 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director, officer, or  
28 agent as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or  
29 candidate for public office.

30 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
31 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
32 tor, officer, or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the cor-  
33 poration. This subsection does not prevent the payment of compensation to  
34 an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

35 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
36 cer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
37 director, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
38 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
39 the loan until it is repaid.

1 **§ 152508. Principal office**

2 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Chicago, Illinois, or  
3 another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities of  
4 the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office is  
5 located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and posses-  
6 sions of the United States.

7 **§ 152509. Records and inspection**

8 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

9 (1) correct and complete records of account;

10 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
11 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
12 and

13 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
14 its members entitled to vote.

15 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
16 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
17 purpose, at any reasonable time.

18 **§ 152510. Service of process**

19 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
20 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
21 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
22 service on the corporation.

23 **§ 152511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

24 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
25 within the scope of their authority.

26 **§ 152512. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
27 uidation**

28 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
29 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
30 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
31 laws of the corporation.

32 **CHAPTER 1527—NATIONAL SKI PATROL SYSTEM,  
33 INCORPORATED**

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1    **§ 152701. Definition**

2           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
3    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4    **§ 152702. Organization**

5           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Ski Patrol System, Incorporated  
6    (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in New York and Colo-  
7    rado, is a federally chartered corporation.

8           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
9    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
10   pires.

11   **§ 152703. Purposes**

12           The purposes of the corporation are—

13           (1) to promote, in every way, patriotic, scientific, educational, and  
14    civic improvement activities and public safety in skiing, by such means  
15    as the dissemination of information and the formation of volunteer  
16    local patrols consisting of competent skiers trained in first aid for the  
17    purpose of preventing accidents and rendering speedy assistance to in-  
18    dividuals sustaining accidents; and

19           (2) to solicit contributions of money, services, and other property  
20    for, and generally to encourage and assist in carrying out, these pur-  
21    poses in every way.

22   **§ 152704. Membership**

23           Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
24    corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
25    bylaws.

26   **§ 152705. Governing body**

27           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
28    sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

29           (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
30    vided in the articles of incorporation.

31   **§ 152706. Powers**

32           The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
33    of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

34   **§ 152707. Restrictions**

35           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
36    declare or pay a dividend.

37           (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
38    such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
39    or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

40           (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
41    the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-

1 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
 2 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
 3 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
 4 amounts approved by the board of directors.

5 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 6 cer, or employee.

7 **§ 152708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

8 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
 9 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
 10 seq.).

11 **§ 152709. Records and inspection**

12 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

13 (1) correct and complete records of account;

14 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 15 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 16 and

17 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 18 its members entitled to vote.

19 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 20 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 21 purpose, at any reasonable time.

22 **§ 152710. Service of process**

23 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
 24 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
 25 tivities.

26 **§ 152711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

27 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 28 within the scope of their authority.

29 **§ 152712. Annual report**

30 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
 31 tivities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The report may  
 32 not be printed as a public document.

33 **CHAPTER 1529—NATIONAL SOCIETY, DAUGHTERS OF**  
 34 **THE AMERICAN COLONISTS**

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152910. Records and inspection.

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1     **§ 152901. Definition**

2             For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
 3     and the territories and possessions of the United States.

4     **§ 152902. Organization**

5             (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Society, Daughters of the American  
 6     Colonists (in this chapter, the “corporation”), incorporated in the District  
 7     of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

8             (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
 9     with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
 10     pires.

11    **§ 152903. Purposes**

12             The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
 13     poration and include a continuing commitment, on a national basis—

14                 (1) to conduct, record, and publish the results of research on the  
 15             history and deeds of the American colonists;

16                 (2) to publish the memoirs of American colonists;

17                 (3) to erect memorials to commemorate the history and deeds of  
 18             the American colonists;

19                 (4) to promote respect and admiration for the institutions, laws,  
 20             and flag of the United States;

21                 (5) to engage in mutual improvement and educational activities;

22                 (6) to establish scholarships to assist needy and deserving students  
 23             and to promote the improvement of educational institutions;

24                 (7) to engage in volunteer service and make contributions to veter-  
 25             ans hospitals; and

26                 (8) to perform other charitable activities, including the national  
 27             presidents’ projects, as may be provided in the articles of incorporation  
 28             or bylaws of corporation.

29    **§ 152904. Membership**

30             (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
 31     membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
 32     as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

33             (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
 34     nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

35    **§ 152905. Governing body**

36             (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
 37     sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation or by-  
 38     laws.

1 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
2 vided in the articles of incorporation or bylaws.

3 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
4 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
5 tional origin.

6 **§ 152906. Powers**

7 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
8 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

9 **§ 152907. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
10 **badges**

11 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “National So-  
12 ciety, Daughters of the American Colonists” and seals, emblems, and badges  
13 the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

14 **§ 152908. Restrictions**

15 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
16 declare or pay a dividend.

17 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
18 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
19 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

20 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
21 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
22 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
23 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
24 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
25 amounts approved by the board of directors.

26 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
27 cer, or employee.

28 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
29 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
30 United States Government for any of its activities.

31 **§ 152909. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

32 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
33 a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incor-  
34 porated.

35 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
36 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
37 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

38 **§ 152910. Records and inspection**

39 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

40 (1) correct and complete records of account;

1 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
2 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
3 and

4 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
5 its members entitled to vote.

6 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
7 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
8 purpose, at any reasonable time.

9 **§ 152911. Service of process**

10 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
11 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
12 tivities.

13 **§ 152912. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

14 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
15 within the scope of their authority.

16 **§ 152913. Annual report**

17 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
18 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
19 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
20 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

21 **CHAPTER 1531—THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE**  
22 **DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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23 **§ 153101. Organization**

24 The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (in  
25 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the Dis-  
26 trict of Columbia.

27 **§ 153102. Purposes**

28 The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and edu-  
29 cational, and include—

30 (1) perpetuating the memory and spirit of the men and women  
31 who achieved American independence by—

32 (A) acquiring and protecting historical spots and erecting  
33 monuments;

34 (B) encouraging historical research in relation to the Revolu-  
35 tion and publishing its results;

1 (C) preserving documents and relics and the records of the  
2 individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots; and

3 (D) promoting celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;

4 (2) carrying out the injunction of Washington, in his farewell ad-  
5 dress to the American people, “to promote, as an object of primary im-  
6 portance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,” thus de-  
7 veloping an enlightened public opinion and affording to young and old  
8 such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for per-  
9 forming the duties of American citizens;

10 (3) cherishing, maintaining, and extending the institutions of  
11 American freedom;

12 (4) fostering true patriotism and love of country; and

13 (5) aiding in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

14 **§ 153103. Powers**

15 The corporation may—

16 (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

17 (2) adopt a seal; and

18 (3) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
19 essary or convenient to carry out its purposes.

20 **§ 153104. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
21 **badges**

22 The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
23 to use the name “National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolu-  
24 tion”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others  
25 to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

26 **§ 153105. Principal office**

27 The corporation shall have its headquarters or principal office in the  
28 District of Columbia.

29 **§ 153106. Deposit of historical material in Smithsonian Insti-**  
30 **tution**

31 The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may permit the corporation  
32 to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material  
33 for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, on  
34 conditions and under rules they prescribe.

35 **§ 153107. Annual report**

36 The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the  
37 Smithsonian Institution on the activities of the corporation. The Secretary  
38 shall communicate to Congress any part of the report that the Secretary  
39 considers of national interest and importance.

1       **CHAPTER 1533—NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF**  
2                                   **THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**

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3       **§ 153301. Organization**

4           National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (in this chap-  
5       ter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District of Co-  
6       lumbia.

7       **§ 153302. Purposes**

8           The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and edu-  
9       cational, and include those intended or designed—

10           (1) to perpetuate the memory of the men who, by their services  
11       or sacrifices during the war of the American Revolution, achieved the  
12       independence of the American people;

13           (2) to unite and promote fellowship among their descendants;

14           (3) to inspire them and the community at large with a more pro-  
15       found reverence for the principles of the government founded by our  
16       forefathers;

17           (4) to encourage historical research in relation to the American  
18       Revolution;

19           (5) to acquire and preserve the records of the individual services  
20       of the patriots of the war, as well as documents, relics, and landmarks;

21           (6) to mark the scenes of the American Revolution by appropriate  
22       memorials;

23           (7) to celebrate the anniversaries of the prominent events of the  
24       war and of the Revolutionary period;

25           (8) to foster true patriotism;

26           (9) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;  
27       and

28           (10) to carry out the purposes expressed in the preamble to the  
29       Constitution of our country and the injunctions of Washington in his  
30       farewell address to the American people.

31       **§ 153303. Powers**

32           The corporation may—

33           (1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations for  
34       the admission, government, suspension, and expulsion of its members;

35           (2) adopt and alter a seal;

36           (3) provide for the election of its officers and define their duties;

1           (4) provide for State societies or chapters with regulations for  
2           their conduct, and regulate and provide for the management, safe-keep-  
3           ing, and protection of their property and funds;

4           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
5           essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

6           (6) sue and be sued.

7           **§ 153304. Trustees**

8           The property and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by at  
9           least 40 trustees. The trustees shall be elected annually at the time provided  
10          in the bylaws. At least one trustee shall be elected annually from a list of  
11          nominees to be made by each of the State societies and submitted to the  
12          corporation at least 30 days before the annual meeting, in accordance with  
13          provisions adopted by the corporation to regulate nominations.

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16           **§ 153501. Organization**

17           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Tropical Botanical Garden (in this  
18           chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

19           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
20           poration has perpetual existence.

21           **§ 153502. Purposes**

22           The purposes of the corporation are—

23           (1) to establish, develop, operate, and maintain for the benefit of  
24           the people of the United States an educational and scientific center in  
25           the form of one or more tropical botanical gardens, together with facili-  
26           ties such as libraries, herbaria, laboratories, and museums that are ap-  
27           propriate and necessary for encouraging and conducting research in  
28           basic and applied tropical botany;

29           (2) to foster and encourage fundamental research about tropical  
30           plant life and to encourage research and study of the uses of tropical  
31           flora in agriculture, forestry, horticulture, medicine, and other sciences;

1           (3) to disseminate through publications and other media the  
2 knowledge about basic and applied tropical botany acquired at the gar-  
3 dens;

4           (4) to collect and cultivate tropical flora of every nature and origin  
5 and to preserve for the people of the United States species of tropical  
6 plant life threatened with extinction; and

7           (5) to provide a beneficial facility that will contribute to the edu-  
8 cation, instruction, and recreation of the people of the United States.

9 **§ 153503. Membership**

10           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
11 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
12 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

13           (b) VOTING.—Each member (except an honorary or associate member)  
14 has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the mem-  
15 bers.

16 **§ 153504. Governing body**

17           (a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing  
18 body of the corporation. The duties and powers of the board are as provided  
19 in the bylaws.

20           (2) The manner of selection and term of office of the trustees are as  
21 provided in the bylaws.

22           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
23 or more vice presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as pro-  
24 vided in the bylaws.

25           (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
26 are as provided in the bylaws.

27 **§ 153505. Powers**

28           The corporation may—

29           (1) adopt and amend bylaws for the management of its property  
30 and the regulation of its affairs;

31           (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

32           (3) choose officers, trustees, managers, employees, and agents as  
33 the activities of the corporation require;

34           (4) make contracts;

35           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
36 essary or proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

37           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
38 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

39           (7) sue and be sued; and

40           (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
41 poses of the corporation.

1 **§ 153506. Exclusive right to name**

2 The corporation has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to  
3 use the name “National Tropical Botanical Garden”.

4 **§ 153507. Restrictions**

5 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
6 declare or pay a dividend.

7 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a trustee or officer as  
8 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
9 for elective public office.

10 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
11 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trust-  
12 ee, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution  
13 or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reason-  
14 able compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary ex-  
15 penses in amounts approved by the board of trustees.

16 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a trustee, offi-  
17 cer, or employee. Trustees who vote for or assent to making a loan to a  
18 trustee, officer, or employee, and officers who participate in making the  
19 loan, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
20 the loan until it is repaid.

21 **§ 153508. Principal office and location of activities and gar-**  
22 **dens**

23 (a) PRINCIPAL OFFICE.—The principal office of the corporation shall  
24 be in the District of Columbia or another place decided by the board of  
25 trustees.

26 (b) LOCATION OF ACTIVITIES AND GARDENS.—The activities of the  
27 corporation may be conducted anywhere. However, the corporation may es-  
28 tablish tropical botanical gardens only in the United States and its terri-  
29 tories and possessions.

30 **§ 153509. Records and inspection**

31 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

32 (1) correct and complete records of account;

33 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its board of trustees and com-  
34 mittees having any of the authority of its board of trustees; and

35 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
36 its members entitled to vote.

37 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
38 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
39 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1 **§ 153510. Statement required in audit report**

2 The corporation shall include in the audit report statement required  
3 under section 10101(b)(1)(B) of this title a schedule of all contracts requir-  
4 ing payments greater than \$10,000 and all payments of compensation or  
5 fees at a rate of greater than \$10,000 a year.

6 **§ 153511. Service of process**

7 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
8 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
9 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
10 service on the corporation.

11 **§ 153512. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

12 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
13 within the scope of their authority.

14 **§ 153513. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
15 uidation**

16 (a) ALLOWABLE RECIPIENTS.—On dissolution or final liquidation of  
17 the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities  
18 shall be distributed, as decided by the board of trustees, to—

19 (1) the United States Government, to be administered by the Sec-  
20 retary of the Interior under the Act of August 25, 1916 (16 U.S.C.  
21 1 et seq.) (known as the National Park Service Organic Act); or

22 (2) a State or local government to be used for a public purpose.

23 (b) RESTRICTION.—A distribution under subsection (a) of this section  
24 shall be consistent with the purposes of the corporation and in compliance  
25 with the charter and bylaws.

26 **CHAPTER 1537—NATIONAL WOMAN’S RELIEF CORPS,  
27 AUXILIARY TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

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28 **§ 153701. Organization**

29 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—National Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to  
30 the Grand Army of the Republic (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a  
31 federally chartered corporation.

1 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
2 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

3 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
4 poration has perpetual existence.

### 5 **§ 153702. Purposes**

6 The purposes of the corporation are—

7 (1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic,  
8 as the National Woman’s Relief Corps is its auxiliary and was orga-  
9 nized at its request in 1883, and of the men who saved the Union in  
10 1861 to 1865;

11 (2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making  
12 available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand  
13 Army of the Republic and its members;

14 (3) to cooperate in doing honor to all those who have served our  
15 country patriotically in any war;

16 (4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history  
17 of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

18 (5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loy-  
19 alty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

20 (6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of  
21 representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

### 22 **§ 153703. Membership**

23 Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
24 corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members  
25 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. Eligibility  
26 for membership is limited to—

27 (1) women who are the wives, mothers, daughters, and sisters of  
28 Union soldiers, sailors, and marines; and

29 (2) other loyal women who have not given aid or comfort to the  
30 enemies of the United States of America.

### 31 **§ 153704. Governing body**

32 (a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the su-  
33 preme governing authority of the corporation.

34 (2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected rep-  
35 resentatives from the States as provided by the regulations of the corpora-  
36 tion. However, the form of government of the corporation must be rep-  
37 resentative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration  
38 of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group  
39 not representative of the membership at large.

40 (3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District  
41 of Columbia or in any State.

1 (4) During the intervals between the convention, the executive officers  
2 are the governing board of the corporation and are responsible for the gen-  
3 eral policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

4 (b) COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.—The council of administration of  
5 the corporation shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner  
6 and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

7 (c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national presi-  
8 dent, senior vice national president, junior vice national president, secretary,  
9 treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One  
10 individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

11 (2) The titles, manner of election, term of office, and duties of the offi-  
12 cers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

### 13 § 153705. Powers

14 The corporation may—

15 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
16 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

17 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

18 (3) choose officers as the corporation requires;

19 (4) make contracts;

20 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
21 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation; and

22 (6) sue and be sued.

### 23 § 153706. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and 24 badges

25 The corporation and its subordinate corps have the exclusive right to  
26 use the name “National Woman’s Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand  
27 Army of the Republic”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use and  
28 to allow others to use seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

### 29 § 153707. Restrictions

30 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
31 declare or pay a dividend.

32 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as  
33 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
34 for public office.

35 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
36 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
37 cer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or  
38 final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reason-  
39 able compensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary ex-  
40 penses in amounts approved by the council of administration of the corpora-  
41 tion.

1 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
2 officer or member of the corporation. Members of the council of administra-  
3 tion who vote for or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or  
4 member, and officers who participate in making the loan or advance, are  
5 jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or  
6 advance until it is repaid.

7 **§ 153708. Principal office**

8 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Springfield, Illinois.  
9 However, the activities of the corporation are not confined to Springfield  
10 but may be conducted throughout the States of the United States and the  
11 District of Columbia.

12 **§ 153709. Records and inspection**

13 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 14 (1) correct and complete records of account; and  
15 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national convention.

16 (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
17 may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
18 reasonable time.

19 **§ 153710. Service of process**

20 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
21 bia to receive service of process, notice, or demand for the corporation. Des-  
22 ignation of the agent shall be filed in the office of the Mayor of the District  
23 of Columbia or another office designated by the Mayor. Notice to or service  
24 on the agent is notice to or service on the corporation.

25 **§ 153711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

26 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
27 within the scope of their authority.

28 **§ 153712. Annual report**

29 Not later than 6 months after the end of each fiscal year, the corpora-  
30 tion shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation  
31 during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the pro-  
32 ceedings of the national convention during that fiscal year. The report may  
33 not be printed as a public document.

34 **§ 153713. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
35 uidation**

36 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, its assets shall  
37 be distributed as follows:

- 38 (1) All liabilities shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provi-  
39 sion for payment and discharge shall be made.

1           (2) Assets held on condition requiring return or transfer on dis-  
2           solution of the corporation shall be returned or transferred as required  
3           by the condition.

4           (3) Assets received and held subject to a limitation permitting use  
5           only for charitable, religious, benevolent, educational, or similar pur-  
6           poses, but not held on a condition requiring return or transfer on dis-  
7           solution of the corporation, shall be transferred to one or more appro-  
8           priate domestic or foreign corporations, societies, or organizations  
9           under a plan of distribution adopted as provided in this chapter.

10          (4) Other assets shall be distributed as provided by the articles of  
11          incorporation or bylaws to the extent that the articles or bylaws provide  
12          the distributive rights of members, or any class of members, or provide  
13          for distribution to others.

14          (5) Any remaining assets may be distributed to persons, societies,  
15          organizations, or domestic or foreign corporations engaged in activities  
16          not for profit, as provided in a plan of distribution adopted by the  
17          council of administration of the corporation and in compliance with the  
18          constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

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### 20           **§ 153901. Organization**

21           The National Yoemen F (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body  
22           corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

### 23           **§ 153902. Purposes**

24           The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, historical, and edu-  
25           cational and are—

26           (1) to foster and perpetuate the memory of the service of Yoemen  
27           (f) in the United States Naval Reserve Force of the United States  
28           Navy during World War I;

29           (2) to preserve the memories and incidents of their association in  
30           World War I by the encouragement of historical research concerning  
31           the service of Yoemen (f);

32           (3) to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American  
33           freedom by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries;

34           (4) to foster true patriotism and love of country; and

35           (5) to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.

### 36           **§ 153903. Powers**

37           The corporation may—

38           (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws;

- 1           (2) adopt a seal; and  
 2           (3) hold real and personal property in the United States, but only  
 3           to the extent necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation  
 4           and only in an amount not more than \$50,000.

5   **§ 153904. Deposit of historical material**

6           The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution may permit the corporation  
 7           to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material  
 8           for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum, on  
 9           conditions and under rules they prescribe.

10           **CHAPTER 1541—NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS**

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11   **§ 154101. Organization**

12           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Naval Sea Cadet Corps (in this chapter, the  
 13           “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

14           (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 15           poration has perpetual existence.

16   **§ 154102. Purposes**

17           The purposes of the corporation are, through organization and coopera-  
 18           tion with the Department of the Navy—

- 19           (1) to encourage and aid American young people to develop an in-  
 20           terest and skill in basic seamanship and in its naval adaptations;  
 21           (2) to train them in seagoing skills; and  
 22           (3) to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred  
 23           virtues.

24   **§ 154103. Membership**

25           Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
 26           corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members  
 27           are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

28   **§ 154104. Governing body**

29           (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—(1) The board of directors is the govern-  
 30           ing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies  
 31           and program of the corporation and the control of all funds of the corpora-  
 32           tion.

1 (2) The number of directors, their manner of selection (including the  
2 filling of vacancies), and their term of office are as provided in the constitu-  
3 tion and bylaws. However, the board shall have at least 10 but not more  
4 than 25 directors.

5 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, one  
6 or more vice presidents as provided in the constitution and bylaws, a sec-  
7 retary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution and  
8 bylaws.

9 (2) The manner of election, term of office, and duties of the officers  
10 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

### 11 **§ 154105. Powers**

12 The corporation may—

13 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
14 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

15 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

16 (3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activi-  
17 ties of the corporation require;

18 (4) make contracts;

19 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
20 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

21 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
22 its obligations by granting security interests in its property; and

23 (7) sue and be sued.

### 24 **§ 154106. Exclusive right to name, insignia, emblems, 25 badges, marks, and words**

26 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “Naval Sea  
27 Cadet Corps” and distinctive insignia, emblems, and badges, descriptive or  
28 designating marks, and words or phrases required to carry out the duties  
29 and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested  
30 rights.

### 31 **§ 154107. Restrictions**

32 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
33 declare or pay a dividend.

34 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
35 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
36 for public office.

37 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
38 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
39 tor, officer, or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolu-  
40 tion or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of  
41 compensation to an officer in an amount approved by the board of directors.

1 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a di-  
2 rector, officer, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making a  
3 loan or advance to a director, officer, or employee, and officers who partici-  
4 pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
5 corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

6 **§ 154108. Principal office**

7 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Tacoma, Washington,  
8 or another place decided by the board of directors. However, the activities  
9 of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal office  
10 is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories, and pos-  
11 sessions of the United States.

12 **§ 154109. Records and inspection**

13 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

14 (1) correct and complete records of account;

15 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
16 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
17 and

18 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
19 its members entitled to vote.

20 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
21 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
22 purpose, at any reasonable time.

23 **§ 154110. Service of process**

24 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
25 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
26 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
27 service on the corporation.

28 **§ 154111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

29 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
30 within the scope of their authority.

31 **§ 154112. Annual report**

32 The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of the  
33 Navy on the activities of the corporation during the prior calendar year. The  
34 Secretary shall communicate to Congress any part of the report that the  
35 Secretary considers appropriate.

36 **§ 154113. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
37 uidation**

38 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
39 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
40 by the board of directors, but in compliance with the constitution and by-  
41 laws of the corporation.



1 (7) charge and collect membership dues and receive contributions  
 2 of money or property to be devoted to carrying out the purposes of the  
 3 corporation;

4 (8) sue and be sued; and

5 (9) do any other act necessary or appropriate to carry out the pur-  
 6 poses of the corporation.

7 **§ 154304. Annual report**

8 Not later than December 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
 9 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
 10 calendar year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

11 **CHAPTER 1545—NAVY WIVES CLUBS OF AMERICA**

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12 **§ 154501. Definition**

13 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
 14 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

15 **§ 154502. Organization**

16 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Navy Wives Clubs of America (in this chap-  
 17 ter, the “corporation”), incorporated in California, is a federally chartered  
 18 corporation.

19 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
 20 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
 21 pires.

22 **§ 154503. Purposes**

23 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
 24 poration and include—

25 (1) supporting the Constitution of the United States;

26 (2) promoting a friendly relationship between the wives of enlisted  
 27 men who are serving in the active United States Navy, United States  
 28 Marine Corps, or United States Coast Guard or in the Active Reserves  
 29 of those services; and

30 (3) performing charitable activities as provided in the constitution  
 31 or bylaws of the corporation.

1 **§ 154504. Membership**

2 Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
3 leges of members are as provided in the bylaws.

4 **§ 154505. Governing body**

5 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
6 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

7 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
8 vided in the articles of incorporation.

9 **§ 154506. Powers**

10 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
11 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

12 **§ 154507. Restrictions**

13 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
14 declare or pay a dividend.

15 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
16 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
17 or attempt to influence legislation.

18 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
19 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
20 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
21 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
22 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
23 amounts approved by the board of directors.

24 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
25 cer, or employee.

26 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
27 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
28 United States Government for any of its activities.

29 **§ 154508. Duty to maintain corporate and tax-exempt status**

30 (a) CORPORATE STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status as  
31 a corporation incorporated under the laws of each State in which it is incor-  
32 porated.

33 (b) TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.—The corporation shall maintain its status  
34 as an organization exempt from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code  
35 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et seq.).

36 **§ 154509. Records and inspection**

37 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

38 (1) correct and complete records of account;

39 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
40 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
41 and

1 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
2 its members entitled to vote.

3 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
4 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
5 purpose, at any reasonable time.

6 **§ 154510. Service of process**

7 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
8 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
9 tivities.

10 **§ 154511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

11 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
12 within the scope of their authority.

13 **§ 154512. Annual report**

14 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
15 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
16 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
17 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

18 **CHAPTER 1547—NON COMMISSIONED OFFICERS ASSO-**  
19 **CIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN-**  
20 **CORPORATED**

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- 154712. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 154713. Annual report.

21 **§ 154701. Definition**

22 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
23 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

24 **§ 154702. Organization**

25 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Non Commissioned Officers Association of  
26 the United States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corpora-  
27 tion”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Texas, is a federally char-  
28 tered corporation.

29 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
30 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
31 pires.

1 **§ 154703. Purposes**

2 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the bylaws and arti-  
3 cles of incorporation and include—

- 4 (1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;  
5 (2) promoting health, prosperity, and scholarship among its mem-  
6 bers and their dependents and survivors through benevolent programs;  
7 (3) assisting veterans and their dependents and survivors through  
8 a service program established for that purpose;  
9 (4) improving conditions for service members, veterans, and their  
10 dependents and survivors; and  
11 (5) fostering fraternal and social activities among its members in  
12 recognition that cooperative action is required for the furtherance of  
13 their common interests.

14 **§ 154704. Membership**

15 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
16 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
17 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

18 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
19 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national ori-  
20 gin.

21 **§ 154705. Governing body**

22 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
23 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

24 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
25 vided in the articles of incorporation.

26 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director  
27 or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, dis-  
28 ability, age, or national origin.

29 **§ 154706. Powers**

30 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
31 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

32 **§ 154707. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and  
33 badges**

34 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Non  
35 Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non  
36 Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America”, “Non  
37 Commissioned Officers Association”, and “NCOA”, and seals, emblems, and  
38 badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested  
39 rights.

1 **§ 154708. Restrictions**

2 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
3 declare or pay a dividend.

4 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
5 the corporation may not inure of the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
6 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
7 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
8 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
9 amounts approved by the board of directors.

10 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
11 cer, or employee.

12 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
13 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
14 United States Government for any of its activities.

15 **§ 154709. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

16 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
17 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
18 seq.).

19 **§ 154710. Records and inspection**

20 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

21 (1) correct and complete records of account;

22 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
23 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
24 and

25 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
26 its members entitled to vote.

27 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
28 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
29 purpose, at any reasonable time.

30 **§ 154711. Service of process**

31 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
32 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
33 tivities.

34 **§ 154712. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

35 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
36 within the scope of their authority.

37 **§ 154713. Annual report**

38 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
39 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
40 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
41 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**CHAPTER 1601—[RESERVED]****CHAPTER 1701—PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA**

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- 170108. Records and inspection.
- 170109. Service of process.
- 170110. Liability for acts of officers and agents.
- 170111. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation.

**§ 170101. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Paralyzed Veterans of America (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

**§ 170102. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to preserve the great and basic truths and enduring principles on which this Nation was founded;

(2) to form a national association for the benefit of individuals who have suffered injuries or diseases of the spinal cord;

(3) to acquaint the public with the needs and problems of paraplegics;

(4) to promote medical research in the several fields connected with injuries and diseases of the spinal cord, including research in neurosurgery and orthopedics and in genitourinary and orthopedic appliances; and

(5) to advocate and foster complete and effective reconditioning programs for paraplegics, including a thorough physical reconditioning program, physiotherapy, competent walking instructions, adequate guidance (both vocational and educational), academic and vocational education (both in hospitals and in educational institutions), psychological orientation and readjustment to family and friends, and occupational therapy (both functional and diversional).

**§ 170103. Membership**

An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation if the individual—

(1) is a citizen of the United States;

(2) was regularly enlisted, inducted, or commissioned, and was accepted for or on active duty, in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air

1 Force, or Coast Guard of the United States or an ally of the United  
2 States;

3 (3)(A) was separated from service in the armed forces under con-  
4 ditions other than dishonorable; or

5 (B) is on active duty or must continue to serve after the cessation  
6 of hostilities; and

7 (4) has suffered a spinal cord injury or disease, whether or not  
8 service connected in origin.

9 **§ 170104. Powers**

10 (a) SPECIFIC POWERS.—The corporation may—

11 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws;

12 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal, emblems, and badges;

13 (3) choose officers, representatives, and agents as necessary to  
14 carry out the purposes of the corporation;

15 (4) make contracts;

16 (5) accept gifts, legacies, and devises that will further the pur-  
17 poses of the corporation;

18 (6) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
19 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

20 (7) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
21 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

22 (8) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and re-  
23 gional organizations and local chapters or posts;

24 (9) establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the cor-  
25 poration;

26 (10) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

27 (11) sue and be sued; and

28 (12) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
29 poses of the corporation.

30 (b) PRIVILEGES OF OTHER NATIONAL VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.—  
31 Privileges granted to other national veterans' organizations as a result of  
32 their being incorporated by Congress are also granted to the corporation.

33 **§ 170105. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
34 **badges**

35 The corporation and its State and regional organizations and local  
36 chapters or posts have the exclusive right to use the name “Paralyzed Vet-  
37 erans of America” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation lawfully  
38 adopts.

39 **§ 170106. Restrictions**

40 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

41 (b) STOCK.—The corporation may not issue stock.

1 (e) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and  
 2 may not provide financial aid to, or otherwise promote the candidacy of, an  
 3 individual seeking public office.

4 (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 5 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 6 tor, officer, member, or employee during the life of the corporation or on  
 7 its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
 8 ment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimburse-  
 9 ment for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of  
 10 directors.

11 (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 12 cer, member, or employee. Directors who vote for or assent to making such  
 13 a loan, and officers who participate in making the loan, are jointly and sev-  
 14 erally liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan until it is repaid.

15 **§ 170107. Headquarters and principal place of business**

16 The headquarters and principal place of business of the corporation  
 17 shall be in the District of Columbia. However, the activities of the corpora-  
 18 tion are not confined to the District of Columbia but may be conducted  
 19 throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

20 **§ 170108. Records and inspection**

21 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

22 (1) correct and complete records of account;

23 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, executive commit-  
 24 tee, and committees having any of the authority of its executive com-  
 25 mittee; and

26 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 27 its members entitled to vote.

28 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 29 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 30 purpose, at any reasonable time.

31 **§ 170109. Service of process**

32 As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
 33 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
 34 ignated official of each State, territory, or possession of the United States  
 35 in which an organization, chapter, or post is organized, the name and ad-  
 36 dress of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal pro-  
 37 cess or demands against the corporation may be served.

38 **§ 170110. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

39 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 40 within the scope of their authority.

1    **§ 170111. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
 2                    **uidation**

3            On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
 4    remaining after the discharge or satisfactory provision for discharge of all li-  
 5    abilities shall be transferred to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be ap-  
 6    plied to the care and comfort of paralyzed veterans.

7                    **CHAPTER 1703—PEARL HARBOR SURVIVORS**  
 8                    **ASSOCIATION**

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- 170313. Annual report.

9    **§ 170301. Definition**

10            For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
 11    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

12    **§ 170302. Organization**

13            (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Pearl Harbor Survivors Association (in this  
 14    chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in Mis-  
 15    souri, is a federally chartered corporation.

16            (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
 17    with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
 18    pires.

19    **§ 170303. Purposes**

20            The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
 21    poration and include—

- 22                    (1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;
- 23                    (2) collating, preserving, and encouraging the study of historical  
 24                    episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to “The Day of  
 25                    Infamy, 7 December 1941”, and in particular those memories and  
 26                    records of patriotic service performed by the heroic Pearl Harbor sur-  
 27                    vivors and nonsurvivors;
- 28                    (3) shielding from neglect the graves, past and future, of those  
 29                    who served at Pearl Harbor on that day;
- 30                    (4) stimulating communities and political subdivisions into taking  
 31                    more interest in the affairs and future of the United States to keep  
 32                    our Nation alert;

1           (5) fighting unceasingly for our national security to protect the  
2           United States from enemies within and without our borders;

3           (6) preserving the American way of life and fostering the spirit  
4           and practice of Americanism; and

5           (7) instilling love of country and flag and promoting soundness of  
6           mind and body in the youth of our Nation.

7   **§ 170304. Membership**

8           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation and  
9           the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the constitution and  
10          bylaws of the corporation.

11          (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
12          nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

13   **§ 170305. Governing body**

14          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
15          sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

16          (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
17          vided in the articles of incorporation.

18          (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
19          corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
20          tional origin.

21   **§ 170306. Powers**

22          The corporation has the powers provided in its bylaws and articles of  
23          incorporation filed in the State in which it is incorporated, including the  
24          power to—

25               (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
26               ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

27               (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

28               (3) adopt emblems and badges;

29               (4) establish, maintain, and regulate offices to conduct the affairs  
30               of the corporation;

31               (5) publish a magazine and other publications;

32               (6) charge and collect membership dues and subscription fees and  
33               receive contributions or grants of money or property to be used to carry  
34               out the purposes of the corporation;

35               (7) accept gifts, legacies, and devises that will further the pur-  
36               poses of the corporation;

37               (8) promote the formation of auxiliaries, the membership require-  
38               ments of which shall be as provided in the constitution and the bylaws  
39               of the corporation;

40               (9) sue and be sued; and

1           (10) do any other act necessary or desirable to carry out the pur-  
2           poses of the corporation.

3   **§ 170307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
4           **badges**

5           The corporation and its regional districts and local branches have the  
6           exclusive right to use the name “Pearl Harbor Survivors Association” and  
7           seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

8   **§ 170308. Restrictions**

9           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
10          declare or pay a dividend.

11          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
12          such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
13          or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

14          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
15          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
16          tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chapter  
17          or on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation. This subsection does  
18          not prevent the payment of compensation to an officer or reimbursement  
19          for actual necessary expenses in amounts approved by the board of direc-  
20          tors.

21          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
22          cer, or employee.

23          (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
24          corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
25          United States Government for any of its activities.

26   **§ 170309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

27          The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
28          from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
29          seq.).

30   **§ 170310. Records and inspection**

31          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 32               (1) correct and complete records of account;
- 33               (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
34               and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
35               and
- 36               (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
37               its members entitled to vote.

38          (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
39          of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
40          purpose, at any reasonable time.

1    **§ 170311. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
3 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
4 tivities.

5    **§ 170312. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

6           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
7 within the scope of their authority.

8    **§ 170313. Annual report**

9           The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
10 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
11 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
12 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

13                   **CHAPTER 1705—POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN**  
14                   **VETERANS, U.S.A.**

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- 170512. Annual report.

15    **§ 170501. Definition**

16           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
17 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

18    **§ 170502. Organization**

19           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A.  
20 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in  
21 Illinois, is a federally chartered corporation.

22           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
23 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
24 pires.

25    **§ 170503. Purposes**

26           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
27 poration. The corporation shall function as a veterans’ and patriotic organi-  
28 zation as authorized by the laws of each State in which it is incorporated.

29    **§ 170504. Membership**

30           (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
31 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
32 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

1 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
2 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

3 **§ 170505. Governing body**

4 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
5 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

6 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
7 vided in the articles of incorporation.

8 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
9 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
10 tional origin.

11 **§ 170506. Powers**

12 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
13 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

14 **§ 170507. Restrictions**

15 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
16 declare or pay a dividend.

17 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
18 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
19 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

20 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
21 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
22 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
23 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
24 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
25 amounts approved by the board of directors.

26 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
27 cer, or employee.

28 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORIZATION.—The  
29 corporation may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
30 United States Government for any of its activities.

31 **§ 170508. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

32 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
33 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
34 seq.).

35 **§ 170509. Records and inspection**

36 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

37 (1) correct and complete records of account;

38 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
39 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
40 and

1 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
2 its members entitled to vote.

3 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
4 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
5 purpose, at any reasonable time.

6 **§ 170510. Service of process**

7 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
8 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
9 tivities.

10 **§ 170511. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

11 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
12 within the scope of their authority.

13 **§ 170512. Annual report**

14 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
15 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
16 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
17 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

18 **CHAPTER 1801—[RESERVED]**

19 **CHAPTER 1901—RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF**  
20 **THE UNITED STATES**

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21 **§ 190101. Organization**

22 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Reserve Officers Association of the United  
23 States (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corpora-  
24 tion.

25 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
26 poration has perpetual existence.

27 **§ 190102. Purposes**

28 The purposes of the corporation are to support and promote the devel-  
29 opment and execution of a military policy for the United States that will  
30 provide adequate national security.

31 **§ 190103. Membership**

32 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as  
33 provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

1 (b) VOTING.—Each active member of a department or chapter has one  
2 vote in the conduct of official business of that department or chapter.

3 **§ 190104. Governing body**

4 (a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—The corporation shall hold an annual  
5 national convention. The national convention shall be composed of delegates  
6 elected by the various departments.

7 (b) NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—(1) The national executive  
8 committee is the governing body of the corporation.

9 (2) The national executive committee consists of the president, the last  
10 past president, 3 vice presidents, 3 junior vice presidents, 3 national execu-  
11 tive committee members, and the executive director. Each of these individ-  
12 uals, except the executive director, has one vote on each matter decided by  
13 the committee.

14 (c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, 3  
15 vice presidents, 3 junior vice presidents, 3 national executive committee  
16 members, an executive director, a national treasurer, a judge advocate, a  
17 surgeon, a chaplain, a historian, a public relations officer, and other officers  
18 as decided at the national convention.

19 (2) The national officers of the corporation shall be elected at the an-  
20 nual national convention, except for the executive director, the national  
21 treasurer, and the national public relations officer, who shall be appointed  
22 by the national executive committee.

23 (3) The elected officers shall hold office for one year or until their suc-  
24 cessors have been elected and qualified.

25 (d) VACANCIES.—(1) Except for the positions of president and last  
26 past president, a vacancy on the national executive committee shall be filled  
27 by the existing members of the committee. An individual appointed by the  
28 committee to fill a vacancy serves until the next national convention when  
29 the individual's successor shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any,  
30 caused by the vacancy.

31 (2) If the president is absent or the office of president is vacant, the  
32 national vice president of the same service as the president shall act as  
33 president.

34 **§ 190105. Powers**

35 The corporation may—

36 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws;

37 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

38 (3) adopt and alter emblems and badges;

39 (4) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
40 essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

41 (5) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

1 (6) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate departmental  
2 subdivisions and local chapters;

3 (7) sue and be sued; and

4 (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
5 poses of the corporation.

6 **§ 190106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
7 **badges**

8 The corporation and its subordinate departmental subdivisions and  
9 local chapters have the exclusive right to use the name “Reserve Officers  
10 Association of the United States” and seals, emblems, and badges the cor-  
11 poration adopts.

12 **§ 190107. Restrictions**

13 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business for profit.

14 (b) STOCK.—The corporation may not issue stock.

15 (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or member  
16 as such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or can-  
17 didate for public office.

18 (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
19 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
20 cer or member except on dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation.

21 (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
22 officer or member of the national executive committee. Members of the na-  
23 tional executive committee who vote for or assent to making a loan or ad-  
24 vance to an officer, and officers who participate in making the loan or ad-  
25 vance, are jointly and severally liable to the corporation for the amount of  
26 the loan or advance until it is repaid.

27 **§ 190108. Headquarters**

28 The headquarters of the corporation shall be in the District of Colum-  
29 bia.

30 **§ 190109. Records and inspection**

31 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

32 (1) correct and complete records of account;

33 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national conventions, national  
34 executive committee, and national council; and

35 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
36 its members entitled to vote.

37 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
38 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
39 purpose, at any reasonable time.

1    **§ 190110. Service of process**

2           (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
3 agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
4 poration. Notice to or service on the agent is notice to or service on the  
5 corporation.

6           (b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—As a condition to the  
7 exercise of any power or privilege granted by this chapter, the corporation  
8 shall file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each  
9 State, territory, or possession of the United States in which a subordinate  
10 department or local chapter is organized, the name and address of an agent  
11 in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal process or demands  
12 against the corporation may be served.

13    **§ 190111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

14           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
15 within the scope of their authority.

16    **§ 190112. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
17                                   **uidation**

18           On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
19 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be divided equally among  
20 the then active officers and members.

21                                   **CHAPTER 1903—RETIRED ENLISTED ASSOCIATION,**  
22                                   **INCORPORATED**

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23    **§ 190301. Definition**

24           For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
25 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

26    **§ 190302. Organization**

27           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Retired Enlisted Association, Incorporated  
28 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in  
29 Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

30           (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
31 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
32 pires.

1 **§ 190303. Purposes**

2 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
3 poration and bylaws and include—

- 4 (1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;  
5 (2) promoting health, prosperity, and scholarship among its mem-  
6 bers and their dependents and survivors through benevolent programs;  
7 (3) assisting veterans and their dependents and survivors through  
8 a service program established for that purpose;  
9 (4) improving conditions for retired enlisted service members, vet-  
10 erans, and their dependents and survivors; and  
11 (5) fostering fraternal and social activities among its members in  
12 recognition that cooperative action is required for the furtherance of  
13 their common interests.

14 **§ 190304. Membership**

15 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
16 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
17 as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

18 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
19 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national ori-  
20 gin.

21 **§ 190305. Governing body**

22 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
23 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

24 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
25 vided in the articles of incorporation.

26 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director  
27 or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, dis-  
28 ability, age, or national origin.

29 **§ 190306. Powers**

30 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
31 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

32 **§ 190307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and  
33 badges**

34 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Retired  
35 Enlisted Association, Incorporated”, “The Retired Enlisted Association”,  
36 “Retired Enlisted Association”, and “TREA” and seals, emblems, and  
37 badges the corporation adopts. This section does not affect any vested  
38 rights.

39 **§ 190308. Restrictions**

40 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
41 declare or pay a dividend.

1 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 2 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
 3 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
 4 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
 5 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
 6 amounts approved by the board of directors.

7 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
 8 cer, or employee.

9 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
 10 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
 11 United States Government for any of its activities.

12 **§ 190309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

13 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
 14 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
 15 seq.).

16 **§ 190310. Records and inspection**

17 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

18 (1) correct and complete records of account;

19 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 20 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 21 and

22 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 23 its members entitled to vote.

24 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 25 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 26 purpose, at any reasonable time.

27 **§ 190311. Service of process**

28 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
 29 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
 30 tivities.

31 **§ 190312. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

32 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 33 within the scope of their authority.

34 **§ 190313. Annual report**

35 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
 36 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
 37 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
 38 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

39 **CHAPTER 2001—SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FLORISTS AND**  
 40 **ORNAMENTAL HORTICULTURISTS**

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1     **§ 200101. Organization**

2             Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists (in this  
 3 chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District  
 4 of Columbia.

5     **§ 200102. Purposes**

6             The purposes of the corporation are to educate members of the florist  
 7 industry and the public, and to promote scientific development, in flori-  
 8 culture and horticulture.

9     **§ 200103. Powers**

10            The corporation may—

11                (1) adopt a constitution and bylaws for the management of its  
 12 property and the regulation of its affairs; and

13                (2)(A) hold property, in the District of Columbia or elsewhere,  
 14 necessary to carry out the purposes of the corporation, in an amount  
 15 not to exceed \$1,000,000; and

16                (B) hold other property donated or bequeathed in any State or  
 17 territory of the United States.

18     **§ 200104. Restrictions**

19                (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not operate for profit.

20                (b) USE OF EARNINGS.—Earnings generated by the corporation may  
 21 be used only for the purposes provided in section 200102 of this title.

22                (c) USE OF PROPERTY.—Property held by the corporation, and the  
 23 proceeds from the property, may be used only for the purposes provided in  
 24 section 200102 of this title.

25                (d) PARKS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation may not  
 26 occupy any park in the District of Columbia.

27     **§ 200105. Principal office**

28             The principal office of the corporation shall be located in the District  
 29 of Columbia. However, annual meetings may be held wherever the corpora-  
 30 tion decides.

31     **§ 200106. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

32             The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
 33 the corporation.

34             **CHAPTER 2003—SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE**  
 35   **CIVIL WAR**

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1     **§ 200301. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (in  
3 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
5 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

6           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
7 poration has perpetual existence.

8     **§ 200302. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are—

10           (1) to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic  
11 and of the men who saved the Union in 1861 to 1865;

12           (2) to assist in every practicable way in preserving, and making  
13 available for research, documents and records pertaining to the Grand  
14 Army of the Republic and its members;

15           (3) to cooperate in honoring all those who have served our country  
16 patriotically in any war;

17           (4) to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history  
18 of our country, and the love and honor of our flag;

19           (5) to oppose every tendency or movement that would weaken loy-  
20 alty to, destroy, or impair our constitutional Union; and

21           (6) to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of  
22 representative government, equal rights, and impartial justice for all.

23     **§ 200303. Membership**

24           (a) GENERAL.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for mem-  
25 bership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of  
26 classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
27 corporation.

28           (b) REQUIRED SERVICE.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation  
29 is limited to male blood relatives of an individual who—

30           (1) served at any time during the period from April 12, 1861,  
31 through April 9, 1865, as a soldier or sailor in—

32           (A) the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Reve-  
33 nue-Cutter Service; or

1 (B) a State regiment that was called into active service and  
 2 was subject to orders of United States general officers during that  
 3 period; and

4 (2) was discharged honorably from, or died in, that service.

5 **§ 200304. Governing body**

6 (a) NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.—(1) The national encampment is the su-  
 7 preme governing authority of the corporation.

8 (2) The national encampment is composed of officers and elected rep-  
 9 resentatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation  
 10 as provided in the constitution and bylaws. However, the form of govern-  
 11 ment of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large  
 12 and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of mem-  
 13 bers or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership  
 14 at large.

15 (3) The meetings of the national encampment may be held in the Dis-  
 16 trict of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United  
 17 States.

18 (b) COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.—(1) During the intervals between  
 19 the national encampments, the council of administration is the governing  
 20 board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program,  
 21 and activities of the corporation.

22 (2) The council of administration shall consist of at least 7 members  
 23 elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and by-  
 24 laws.

25 (c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a commander  
 26 in chief, a senior vice commander in chief, a junior vice commander in chief,  
 27 a secretary, a treasurer, and other officers as provided in the constitution  
 28 and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of secretary and treasurer.

29 (2) The manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers  
 30 are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

31 **§ 200305. Powers**

32 The corporation may—

33 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
 34 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

35 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

36 (3) choose officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activi-  
 37 ties of the corporation require;

38 (4) make contracts;

39 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 40 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

1 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
2 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

3 (7) sue and be sued; and

4 (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
5 poses of the corporation.

6 **§ 200306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
7 **badges**

8 The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
9 to use the name “Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War”. The corpora-  
10 tion has the exclusive right to use and to allow others to use seals, emblems,  
11 and badges the corporation adopts.

12 **§ 200307. Restrictions**

13 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
14 declare or pay a dividend.

15 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as  
16 such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
17 for public office.

18 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
19 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
20 cer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or  
21 final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of com-  
22 pensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
23 amounts approved by the council of administration of the corporation.

24 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
25 officer or employee. Members of the council of administration who vote for  
26 or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and offi-  
27 cers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally  
28 liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is  
29 repaid.

30 **§ 200308. Principal office**

31 The principal office of the corporation shall be in Trenton, New Jersey,  
32 or another place decided by the council of administration. However, the ac-  
33 tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
34 office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and  
35 throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

36 **§ 200309. Records and inspection**

37 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

38 (1) correct and complete records of account; and

39 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national encampments and  
40 council of administration.

(b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any reasonable time.

**§ 200310. Service of process**

The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

**§ 200311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting within the scope of their authority.

**§ 200312. Annual report**

Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national encampment. The report may not be printed as a public document.

**§ 200313. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liquidation**

On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets remaining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided by the council of administration, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

**CHAPTER 2101—THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION**

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**§ 210101. Organization**

(a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Theodore Roosevelt Association (in this chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District of Columbia.

(b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the corporation has perpetual existence.

**§ 210102. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are—

(1) to perpetuate the memory of Theodore Roosevelt for the benefit of the people of the United States and the world; and

(2) to solicit, receive, hold, and maintain funds, and to apply the principal of the funds and the income from those funds to the following objects, among others:

1 (A) the erection and maintenance of a suitable and adequate  
2 monumental memorial in the District of Columbia to the memory  
3 of Theodore Roosevelt;

4 (B) the acquisition, development, and maintenance of a public  
5 park in memory of Theodore Roosevelt in Oyster Bay, New York;

6 (C) the establishment and maintenance of an endowment  
7 fund to promote the development and application of the policies  
8 and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt for the benefit of the American  
9 people; and

10 (D) the donation of real and personal property, including part  
11 or all of its endowment fund, to a public agency for the purpose  
12 of preserving in public ownership historically significant property  
13 associated with the life of Theodore Roosevelt.

14 **§ 210103. Membership**

15 Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in regula-  
16 tions adopted by the board of trustees.

17 **§ 210104. Governing body**

18 (a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—A self-perpetuating board of trustees shall  
19 manage and direct the property and affairs of the corporation.

20 (b) POWERS.—The board of trustees may adopt and amend a constitu-  
21 tion, bylaws, and regulations for—

- 22 (1) the selection of successor trustees;
- 23 (2) the admission of members;
- 24 (3) the election of officers; and
- 25 (4) the conduct of the affairs of the corporation.

26 **§ 210105. Powers**

27 The corporation may—

- 28 (1) adopt a constitution, bylaws, and regulations;
- 29 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;
- 30 (3) acquire and own property necessary to carry out the purposes  
31 of the corporation;
- 32 (4) give and dedicate its property to public agencies and purposes;
- 33 (5) maintain offices, hold meetings, and conduct business affairs  
34 in the District of Columbia and in the States, territories, and posses-  
35 sions of the United States;
- 36 (6) sue and be sued within the jurisdiction of the United States;  
37 and
- 38 (7) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
39 poses of the corporation.

1 **§ 210106. Restrictions**

2 (a) EXCLUSIVELY EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES.—The corporation shall be  
3 operated exclusively for educational purposes.

4 (b) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
5 declare or pay a dividend.

6 (c) DISTRIBUTIONS OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
7 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

8 **§ 210107. Nonapplication of audit requirements**

9 The audit requirements of section 10101 of this title do not apply to  
10 the corporation.

11 **CHAPTER 2103—369TH VETERANS’ ASSOCIATION**

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12 **§ 210301. Definition**

13 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
14 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

15 **§ 210302. Organization**

16 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—369th Veterans’ Association (in this chapter,  
17 the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New York, is a  
18 federally chartered corporation.

19 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
20 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
21 pires.

22 **§ 210303. Purposes**

23 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in the articles of incor-  
24 poration and include—

- 25 (1) promoting the principles of friendship and good will among its  
26 members;
- 27 (2) engaging in social and civic activities that tend to enhance the  
28 welfare of its members and inculcate the true principles of good citizen-  
29 ship in its members; and
- 30 (3) memorializing, individually and collectively, the patriotic serv-  
31 ices of its members in the 369th antiaircraft artillery group and other  
32 units in the armed forces of the United States.

1 **§ 210304. Membership**

2 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
3 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
4 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

5 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
6 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, or national origin.

7 **§ 210305. Governing body**

8 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
9 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

10 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
11 vided in the articles of incorporation.

12 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for holding office in the  
13 corporation may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, or na-  
14 tional origin.

15 **§ 210306. Powers**

16 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
17 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

18 **§ 210307. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
19 **badges**

20 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “369th Veter-  
21 ans’ Association” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.  
22 This section does not affect any vested rights.

23 **§ 210308. Restrictions**

24 (a) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
25 declare or pay a dividend.

26 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
27 such may not contribute to, support, or participate in any political activity  
28 or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

29 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
30 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
31 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
32 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
33 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
34 amounts approved by the board of directors.

35 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
36 cer, or employee.

37 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
38 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
39 United States Government for any of its activities.

1    **§ 210309. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

2           The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
3 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
4 seq.).

5    **§ 210310. Records and inspection**

6           (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

7               (1) correct and complete records of account;

8               (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, the board of direc-  
9 tors, and committees having any of the authority of its board of direc-  
10 tors; and

11              (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
12 its members entitled to vote.

13           (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
14 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
15 purpose, at any reasonable time.

16    **§ 210311. Service of process**

17           The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
18 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
19 tivities.

20    **§ 210312. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

21           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
22 within the scope of their authority.

23    **§ 210313. Annual report**

24           The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
25 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
26 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
27 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

28                           **CHAPTER 2201—UNITED SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS,**  
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30    **§ 220101. Organization**

31           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United Service Organizations, Incorporated  
32 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a federally chartered corporation.

1 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
2 poration has perpetual existence.

3 **§ 220102. Purposes**

4 The purposes of the corporation are—

5 (1) to provide a voluntary civilian agency through which the people  
6 of this Nation may, in peace or war, serve the religious, spiritual, so-  
7 cial, welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women  
8 in the armed forces, within or without the territorial limits of the  
9 United States;

10 (2) to contribute to the maintenance of morale of men and women  
11 in the armed forces;

12 (3) to solicit funds to maintain the organization and accomplish  
13 its responsibility;

14 (4) to accept the cooperation of, and provide an organization and  
15 means through which, the National Board of Young Men’s Christian  
16 Associations, the National Board of Young Women’s Christian Associa-  
17 tions, the National Catholic Community Service, the Salvation Army,  
18 the National Jewish Welfare Board, the Travelers Aid-International  
19 Social Service of America, and other civilian agencies experienced in  
20 specialized types of related work, which may be needed adequately to  
21 meet the particular needs of the members of the armed forces, may  
22 carry on their historic work of serving the religious, spiritual, social,  
23 welfare, educational, and entertainment needs of men and women in  
24 the armed forces and be afforded an appropriate means of participation  
25 and financial assistance;

26 (5) to coordinate their programs; and

27 (6) other consonant purposes.

28 **§ 220103. Membership**

29 Except as provided in this chapter, the rights, privileges, and designa-  
30 tion of classes of members are as provided in the bylaws. The membership  
31 of the corporation consists of—

32 (1) nine individuals designated by the President; and

33 (2) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section  
34 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the  
35 bylaws.

36 **§ 220104. Governing body**

37 (a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the govern-  
38 ing body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the general policies  
39 and program of the corporation and for the control of the affairs and prop-  
40 erty of the corporation.

1           (2) The board shall be elected by the members of the corporation for  
2 the term and in the classes provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The  
3 board includes—

4           (A) six members appointed by the President;

5           (B) the Secretary of State or the Secretary's designee; and

6           (C) representatives of the civilian organizations listed in section  
7 220102(4) of this title, and of the public at large, as provided in the  
8 bylaws.

9           (3) The corporation may have other governing bodies or committees as  
10 provided in the bylaws.

11           (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The office of honorary chairman of the corporation  
12 shall be offered to the President. On acceptance, the honorary chairman  
13 shall be invited to preside at meetings of the corporation that the honorary  
14 chairman deems appropriate and convenient.

15           (2) The corporation may have other officers as provided in the bylaws.

#### 16 **§ 220105. Powers**

17           The corporation has all the powers necessary and proper to carry out  
18 the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title, including the power—

19           (1) to adopt and amend bylaws and regulations for the manage-  
20 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

21           (2) to adopt and alter a corporate seal;

22           (3) to adopt and alter emblems and marks;

23           (4) to establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the  
24 corporation;

25           (5) to choose officers, representatives, and agents as the activities  
26 of the corporation require;

27           (6) to make contracts;

28           (7) to acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
29 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

30           (8) to borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and se-  
31 cure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

32           (9) to publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications;

33           (10) to establish, regulate, and terminate councils, organizations,  
34 chapters, or affiliates as needed to carry out the purposes stated in sec-  
35 tion 220102 of this title;

36           (11) to solicit funds;

37           (12) to sue and be sued; and

38           (13) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the  
39 purposes stated in section 220102 of this title.

1 **§ 220106. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
 2 **badges**

3 The corporation and its councils, organizations, chapters, and affiliates  
 4 have the exclusive right to use the names “United Service Organizations,  
 5 Incorporated” and “USO” and seals, emblems, and badges the corporation  
 6 adopts.

7 **§ 220107. Assistance by Department of Defense**

8 The Secretary of Defense may make the resources of the Department  
 9 of Defense available to the corporation to the extent compatible with the  
 10 primary mission of the Department and in accordance with guidelines issued  
 11 by the Secretary.

12 **§ 220108. Restrictions**

13 (a) PROFIT.—The corporation may not engage in business activity for  
 14 profit unless the activity is substantially related to—

15 (1) the purposes stated in section 220102 of this title; or

16 (2) raising funds to accomplish those purposes.

17 (b) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
 18 declare or pay a dividend.

19 (c) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and  
 20 may not provide financial aid or assistance to, or otherwise promote the can-  
 21 didacy of, an individual seeking elective public office. A substantial part of  
 22 the activities of the corporation may not involve carrying on propaganda or  
 23 otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

24 (d) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
 25 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of a governor, officer, member,  
 26 or employee or be distributed to any person during the life of the corpora-  
 27 tion or on its dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not pre-  
 28 vent the payment of reasonable compensation to an officer, employee, or  
 29 other person or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in amounts ap-  
 30 proved by the board of governors.

31 (e) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a governor, offi-  
 32 cer, member, or employee.

33 **§ 220109. Duty to maintain corporate status**

34 The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated  
 35 under the laws of New York, another State, or the District of Columbia.

36 **§ 220110. Principal office**

37 The principal office of the corporation shall be in New York, New  
 38 York, or another place decided by the board of governors. However, the ac-  
 39 tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
 40 office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
 41 and possessions of the United States and in foreign countries.

1    **§ 220111. Records and inspection**

2       (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

3           (1) correct and complete records of account;

4           (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of governors,  
5       and committees having any of the authority of its board of governors;  
6       and

7           (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
8       its members entitled to vote.

9       (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
10   may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
11   reasonable time.

12   **§ 220112. Service of process**

13       (a) DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—The corporation shall have a designated  
14   agent in the District of Columbia to receive service of process for the cor-  
15   poration. Notice to or service on the agent, or mailed to the business ad-  
16   dress of the agent, is notice to or service on the corporation.

17       (b) STATES, TERRITORIES, AND POSSESSIONS.—The corporation shall  
18   file, with the secretary of state or other designated official of each State,  
19   territory, or possession of the United States in which the corporation or a  
20   council, organization, chapter, or affiliate may have activities, the name and  
21   address of an agent in that State, territory, or possession on whom legal  
22   process or demands against the corporation may be served.

23   **§ 220113. Annual report**

24       The corporation shall make public an annual report on its activities for  
25   the prior calendar year.

26   **§ 220114. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-**  
27                                   **uidation**

28       On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
29   maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
30   by the board of governors, but in compliance with the bylaws. However, the  
31   assets of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes  
32   and may not inure to the benefit of a private person except a fund, founda-  
33   tion, or organization operated exclusively for charitable purposes.

34   **CHAPTER 2203—UNITED STATES CAPITOL HISTORICAL**  
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1    **§ 220301. Organization**

2           (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Capitol Historical Society (in  
 3 this chapter, the “corporation”) is a federally chartered corporation.

4           (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION.—The corporation is declared to be in-  
 5 corporated in the District of Columbia.

6           (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 7 poration has perpetual existence.

8    **§ 220302. Purposes**

9           The purposes of the corporation are—

10           (1) to encourage in the most comprehensive and enlightened man-  
 11 ner an understanding by the American people of the founding, growth,  
 12 and significance of the Capitol of the United States as the tangible  
 13 symbol of their representative form of government;

14           (2) to undertake research into the history of the Congress and the  
 15 Capitol and to promote discussion, publication, and dissemination of  
 16 the results of this research;

17           (3) to foster and increase an informed patriotism among the citi-  
 18 zens in the study of this living memorial to the founders of this Nation  
 19 and the continuing thread of principles as exemplified by their succes-  
 20 sors; and

21           (4) to cooperate with the standing committees of Congress, the Li-  
 22 brary of Congress, the Architect of the Capitol, and relevant depart-  
 23 ments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the executive branch of the  
 24 United States Government in carrying out the purposes of the corpora-  
 25 tion.

26    **§ 220303. Membership**

27           Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
 28 corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
 29 constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

30    **§ 220304. Governing body**

31           (a) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—(1) The board of trustees is the governing  
 32 body of the corporation. The board is responsible for the control of all funds  
 33 and affairs of the corporation.

34           (2) Exclusive of ex officio and honorary members, the board shall con-  
 35 sist of at least 12 but not more than 40 trustees, one of whom shall be  
 36 elected chairman. Trustees shall be elected by the board of trustees, for a  
 37 term of 4 years. A trustee may not be reelected as a trustee within one year

1 of the expiration of the prior term, except by the unanimous vote of the  
 2 trustees present and voting. A trustee may be removed at any time, with  
 3 or without cause, by a two-thirds vote of the other trustees.

4 (3) The officers of the corporation are ex officio members of the board  
 5 with all the rights and privileges of trustees, including the right to vote.

6 (4) The board shall meet at least once a year in the Capitol of the  
 7 United States. The board may meet at other times as decided by the chair-  
 8 man. A meeting may be held only at a time and place stated in the bylaws  
 9 or on 30 days' written notice.

10 (b) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a president, 5  
 11 vice presidents, a treasurer, and a secretary. The president is the chief exec-  
 12 utive officer.

13 (2) The officers shall be elected annually by the board of trustees and  
 14 continue in office at the pleasure of the board.

15 (3) The duties of the officers are the usual duties pertaining to their  
 16 offices and any additional duties delegated by the board.

17 (4) Officers may be compensated for their services, and reimbursed for  
 18 actual expenses, in amounts decided by the board.

19 (c) EMPLOYEES.—The board of trustees may employ an executive sec-  
 20 retary and other personnel needed to assist the board and the officers to  
 21 carry out the activities of the corporation. Employees serve at the pleasure  
 22 of the board. The board shall prescribe the compensation and duties of em-  
 23 ployees.

#### 24 **§ 220305. Powers**

25 The corporation may—

26 (1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the manage-  
 27 ment of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

28 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

29 (3) choose officers, managers, and agents as the activities of the  
 30 corporation require;

31 (4) make contracts;

32 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
 33 essary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

34 (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
 35 its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

36 (7) produce, buy, and market commemorative medals, souvenirs,  
 37 publications, pictures, and cinemas consistent with the purposes of the  
 38 corporation;

39 (8) charge and collect membership dues;

40 (9) conduct fund raising campaigns and accept contributions;

41 (10) sue and be sued; and

1           (11) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
2           poses of the corporation.

3     **§ 220306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, insignia,**  
4           **marks, and words**

5           The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “United States  
6     Capitol Historical Society” and seals, emblems, distinctive insignia, and de-  
7     scriptive or designating marks, words, or phrases required to carry out the  
8     duties and powers of the corporation. This section does not affect any vested  
9     rights.

10    **§ 220307. Tax exemption**

11           Notwithstanding section 105 of title 4 of the United States Code or  
12     any provision of the District of Columbia Code, the corporation is not re-  
13     quired to pay, collect, or account for any tax specified in those provisions  
14     in connection with activities conducted within, or on the grounds of, the  
15     United States Capitol Building.

16    **§ 220308. Restrictions**

17           (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
18     declare or pay a dividend.

19           (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
20     the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a trust-  
21     ee, officer, or member as such during the life of the corporation or on its  
22     dissolution or final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the pay-  
23     ment of reasonable compensation to an officer or employee or reimburse-  
24     ment for actual expenses in amounts approved by the board of trustees.

25           (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to a  
26     trustee, officer, or employee. Trustees who vote for or assent to making a  
27     loan or advance to a trustee, officer, or employee, and officers who partici-  
28     pate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally liable to the  
29     corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is repaid.

30    **§ 220309. Duty to maintain corporate status**

31           The corporation shall maintain its status as a corporation incorporated  
32     under the laws of the District of Columbia or a State.

33    **§ 220310. Principal office**

34           The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
35     lumbia or another place decided by the board of trustees. However, the ac-  
36     tivities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the principal  
37     office is located but may be conducted throughout the States, territories,  
38     and possessions of the United States.

39    **§ 220311. Records and inspection**

40           (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

41           (1) correct and complete records of account;

1 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of trustees,  
2 and committees having any of the authority of its board of trustees;  
3 and

4 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
5 its members entitled to vote.

6 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
7 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
8 purpose, at any reasonable time.

9 **§ 220312. Service of process**

10 The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
11 bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
12 the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
13 service on the corporation.

14 **§ 220313. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

15 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
16 within the scope of their authority.

17 **§ 220314. Annual report and audit**

18 (a) ANNUAL REPORT.—The corporation shall submit an annual report  
19 to each House of Congress on the activities of the corporation during the  
20 prior fiscal year. The report shall be submitted as soon as practical after  
21 the end of each fiscal year.

22 (b) AUDIT.—In addition to complying with the audit requirements of  
23 section 10101 of this title, the corporation shall comply with section 451  
24 of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1970 (40 U.S.C. 193m–1).

25 **§ 220315. Distribution of assets on dissolution or final liq-  
26 uidation**

27 On dissolution or final liquidation of the corporation, any assets re-  
28 maining after the discharge of all liabilities shall be distributed as provided  
29 by the board of trustees, but in compliance with the constitution and bylaws  
30 of the corporation.

31 **CHAPTER 2205—UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE**

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1 SUBCHAPTER I—CORPORATION

2 **§ 220501. Definitions**

3 For purposes of this chapter—

4 (1) “amateur athlete” means an athlete who meets the eligibility  
5 standards established by the national governing body for the sport in  
6 which the athlete competes.

7 (2) “amateur athletic competition” means a contest, game, meet,  
8 match, tournament, regatta, or other event in which amateur athletes  
9 compete.

10 (3) “amateur sports organization” means a not-for-profit corpora-  
11 tion, association, or other group organized in the United States that  
12 sponsors or arranges an amateur athletic competition.

13 (4) “corporation” means the United States Olympic Committee.

14 (5) “international amateur athletic competition” means an ama-  
15 teur athletic competition between one or more athletes representing the  
16 United States, individually or as a team, and one or more athletes rep-  
17 resenting a foreign country.

18 (6) “national governing body” means an amateur sports organiza-  
19 tion that is recognized by the corporation under section 220521 of this  
20 title.

21 (7) “sanction” means a certificate of approval issued by a national  
22 governing body.

23 **§ 220502. Organization**

24 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The corporation is a federally chartered cor-  
25 poration.

26 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
27 poration has perpetual existence.

28 (c) REFERENCES TO UNITED STATES OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION.—Any  
29 reference to the United States Olympic Association is deemed to refer to  
30 the United States Olympic Committee.

31 **§ 220503. Purposes**

32 The purposes of the corporation are—

33 (1) to establish national goals for amateur athletic activities and  
34 encourage the attainment of those goals;

35 (2) to coordinate and develop amateur athletic activity in the  
36 United States, directly related to international amateur athletic com-

1 petition, to foster productive working relationships among sports-relat-  
2 ed organizations;

3 (3) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, directly or through constitu-  
4 ent members of committees, over—

5 (A) all matters pertaining to United States participation in  
6 the Olympic Games and the Pan-American Games, including rep-  
7 resentation of the United States in the games; and

8 (B) the organization of the Olympic Games and the Pan-  
9 American Games when held in the United States;

10 (4) to obtain for the United States, directly or by delegation to  
11 the appropriate national governing body, the most competent amateur  
12 representation possible in each event of the Olympic Games and Pan-  
13 American Games;

14 (5) to promote and support amateur athletic activities involving  
15 the United States and foreign nations;

16 (6) to promote and encourage physical fitness and public partici-  
17 pation in amateur athletic activities;

18 (7) to assist organizations and persons concerned with sports in  
19 the development of amateur athletic programs for amateur athletes;

20 (8) to provide swift resolution of conflicts and disputes involving  
21 amateur athletes, national governing bodies, and amateur sports orga-  
22 nizations, and protect the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach,  
23 trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur  
24 athletic competition;

25 (9) to foster the development of amateur athletic facilities for use  
26 by amateur athletes and assist in making existing amateur athletic fa-  
27 cilities available for use by amateur athletes;

28 (10) to provide and coordinate technical information on physical  
29 training, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis;

30 (11) to encourage and support research, development, and dissemi-  
31 nation of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety;

32 (12) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic ac-  
33 tivities for women;

34 (13) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletic pro-  
35 grams and competition for individuals with disabilities, including, where  
36 feasible, the expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by  
37 individuals with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for  
38 able-bodied individuals; and

39 (14) to encourage and provide assistance to amateur athletes of  
40 racial and ethnic minorities for the purpose of eliciting the participa-

tion of those minorities in amateur athletic activities in which they are underrepresented.

**§ 220504. Membership**

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Eligibility for membership in the corporation is as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

(b) REQUIRED PROVISIONS FOR REPRESENTATION.—In its constitution and bylaws, the corporation shall establish and maintain provisions with respect to its governance and the conduct of its affairs for reasonable representation of—

(1) amateur sports organizations recognized as national governing bodies under section 220521 of this title;

(2) amateur athletes who are actively engaged in amateur athletic competition or who have represented the United States in international amateur athletic competition within the preceding 10 years;

(3) amateur sports organizations that conduct a national program or regular national amateur athletic competition in 2 or more sports that are included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games on a level of proficiency appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the United States in international amateur athletic competition; and

(4) individuals not affiliated or associated with any amateur sports organization who, in the corporation's judgment, represent the interests of the American public in the activities of the corporation.

**§ 220505. Powers**

(a) CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS.—The corporation shall adopt a constitution and bylaws. The corporation may amend its constitution only if the corporation—

(1) publishes, in its principal publication, a notice of the proposed amendment, including—

(A) the substantive terms of the amendment;

(B) the time and place of the corporation's regular meeting at which adoption of the amendment is to be decided; and

(C) a provision informing interested persons that they may submit materials as authorized in clause (2) of this subsection; and

(2) gives all interested persons an opportunity to submit written comments and information for at least 60 days after publication of notice of the proposed amendment and before adoption of the amendment.

(b) GENERAL CORPORATE POWERS.—The corporation may—

(1) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

1           (2) establish and maintain offices to conduct the affairs of the cor-  
2           poration;

3           (3) make contracts;

4           (4) accept gifts, legacies, and devises in furtherance of its cor-  
5           porate purposes;

6           (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
7           essary to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

8           (6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure  
9           its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

10          (7) publish a magazine, newspaper, and other publications consist-  
11          ent with its corporate purposes;

12          (8) approve and revoke membership in the corporation;

13          (9) sue and be sued; and

14          (10) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
15          poses of the corporation.

16          (e) POWERS RELATED TO AMATEUR ATHLETICS AND THE OLYMPIC  
17          GAMES.—The corporation may—

18               (1) serve as the coordinating body for amateur athletic activity in  
19               the United States directly related to international amateur athletic  
20               competition;

21               (2) represent the United States as its national Olympic committee  
22               in relations with the International Olympic Committee and the Pan-  
23               American Sports Organization;

24               (3) organize, finance, and control the representation of the United  
25               States in the competitions and events of the Olympic Games and of the  
26               Pan-American Games, and obtain, directly or by delegation to the ap-  
27               propriate national governing body, amateur representation for those  
28               games;

29               (4) recognize eligible amateur sports organizations as national gov-  
30               erning bodies for any sport that is included on the program of the  
31               Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games;

32               (5) facilitate, through orderly and effective administrative proce-  
33               dures, the resolution of conflicts or disputes that involve any of its  
34               members and any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, adminis-  
35               trator, official, national governing body, or amateur sports organization  
36               and that arise in connection with their eligibility for and participation  
37               in the Olympic Games, the Pan-American world championship competi-  
38               tion, or other protected competition as defined in the constitution and  
39               bylaws of the corporation; and

(6) provide financial assistance to any organization or association, except a corporation organized for profit, in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

**§ 220506. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and badges**

(a) EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF CORPORATION.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation has the exclusive right to use—

(1) the name “United States Olympic Committee”;

(2) the symbol of the International Olympic Committee, consisting of 5 interlocking rings;

(3) the emblem of the corporation, consisting of an escutcheon having a blue chief and vertically extending red and white bars on the base with 5 interlocking rings displayed on the chief; and

(4) the words “Olympic”, “Olympiad”, “Citius Altius Fortius”, or any combination of those words.

(b) CONTRIBUTORS AND SUPPLIERS.—The corporation may authorize contributors and suppliers of goods or services to use the trade name of the corporation or any trademark, symbol, insignia, or emblem of the International Olympic Committee or of the corporation to advertise that the contributions, goods, or services were donated or supplied to, or approved, selected, or used by, the corporation, the United States Olympic team, the Pan-American team, or team members.

(c) CIVIL ACTION FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE.—Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, the corporation may file a civil action against a person for the remedies provided in the Act of July 5, 1946 (15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq.) (popularly known as the Trademark Act of 1946) if the person, without the consent of the corporation, uses for the purpose of trade, to induce the sale of any goods or services, or to promote any theatrical exhibition, athletic performance, or competition—

(1) the symbol described in subsection (a)(2) of this section;

(2) the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section;

(3) the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, or any combination or simulation of those words tending to cause confusion or mistake, to deceive, or to falsely suggest a connection with the corporation or any Olympic activity; or

(4) any trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia falsely representing association with, or authorization by, the International Olympic Committee or the corporation.

(d) PRE-EXISTING RIGHTS.—(1) A person who actually used the emblem described in subsection (a)(3) of this section, or the words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this section, for any

1 lawful purpose before September 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section  
2 from continuing the lawful use for the same purpose and for the same goods  
3 or services.

4 (2) A person who actually used, or whose assignor actually used, the  
5 words or any combination of the words described in subsection (a)(4) of this  
6 section, or a trademark, trade name, sign, symbol, or insignia described in  
7 subsection (c)(4) of this section, for any lawful purpose before September  
8 21, 1950, is not prohibited by this section from continuing the lawful use  
9 for the same purpose and for the same goods or services.

#### 10 **§ 220507. Restrictions**

11 (a) PROFIT AND STOCK.—The corporation may not engage in business  
12 for profit or issue stock.

13 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation shall be nonpolitical and  
14 may not promote the candidacy of an individual seeking public office.

#### 15 **§ 220508. Headquarters, principal office, and meetings**

16 The corporation shall maintain its principal office and national head-  
17 quarters in a place in the United States decided by the corporation. The  
18 corporation may hold its annual and special meetings in the places decided  
19 by the corporation.

#### 20 **§ 220509. Resolution of disputes**

21 The corporation shall establish and maintain provisions in its constitu-  
22 tion and bylaws for the swift and equitable resolution of disputes involving  
23 any of its members and relating to the opportunity of an amateur athlete,  
24 coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or official to participate in the  
25 Olympic Games, the Pan-American Games, world championship competition,  
26 or other protected competition as defined in the constitution and bylaws of  
27 the corporation.

#### 28 **§ 220510. Service of process**

29 As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
30 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
31 ignated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that  
32 State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be  
33 served.

#### 34 **§ 220511. Annual report**

35 (a) SUBMISSION TO PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.—Not later than June  
36 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit simultaneously to the President  
37 and to each House of Congress a detailed report of its operations during  
38 the prior calendar year, including—

39 (1) a complete statement of the corporation's receipts and expendi-  
40 tures; and

(2) a comprehensive description of the activities and accomplishments of the corporation during the prior year.

(b) AVAILABILITY TO PUBLIC.—The corporation shall make copies of the report available to interested persons at a reasonable cost.

#### SUBCHAPTER II—NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

### § 220521. Recognition of amateur sports organizations as national governing bodies

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—For any sport that is included on the program of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games, the corporation may recognize as a national governing body an amateur sports organization that files an application and is eligible under section 220522 of this title. The corporation may recognize only one national governing body for each sport for which an application is made and approved.

(b) PUBLIC HEARING.—Before recognizing an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall hold a public hearing on the application. The corporation shall publish notice of the time, place, and nature of the hearing. Publication shall be made in a regular issue of the corporation's principal publication at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of the hearing.

(c) RECOMMENDATION TO INTERNATIONAL SPORTS FEDERATION.—Within 61 days after recognizing an organization as a national governing body, the corporation shall recommend and support in any appropriate manner the national governing body to the appropriate international sports federation as the representative of the United States for that sport.

(d) REVIEW OF RECOGNITION.—The corporation may review all matters related to the continued recognition of an organization as a national governing body and may take action it considers appropriate, including placing conditions on the continued recognition.

### § 220522. Eligibility requirements

An amateur sports organization is eligible to be recognized, or to continue to be recognized, as a national governing body only if it—

(1) is incorporated under the laws of a State of the United States or the District of Columbia as a not-for-profit corporation having as its purpose the advancement of amateur athletic competition;

(2) has the managerial and financial capability to plan and execute its obligations;

(3) submits—

(A) an application, in the form required by the corporation, for recognition as a national governing body;

(B) a copy of its corporate charter and bylaws; and

1 (C) any additional information considered necessary or appro-  
2 priate by the corporation;

3 (4) agrees to submit, on demand by the corporation, to binding  
4 arbitration conducted in accordance with the commercial rules of the  
5 American Arbitration Association in any controversy involving—

6 (A) its recognition as a national governing body, as provided  
7 for in section 220529 of this title; or

8 (B) the opportunity of any amateur athlete, coach, trainer,  
9 manager, administrator, or official to participate in amateur ath-  
10 letic competition, as provided for in the corporation's constitution  
11 and bylaws;

12 (5) demonstrates that it is autonomous in the governance of its  
13 sport, in that it—

14 (A) independently decides and controls all matters central to  
15 governance;

16 (B) does not delegate decision-making and control of matters  
17 central to governance; and

18 (C) is free from outside restraint;

19 (6) demonstrates that it is a member of no more than one inter-  
20 national sports federation that governs a sport included on the program  
21 of the Olympic Games or the Pan-American Games;

22 (7) demonstrates that its membership is open to any individual  
23 who is an amateur athlete, coach, trainer, manager, administrator, or  
24 official active in the sport for which recognition is sought, or any ama-  
25 teur sports organization that conducts programs in the sport for which  
26 recognition is sought, or both;

27 (8) provides an equal opportunity to amateur athletes, coaches,  
28 trainers, managers, administrators, and officials to participate in ama-  
29 teur athletic competition, without discrimination on the basis of race,  
30 color, religion, sex, age, or national origin, and with fair notice and op-  
31 portunity for a hearing to any amateur athlete, coach, trainer, man-  
32 ager, administrator, or official before declaring the individual ineligible  
33 to participate;

34 (9) is governed by a board of directors or other governing board  
35 whose members are selected without regard to race, color, religion, na-  
36 tional origin, or sex, except that, in sports where there are separate  
37 male and female programs, it provides for reasonable representation of  
38 both males and females on the board of directors or other governing  
39 board;

40 (10) demonstrates that—

1 (A) its board of directors or other governing board includes  
2 among its voting members—

3 (i) individuals who are actively engaged in amateur ath-  
4 letic competition in the sport for which recognition is sought;  
5 or

6 (ii) individuals who, within the prior 10 years, have rep-  
7 resented the United States in international amateur athletic  
8 competition in the sport for which recognition is sought; and

9 (B) the individuals described in subclause (A) of this clause  
10 hold at least 20 percent of the membership and voting power on  
11 the board;

12 (11) provides for reasonable direct representation on its board of  
13 directors or other governing board for any amateur sports organization  
14 that—

15 (A) conducts a national program or regular national amateur  
16 athletic competition in the applicable sport on a level of proficiency  
17 appropriate for the selection of amateur athletes to represent the  
18 United States in international amateur athletic competition; and

19 (B) ensures that the representation reflects the nature, scope,  
20 quality, and strength of the programs and competitions of the  
21 amateur sports organization in relation to all other programs and  
22 competitions in the sport in the United States;

23 (12) demonstrates that none of its officers are also officers of any  
24 other amateur sports organization recognized as a national governing  
25 body;

26 (13) provides procedures for the prompt and equitable resolution  
27 of grievances of its members;

28 (14) does not have eligibility criteria related to amateur status  
29 that are more restrictive than those of the appropriate international  
30 sports federation; and

31 (15) demonstrates, if the organization is seeking to be recognized  
32 as a national governing body, that it is prepared to meet the obliga-  
33 tions imposed on a national governing body under sections 220524 and  
34 220525 of this title.

35 **§ 220523. Authority of national governing bodies**

36 (a) AUTHORITY.—For the sport that it governs, a national governing  
37 body may—

38 (1) represent the United States in the appropriate international  
39 sports federation;

40 (2) establish national goals and encourage the attainment of those  
41 goals;

1           (3) serve as the coordinating body for amateur athletic activity in  
2 the United States;

3           (4) exercise jurisdiction over international amateur athletic activi-  
4 ties and sanction international amateur athletic competition held in the  
5 United States and sanction the sponsorship of international amateur  
6 athletic competition held outside the United States;

7           (5) conduct amateur athletic competition, including national cham-  
8 pionships, and international amateur athletic competition in the United  
9 States, and establish procedures for determining eligibility standards  
10 for participation in competition, except for amateur athletic competition  
11 specified in section 220526 of this title;

12           (6) recommend to the corporation individuals and teams to rep-  
13 resent the United States in the Olympic Games and the Pan-American  
14 Games; and

15           (7) designate individuals and teams to represent the United States  
16 in international amateur athletic competition (other than the Olympic  
17 Games and the Pan-American Games) and certify, in accordance with  
18 applicable international rules, the amateur eligibility of those individ-  
19 uals and teams.

20           (b) REPLACEMENT OF NATIONAL GOVERNING BODY PURSUANT TO  
21 ARBITRATION.—A national governing body may not exercise any authority  
22 under subsection (a) of this section for a particular sport after another ama-  
23 teur sports organization has been declared (in accordance with binding arbi-  
24 tration proceedings prescribed by the organic documents of the corporation)  
25 entitled to replace that national governing body as the member of the cor-  
26 poration for that sport.

27 **§ 220524. General duties of national governing bodies**

28           For the sport that it governs, a national governing body shall—

29           (1) develop interest and participation throughout the United  
30 States and be responsible to the persons and amateur sports organiza-  
31 tions it represents;

32           (2) minimize, through coordination with other amateur sports or-  
33 ganizations, conflicts in the scheduling of all practices and competi-  
34 tions;

35           (3) keep amateur athletes informed of policy matters and reason-  
36 ably reflect the views of the athletes in its policy decisions;

37           (4) allow an amateur athlete to compete in any international ama-  
38 teur athletic competition conducted by any amateur sports organization  
39 or person, unless the national governing body establishes that its denial  
40 is based on evidence that the organization or person conducting the

1 competition does not meet the requirements stated in section 220525  
2 of this title;

3 (5) provide equitable support and encouragement for participation  
4 by women where separate programs for male and female athletes are  
5 conducted on a national basis;

6 (6) encourage and support amateur athletic sports programs for  
7 individuals with disabilities and the participation of individuals with  
8 disabilities in amateur athletic activity, including, where feasible, the  
9 expansion of opportunities for meaningful participation by individuals  
10 with disabilities in programs of athletic competition for able-bodied in-  
11 dividuals;

12 (7) provide and coordinate technical information on physical train-  
13 ing, equipment design, coaching, and performance analysis; and

14 (8) encourage and support research, development, and dissemina-  
15 tion of information in the areas of sports medicine and sports safety.

16 **§ 220525. Granting sanctions for amateur athletic competi-**  
17 **tions**

18 (a) PROMPT REVIEW AND DECISION.—For the sport that it governs,  
19 a national governing body promptly shall—

20 (1) review a request by an amateur sports organization or person  
21 for a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic competition in  
22 the United States or to sponsor United States amateur athletes to com-  
23 pete in international amateur athletic competition outside the United  
24 States; and

25 (2) grant the sanction if—

26 (A) the national governing body does not decide by clear and  
27 convincing evidence that holding or sponsoring an international  
28 amateur athletic competition would be detrimental to the best in-  
29 terest of the sport; and

30 (B) the requirements of subsection (b) of this section are met.

31 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—An amateur sports organization or person may  
32 be granted a sanction under this section only if the organization or person  
33 meets the following requirements:

34 (1) The organization or person must pay the national governing  
35 body any required sanctioning fee, if the fee is reasonable and non-  
36 discriminatory.

37 (2) For a sanction to hold an international amateur athletic com-  
38 petition in the United States, the organization or person must—

39 (A) submit to the national governing body an audited or nota-  
40 rized financial report of similar events, if any, conducted by the  
41 organization or person; and

1 (B) demonstrate that the requirements of paragraph (4) of  
2 this subsection have been met.

3 (3) For a sanction to sponsor United States amateur athletes to  
4 compete in international amateur athletic competition outside the  
5 United States, the organization or person must—

6 (A) submit a report of the most recent trip to a foreign coun-  
7 try, if any, that the organization or person sponsored for the pur-  
8 pose of having United States amateur athletes compete in inter-  
9 national amateur athletic competition; and

10 (B) submit a letter from the appropriate entity that will hold  
11 the international amateur athletic competition certifying that the  
12 requirements of paragraph (4) of this subsection have been met.

13 (4) The requirements referred to in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this  
14 subsection are that—

15 (A) appropriate measures have been taken to protect the  
16 amateur status of athletes who will take part in the competition  
17 and to protect their eligibility to compete in amateur athletic com-  
18 petition;

19 (B) appropriate provision has been made for validation of any  
20 records established during the competition;

21 (C) due regard has been given to any international amateur  
22 athletic requirements specifically applicable to the competition;

23 (D) the competition will be conducted by qualified officials;

24 (E) proper medical supervision will be provided for athletes  
25 who will participate in the competition; and

26 (F) proper safety precautions have been taken to protect the  
27 personal welfare of the athletes and spectators at the competition.

28 **§ 220526. Restricted amateur athletic competitions**

29 (a) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.—An amateur sports organization that  
30 conducts amateur athletic competition shall have exclusive jurisdiction over  
31 that competition if participation is restricted to a specific class of amateur  
32 athletes, such as high school students, college students, members of the  
33 Armed Forces, or similar groups or categories.

34 (b) SANCTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION.—An amateur  
35 sports organization under subsection (a) of this section shall obtain a sanc-  
36 tion from the appropriate national governing body if the organization wishes  
37 to—

38 (1) conduct international amateur athletic competition in the  
39 United States; or

40 (2) sponsor international amateur athletic competition to be held  
41 outside the United States.

**§ 220527. Complaints against national governing bodies**

(a) GENERAL.—(1) An amateur sports organization or person that belongs to or is eligible to belong to a national governing body may seek to compel the national governing body to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title by filing a written complaint with the corporation. A copy of the complaint shall be served on the national governing body.

(2) The corporation shall establish procedures for the filing and disposition of complaints under this section.

(b) EXHAUSTION OF REMEDIES.—(1) An organization or person may file a complaint under subsection (a) of this section only after exhausting all available remedies within the national governing body for correcting deficiencies, unless it can be shown by clear and convincing evidence that those remedies would have resulted in unnecessary delay.

(2) Within 30 days after a complaint is filed, the corporation shall decide whether the organization or person has exhausted all available remedies as required by paragraph (1) of this subsection. If the corporation determines that the remedies have not been exhausted, it may direct that the remedies be pursued before the corporation considers the complaint further.

(c) HEARINGS.—If the corporation decides that all available remedies have been exhausted as required by subsection (b)(1) of this section, it shall hold a hearing, within 90 days after the complaint is filed, to receive testimony to decide whether the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title.

(d) DISPOSITION OF COMPLAINT.—(1) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall so notify the complainant and the national governing body.

(2) If the corporation decides, as a result of the hearing, that the national governing body is not complying with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title, it shall—

(A) place the national governing body on probation for a specified period of time, not to exceed 180 days, which the corporation considers necessary to enable the national governing body to comply with those sections; or

(B) revoke the recognition of the national governing body.

(3) If the corporation places a national governing body on probation under paragraph (2) of this subsection, it may extend the probationary period if the national governing body has proven by clear and convincing evidence that, through no fault of its own, it needs additional time to comply with sections 220522, 220524, and 220525 of this title. If, at the end of

1 the period allowed by the corporation, the national governing body has not  
2 complied with those sections, the corporation shall revoke the recognition of  
3 the national governing body.

4 **§ 220528. Applications to replace an incumbent national**  
5 **governing body**

6 (a) GENERAL.—An amateur sports organization may seek to replace an  
7 incumbent as the national governing body for a particular sport by filing  
8 a written application for recognition with the corporation.

9 (b) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The corporation shall estab-  
10 lish procedures for the filing and disposition of applications under this sec-  
11 tion. If 2 or more organizations file applications for the same sport, the ap-  
12 plications shall be considered in a single proceeding.

13 (c) FILING PROCEDURES.—(1) An application under this section must  
14 be filed within one year after the final day of—

15 (A) any Olympic Games, for a sport in which competition is held  
16 in the Olympic Games or both the Olympic and Pan-American Games;  
17 or

18 (B) any Pan-American Games, for a sport in which competition  
19 is held in the Pan-American Games but not in the Olympic Games.

20 (2) The application shall be filed with the corporation by registered  
21 mail, and a copy of the application shall be served on the national governing  
22 body. The corporation shall inform the applicant that its application has  
23 been received.

24 (d) HEARINGS.—Within 180 days after receipt of an application filed  
25 under this section, the corporation shall conduct a formal hearing to deter-  
26 mine the merits of the application. The corporation shall publish notice of  
27 the time and place of the hearing in a regular issue of its principal publica-  
28 tion at least 30 days, but not more than 60 days, before the date of the  
29 hearing. In the hearing, the applicant and the national governing body shall  
30 be given a reasonable opportunity to present evidence supporting their posi-  
31 tions.

32 (e) STANDARDS FOR GRANTING APPLICATIONS.—In the hearing, the  
33 applicant must establish by a preponderance of the evidence that—

34 (1) it meets the criteria for recognition as a national governing  
35 body under section 220522 of this title; and

36 (2)(A) the national governing body does not meet the criteria of  
37 section 220522, 220524, or 220525 of this title; or

38 (B) the applicant more adequately meets the criteria of section  
39 220522 of this title, is capable of more adequately meeting the criteria  
40 of sections 220524 and 220525 of this title, and provides or is capable

1 of providing a more effective national program of competition than the  
2 national governing body in the sport for which it seeks recognition.

3 (f) DISPOSITION OF APPLICATIONS.—Within 30 days after the close of  
4 the hearing required by this section, the corporation shall—

5 (1) uphold the right of the national governing body to continue as  
6 the national governing body for its sport;

7 (2) revoke the recognition of the national governing body and de-  
8clare a vacancy in the national governing body for that sport;

9 (3) revoke the recognition of the national governing body and rec-  
10ognize the applicant as the national governing body; or

11 (4) place the national governing body on probation for a period  
12 not exceeding 180 days, pending the compliance of the national govern-  
13ing body, if the national governing body would have retained recogni-  
14tion except for a minor deficiency in one of the requirements of section  
15 220522, 220524, or 220525 of this title.

16 (g) REVOCATION OF RECOGNITION AFTER PROBATION.—If the na-  
17tional governing body does not comply with sections 220522, 220524, and  
18 220525 of this title within the probationary period prescribed under sub-  
19section (f)(4) of this section, the corporation shall revoke the recognition  
20of the national governing body and either—

21 (1) recognize the applicant as the national governing body; or

22 (2) declare a vacancy in the national governing body for that  
23 sport.

24 **§ 220529. Arbitration of corporation determinations**

25 (a) RIGHT TO REVIEW.—A party aggrieved by a determination of the  
26 corporation under section 220527 or 220528 of this title may obtain review  
27 by any regional office of the American Arbitration Association.

28 (b) PROCEDURE.—(1) A demand for arbitration must be submitted  
29 within 30 days after the determination of the corporation.

30 (2) On receipt of a demand for arbitration, the Association shall serve  
31 notice on the parties to the arbitration and on the corporation, and shall  
32 immediately proceed with arbitration according to the commercial rules of  
33 the Association in effect at the time the demand is filed, except that—

34 (A) the arbitration panel shall consist of at least 3 arbitrators, un-  
35 less the parties to the proceeding agree to a lesser number;

36 (B) the arbitration hearing shall take place at a site selected by  
37 the Association, unless the parties to the proceeding agree to the use  
38 of another site; and

39 (C) the arbitration hearing shall be open to the public.

40 (3) A decision by the arbitrators shall be by majority vote unless the  
41 concurrence of all arbitrators is expressly required by the contesting parties.

1 (4) Each party may be represented by counsel or by any other author-  
2 ized representative at the arbitration proceeding.

3 (5) The parties may offer any evidence they desire and shall produce  
4 any additional evidence the arbitrators believe is necessary to an under-  
5 standing and determination of the dispute. The arbitrators shall be the sole  
6 judges of the relevancy and materiality of the evidence offered. Conformity  
7 to legal rules of evidence is not necessary.

8 (c) SETTLEMENT.—The arbitrators may settle a dispute arising under  
9 this chapter before making a final award, if agreed to by the parties and  
10 achieved in a manner not inconsistent with the constitution and bylaws of  
11 the corporation.

12 (d) BINDING NATURE OF DECISION.—Final decision of the arbitrators  
13 is binding on the parties if the award is not inconsistent with the constitu-  
14 tion and bylaws of the corporation.

15 (e) REOPENING HEARINGS.—(1) At any time before a final decision is  
16 made, the hearings may be reopened by the arbitrators on their own motion  
17 or on the motion of a party.

18 (2) If the reopening is based on the motion of a party, and if the re-  
19 opening would result in the arbitrators' decision being delayed beyond the  
20 specific period agreed to at the beginning of the arbitration proceedings, all  
21 parties to the decision must agree to reopen the hearings.

22 **CHAPTER 2207—UNITED STATES SUBMARINE VETERANS**  
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24 **§ 220701. Definition**

25 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
26 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

27 **§ 220702. Organization**

28 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—United States Submarine Veterans of World  
29 War II (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incor-  
30 porated in New Jersey and Colorado, is a federally chartered corporation.

31 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
32 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
33 pires.

1 **§ 220703. Purposes**

2 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
3 poration and include—

4 (1) preserving and promoting patriotism and loyalty to the United  
5 States of America;

6 (2) perpetuating and establishing memorials to the memory of  
7 shipmates who served aboard United States submarines and gave their  
8 lives in submarine warfare during World War II;

9 (3) promoting the spirit and unity that existed among the United  
10 States Navy submarine crewmen during World War II;

11 (4) fostering general public awareness of life aboard submarines  
12 during World War II, through securing, restoring, and displaying the  
13 submarines that were in service at that time;

14 (5) sponsoring annual college scholarships; and

15 (6) performing acts of charity as provided in the constitution and  
16 bylaws of the corporation.

17 **§ 220704. Membership**

18 Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the  
19 corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the  
20 constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

21 **§ 220705. Governing body**

22 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
23 sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

24 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
25 vided in the articles of incorporation.

26 **§ 220706. Powers**

27 The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
28 of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

29 **§ 220707. Restrictions**

30 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
31 declare or pay a dividend.

32 (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
33 such may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political  
34 activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

35 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
36 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
37 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
38 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
39 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
40 amounts approved by the board of directors.

1 (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
2 cer, or employee.

3 (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
4 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
5 United States Government for any of its activities.

6 **§ 220708. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

7 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
8 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
9 seq.).

10 **§ 220709. Records and inspection**

11 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

12 (1) correct and complete records of account;

13 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
14 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
15 and

16 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
17 its members entitled to vote.

18 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
19 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
20 purpose, at any reasonable time.

21 **§ 220710. Service of process**

22 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
23 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
24 tivities.

25 **§ 220711. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

26 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
27 within the scope of their authority.

28 **§ 220712. Annual report**

29 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
30 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
31 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
32 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

33 **CHAPTER 2301—VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE**  
34 **UNITED STATES**

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1 **§ 230101. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United  
3 States (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a national association of men  
4 who as soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen served this Nation in wars,  
5 campaigns, and expeditions on foreign soil or in hostile waters, is a federally  
6 chartered corporation.

7 (b) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
8 poration has perpetual existence.

9 **§ 230102. Purposes**

10 The purposes of the corporation are fraternal, patriotic, historical, and  
11 educational, and are—

- 12 (1) to preserve and strengthen comradeship among its members;  
13 (2) to assist worthy comrades;  
14 (3) to perpetuate the memory and history of our dead, and to as-  
15 sist their widows and orphans;  
16 (4) to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United  
17 States, and fidelity to its Constitution and laws;  
18 (5) to foster true patriotism;  
19 (6) to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom;  
20 and  
21 (7) to preserve and defend the United States from all enemies.

22 **§ 230103. Membership**

23 An individual is eligible for membership in the corporation only if the  
24 individual served honorably as a member of the armed forces of the United  
25 States—

- 26 (1) in a foreign war, insurrection, or expedition in service that—  
27 (A) has been recognized as campaign–medal service; and  
28 (B) is governed by the authorization of the award of a cam-  
29 paign badge by the United States Government; or  
30 (2) on the Korean peninsula or in its territorial waters for at least  
31 30 consecutive days, or a total of 60 days, after June 30, 1949.

32 **§ 230104. Powers**

33 The corporation may—

- 34 (1) adopt and amend a constitution, bylaws, and regulations to  
35 carry out the purposes of the corporation;  
36 (2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;  
37 (3) establish and maintain offices to conduct its activities;  
38 (4) make contracts;  
39 (5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as nec-  
40 essary and appropriate to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

1 (6) establish, regulate, and discontinue subordinate State and ter-  
 2 ritorial subdivisions and local chapters or posts;

3 (7) publish a magazine and other publications;

4 (8) sue and be sued; and

5 (9) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
 6 poses of the corporation.

7 **§ 230105. Exclusive right to name, seal, emblems, and badges**

8 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the name “Veterans of  
 9 Foreign Wars of the United States” and its corporate seal and to manufac-  
 10 ture and use emblems and badges the corporation adopts.

11 **§ 230106. Service of process**

12 As a condition to the exercise of any power or privilege granted by this  
 13 chapter, the corporation shall file, with the secretary of state or other des-  
 14 ignated official of each State, the name and address of an agent in that  
 15 State on whom legal process or demands against the corporation may be  
 16 served.

17 **§ 230107. Annual report**

18 Not later than January 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit  
 19 a report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior  
 20 fiscal year. The report may not be printed as a public document.

21 **CHAPTER 2303—VETERANS OF WORLD WAR I OF THE**  
 22 **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED**

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23 **§ 230301. Organization**

24 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Veterans of World War I of the United  
 25 States of America, Incorporated (in this chapter, the “corporation”), is a  
 26 federally chartered corporation.

27 (b) PLACE OF INCORPORATION AND DOMICILE.—The corporation is de-  
 28 clared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia.

29 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
 30 poration has perpetual existence.

**§ 230302. Purposes**

The purposes of the corporation are patriotic, fraternal, historical, and educational, in the service and for the benefit of veterans of World War I, and are—

(1) to provide for the veterans of World War I an organization for their mutual benefit, pleasure, and amusement which will afford them opportunities and means for personal contact with each other to keep alive friendships and memories of World War I and to venerate the memory of their honored dead;

(2) to cooperate to the fullest extent and in a harmonious manner with all veterans' organizations so that the best interests of all veterans of all wars in which the United States has participated, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans of those wars, may best be served;

(3) to stimulate communities and political subdivisions into taking more interest in veterans of World War I, the widows and orphans of those deceased veterans, and the problems of those veterans and their widows and orphans;

(4) to collate, preserve, and encourage the study of historical episodes, chronicles, mementos, and events pertaining to World War I;

(5) to fight vigorously to uphold the Constitution and laws of the United States as well as the individual States of the Union and to foster the spirit and practice of true Americanism;

(6) to fight unceasingly for our national security to protect Americans from enemies within our borders, as well as those from without, so that our American way of life is preserved;

(7) to fight to the utmost all those alien forces, particularly forces such as communism, whose objectives are to deny our very existence as a free people; and

(8) to do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the purposes of the corporation.

**§ 230303. Membership**

(a) **ELIGIBILITY.**—Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights, privileges, and designation of classes of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, an individual who did not serve honorably in the armed forces of the United States during the period beginning April 6, 1917, and ending November 11, 1918, is not eligible for all classes of membership.

(b) **VOTING.**—Each member of the corporation (except an associate or honorary member) has one vote on each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members of the corporation except the national convention.

**§ 230304. Governing body**

(a) NATIONAL CONVENTION.—(1) The national convention is the supreme governing authority of the corporation.

(2) The national convention is composed of officers and elected representatives from the States and other local subdivisions of the corporation as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation. However, the form of government of the corporation must be representative of the membership at large and may not permit concentration of control in a limited number of members or in a self-perpetuating group not representative of the membership at large. Each elected representative is entitled to one vote at the national convention.

(3) The meetings of the national convention may be held in the District of Columbia or in any State, territory, or possession of the United States.

(b) BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.—(1) During the intervals between the national convention, the board of administration is the governing board of the corporation and is responsible for the general policies, program, and activities of the corporation.

(2) The board shall consist of at least 7 members elected in the manner and for the term provided in the constitution and bylaws.

(c) OFFICERS.—(1) The officers of the corporation are a national commander, a national senior vice commander, a national junior vice commander, a national quartermaster, a national adjutant, a national judge advocate, 9 regional vice commanders, and other officers as provided in the constitution and bylaws. One individual may hold the offices of national quartermaster and national adjutant.

(2) The titles, manner of selection, term of office, and duties of the officers are as provided in the constitution and bylaws.

**§ 230305. Powers**

The corporation may—

(1) adopt and amend a constitution and bylaws for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;

(2) adopt and alter a corporate seal;

(3) choose officers, managers, employees, and agents as the activities of the corporation require;

(4) make contracts;

(5) acquire, own, lease, encumber, and transfer property as necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the corporation;

(6) borrow money, issue instruments of indebtedness, and secure its obligations by granting security interests in its property;

(7) sue and be sued; and

1           (8) do any other act necessary and proper to carry out the pur-  
2           poses of the corporation.

3   **§ 230306. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
4           **badges**

5           The corporation and its subordinate divisions have the exclusive right  
6           to use the name “Veterans of World War I of the United States of America,  
7           Incorporated”. The corporation has the exclusive right to use, and to allow  
8           others to use, seals, emblems, and badges the corporation adopts.

9   **§ 230307. Restrictions**

10          (a) STOCKS AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
11          declare or pay a dividend.

12          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or an officer or agent as  
13          such may not contribute to, support, or assist a political party or candidate  
14          for public office.

15          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
16          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, an offi-  
17          cer or member during the life of the corporation or on its dissolution or  
18          final liquidation. This subsection does not prevent the payment of com-  
19          pensation to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
20          amounts approved by the board of administration of the corporation.

21          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan or advance to an  
22          officer or employee. Members of the board of administration who vote for  
23          or assent to making a loan or advance to an officer or employee, and offi-  
24          cers who participate in making the loan or advance, are jointly and severally  
25          liable to the corporation for the amount of the loan or advance until it is  
26          repaid.

27   **§ 230308. Principal office**

28          The principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Co-  
29          lumbia or another place decided by the board of administration. However,  
30          the activities of the corporation are not confined to the place where the prin-  
31          cipal office is located but may be conducted in the District of Columbia and  
32          throughout the States, territories, and possessions of the United States.

33   **§ 230309. Records and inspection**

34          (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

35                  (1) correct and complete records of account; and  
36                  (2) minutes of the proceedings of its national convention and  
37                  board of administration.

38          (b) INSPECTION.—A member, or an agent or attorney of the member,  
39          may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper purpose, at any  
40          reasonable time.

1    **§ 230310. Service of process**

2           The corporation shall have a designated agent in the District of Colum-  
3    bia to receive service of process for the corporation. Notice to or service on  
4    the agent, or mailed to the business address of the agent, is notice to or  
5    service on the corporation.

6    **§ 230311. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

7           The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
8    within the scope of their authority.

9    **§ 230312. Annual report**

10          Not later than March 1 of each year, the corporation shall submit a  
11    report to Congress on the activities of the corporation during the prior fiscal  
12    year. The report may consist of a report on the proceedings of the national  
13    convention.

14   **§ 230313. Termination of existence and distribution of assets**

15          (a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE CONTINGENT PROVISIONS.—The national  
16    convention, by resolution, may declare that the corporate existence will ter-  
17    minate on the occurrence of a specified event and provide for the disposition  
18    of any property remaining after the discharge of all liabilities.

19          (b) PROCEDURE FOR CARRYING OUT CONTINGENT PROVISIONS.—(1)  
20    An authenticated copy of the national convention’s resolution must be filed  
21    in the office of the United States District Court for the District of Colum-  
22    bia.

23           (2) The court shall take jurisdiction when—

24               (A) the declared event has occurred; and

25               (B) a petition is filed with the court reciting the relevant facts.

26           (3) On proof of the facts, the court shall enter an order vesting title  
27    and ownership in accordance with the resolution of the national convention.

28    **CHAPTER 2305—VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.**

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29   **§ 230501. Definition**

30          For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
31    and the territories and possessions of the United States.

1 **§ 230502. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (in this  
3 chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in New  
4 York, is a federally chartered corporation.

5 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
6 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
7 pires.

8 **§ 230503. Purposes**

9 The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
10 poration, constitution, and bylaws and include a commitment—

11 (1) to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States;

12 (2) to foster improvement of the condition of Vietnam-era veter-  
13 ans;

14 (3) to promote the social welfare (including educational, economic,  
15 social, physical, and cultural improvement) of Vietnam-era veterans and  
16 other veterans in the United States by encouraging their growth, devel-  
17 opment, readjustment, self-respect, self-confidence, and usefulness;

18 (4) to improve conditions for Vietnam-era veterans and develop  
19 channels of communication to assist Vietnam-era veterans;

20 (5) to conduct and publish research, on a nonpartisan basis, per-  
21 taining to—

22 (A) the relationship between Vietnam-era veterans and Amer-  
23 ican society;

24 (B) the Vietnam war experience;

25 (C) the role of the United States in securing peaceful coexist-  
26 ence for the world community; and

27 (D) other matters that affect the educational, economic, so-  
28 cial, physical, or cultural welfare of Vietnam-era veterans, other  
29 veterans, and their families;

30 (6) to assist disabled Vietnam-era veterans and other veterans in  
31 need of assistance and the dependents and survivors of those veterans;  
32 and

33 (7) to consecrate the efforts of the members of the corporation,  
34 and Vietnam-era veterans generally, to mutual helpfulness and service  
35 to their country.

36 **§ 230504. Membership**

37 (a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for  
38 membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are  
39 as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

1 (b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discrimi-  
2 nate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national ori-  
3 gin.

4 **§ 230505. Governing body**

5 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
6 sibilities of the board are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the  
7 corporation.

8 (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
9 vided in the constitution and bylaws of the corporation.

10 (c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director  
11 or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, dis-  
12 ability, age, or national origin.

13 **§ 230506. Powers**

14 The corporation has only the powers provided in its articles of incorpor-  
15 ation filed in the State of incorporation and in its constitution and bylaws.

16 **§ 230507. Exclusive right to name, seals, emblems, and**  
17 **badges**

18 The corporation has the exclusive right to use the names “The Vietnam  
19 Veterans of America, Inc.”, “Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.”, and  
20 “Vietnam Veterans of America”, and seals, emblems, and badges the cor-  
21 poration adopts. This section does not affect any vested rights.

22 **§ 230508. Restrictions**

23 (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
24 declare or pay a dividend.

25 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
26 the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
27 tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
28 ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
29 tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
30 amounts approved by the board of directors.

31 (c) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
32 cer, or employee.

33 (d) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
34 poration may not claim congressional approval or the authority of the  
35 United States Government for any of its activities.

36 **§ 230509. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

37 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
38 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
39 seq.).

40 **§ 230510. Records and inspection**

41 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

- 1 (1) correct and complete records of account;  
 2 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
 3 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
 4 and  
 5 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
 6 its members entitled to vote.

7 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
 8 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
 9 purpose, at any reasonable time.

10 **§ 230511. Service of process**

11 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
 12 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
 13 tivities.

14 **§ 230512. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

15 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers and agents acting  
 16 within the scope of their authority.

17 **§ 230513. Annual report**

18 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
 19 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
 20 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
 21 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

22 **CHAPTER 2401—WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS VETERANS'**  
 23 **ASSOCIATION**

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24 **§ 240101. Definition**

25 For purposes of this chapter, “State” includes the District of Columbia  
 26 and the territories and possessions of the United States.

27 **§ 240102. Organization**

28 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association  
 29 (in this chapter, the “corporation”), a nonprofit corporation incorporated in  
 30 the District of Columbia, is a federally chartered corporation.

31 (b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply  
 32 with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter ex-  
 33 pires.

1    **§ 240103. Purposes**

2           The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incor-  
3    poration and include a continuing commitment on a national basis—

4           (1) to promote the general welfare of all veterans, especially  
5           women veterans, who have served or are serving in the United States  
6           Army, the Army Reserve, and the Army National Guard;

7           (2) to recognize outstanding women in college ROTC units  
8           throughout the United States; and

9           (3) to provide services and support to patients in medical facilities  
10          of the Department of Veterans Affairs throughout the United States.

11    **§ 240104. Membership**

12          Eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privi-  
13          leges of members are as provided in the constitution and bylaws of the cor-  
14          poration.

15    **§ 240105. Governing body**

16          (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the respon-  
17          sibilities of the board are as provided in the articles of incorporation.

18          (b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as pro-  
19          vided in the articles of incorporation.

20    **§ 240106. Powers**

21          The corporation has only the powers provided in its bylaws and articles  
22          of incorporation filed in each State in which it is incorporated.

23    **§ 240107. Restrictions**

24          (a) STOCK AND DIVIDENDS.—The corporation may not issue stock or  
25          declare or pay a dividend.

26          (b) POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.—The corporation or a director or officer as  
27          such may not contribute to, support, or otherwise participate in any political  
28          activity or in any manner attempt to influence legislation.

29          (c) DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME OR ASSETS.—The income or assets of  
30          the corporation may not inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, a direc-  
31          tor, officer, or member during the life of the charter granted by this chap-  
32          ter. This subsection does not prevent the payment of reasonable compensa-  
33          tion to an officer or reimbursement for actual necessary expenses in  
34          amounts approved by the board of directors.

35          (d) LOANS.—The corporation may not make a loan to a director, offi-  
36          cer, or employee.

37          (e) CLAIM OF GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL OR AUTHORITY.—The cor-  
38          poration may not claim the approval or the authority of the United States  
39          Government for any of its activities.

1 **§ 240108. Duty to maintain tax-exempt status**

2 The corporation shall maintain its status as an organization exempt  
3 from taxation under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 1 et  
4 seq.).

5 **§ 240109. Records and inspection**

6 (a) RECORDS.—The corporation shall keep—

7 (1) correct and complete records of account;

8 (2) minutes of the proceedings of its members, board of directors,  
9 and committees having any of the authority of its board of directors;  
10 and

11 (3) at its principal office, a record of the names and addresses of  
12 its members entitled to vote.

13 (b) INSPECTION.—A member entitled to vote, or an agent or attorney  
14 of the member, may inspect the records of the corporation for any proper  
15 purpose, at any reasonable time.

16 **§ 240110. Service of process**

17 The corporation shall comply with the law on service of process of each  
18 State in which it is incorporated and each State in which it carries on ac-  
19 tivities.

20 **§ 240111. Liability for acts of officers and agents**

21 The corporation is liable for the acts of its officers or agents acting  
22 within the scope of their authority.

23 **§ 240112. Annual report**

24 The corporation shall submit an annual report to Congress on the ac-  
25 tivities of the corporation during the prior fiscal year. The report shall be  
26 submitted at the same time as the report of the audit required by section  
27 10101 of this title. The report may not be printed as a public document.

28 **CHAPTER 2501—[RESERVED]**

29 **CHAPTER 2601—[RESERVED]**

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33 **CHAPTER 3001—THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS**

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1 **§ 300101. Organization**

2 (a) FEDERAL CHARTER.—The American National Red Cross (in this  
3 chapter, the “corporation”) is a body corporate and politic in the District  
4 of Columbia.

5 (b) NAME.—The name of the corporation is “The American National  
6 Red Cross”.

7 (c) PERPETUAL EXISTENCE.—Except as otherwise provided, the cor-  
8 poration has perpetual existence.

9 **§ 300102. Purposes**

10 The purposes of the corporation are—

11 (1) to provide volunteer aid in time of war to the sick and wound-  
12 ed of the armed forces, in accordance with the spirit and conditions  
13 of—

14 (A) the conference of Geneva of October, 1863;

15 (B) the treaties of the Red Cross, or the treaties of Geneva,  
16 August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949, to which  
17 the United States of America has given its adhesion; and

18 (C) any other treaty, convention, or protocol similar in pur-  
19 pose to which the United States of America has given or may give  
20 its adhesion;

21 (2) in carrying out the purposes described in clause (1) of this sec-  
22 tion, to perform all the duties devolved on a national society by each  
23 nation that has acceded to any of those treaties, conventions, or proto-  
24 cols;

25 (3) to act in matters of voluntary relief and in accordance with  
26 the military authorities as a medium of communication between the  
27 people of the United States and the armed forces of the United States  
28 and to act in those matters between similar national societies of gov-  
29 ernments of other countries through the International Committee of  
30 the Red Cross and the Government, the people, and the armed forces  
31 of the United States; and

32 (4) to carry out a system of national and international relief in  
33 time of peace, and to apply that system in mitigating the suffering  
34 caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods, and other great national ca-  
35 lamities, and to devise and carry out measures for preventing those ca-  
36 lamities.

37 **§ 300103. Membership and chapters**

38 (a) MEMBERSHIP.—Membership in the corporation is open to all the  
39 people of the United States and its territories and possessions, on payment  
40 of an amount specified in the bylaws.

1 (b) CHAPTERS.—(1) The chapters of the corporation are the local units  
2 of the corporation. The board of governors shall prescribe regulations relat-  
3 ed to—

4 (A) granting charters to the chapters and revoking those charters;

5 (B) the territorial jurisdiction of the chapters;

6 (C) the relationship of the chapters to the corporation; and

7 (D) compliance by the chapters with the policies and regulations  
8 of the corporation.

9 (2) The regulations shall require that each chapter adhere to the demo-  
10 cratic principles of election specified in the bylaws in electing the governing  
11 body of the chapter and selecting delegates to the national convention of the  
12 corporation.

### 13 § 300104. Board of governors

14 (a) BOARD OF GOVERNORS.—(1) The board of governors is the govern-  
15 ing body of the corporation with all powers of governing and managing the  
16 corporation. The board has 50 members. The governors shall be appointed  
17 or elected in the following manner:

18 (A) The President shall appoint 8 governors, one of whom the  
19 President shall designate to act as the principal officer of the corpora-  
20 tion with the title and functions provided in the bylaws. The other gov-  
21 ernors appointed by the President shall be officials of departments and  
22 agencies of the United States Government, whose positions and inter-  
23 ests qualify them to contribute to carrying out the programs and pur-  
24 poses of the corporation. At least one, but not more than 3, of those  
25 officials shall be selected from the armed forces.

26 (B) The chapters shall elect 30 governors at the national conven-  
27 tion under procedures for nomination and election that ensure equitable  
28 representation of all chapters, with regard to geographical consider-  
29 ations, the size of the chapters, and the size of the populations served  
30 by the chapters.

31 (C) The board shall elect 12 governors as members-at-large. Those  
32 governors shall be individuals who are representative of the national in-  
33 terests that the corporation serves, and with which it is desirable that  
34 the corporation have close association.

35 (2) One-third of the members elected to the board shall be elected at  
36 each national convention, and take office at that time or as soon as prac-  
37 ticable after the convention.

38 (b) TERM OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES.—(1) The term of office of each  
39 governor is 3 years. However, the term of office of a governor appointed  
40 by the President (except the principal officer of the corporation) expires if,

1 before the end of the 3-year term, the governor retires from the official posi-  
2 tion held at the time of appointment as a governor.

3 (2) The President shall fill as soon as practicable a vacancy in the of-  
4 fice of the principal officer of the corporation or in the position of another  
5 governor appointed by the President. The board shall make a temporary ap-  
6 pointment to fill a vacancy occurring in an elected position on the board.  
7 An individual appointed by the board to fill a vacancy serves until the next  
8 national convention.

9 (c) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—The board may—

10 (1) appoint, from its own members, an executive committee of at  
11 least 11 individuals to exercise the powers of the board when the board  
12 is not in session; and

13 (2) appoint and remove, or provide for the appointment and re-  
14 moval of, officers and employees of the corporation, except the principal  
15 officer of the corporation.

16 (d) VOTING BY PROXY.—Voting by proxy is not allowed at any meeting  
17 of the board, at the national convention, or at any meeting of a chapter.  
18 However, the board may allow the election of governors by proxy at the na-  
19 tional convention if the board believes a national emergency makes attend-  
20 ance at the national convention impossible.

### 21 **§ 300105. Powers**

22 (a) GENERAL.—The corporation may—

23 (1) adopt bylaws and regulations;

24 (2) adopt, alter, and destroy a seal;

25 (3) own and dispose of property to carry out the purposes of the  
26 corporation;

27 (4) accept gifts, devises, and bequests of property to carry out the  
28 purposes of the corporation;

29 (5) sue and be sued in courts of law and equity, State or Federal,  
30 within the jurisdiction of the United States; and

31 (6) do any other act necessary to carry out this chapter and pro-  
32 mote the purposes of the corporation.

33 (b) DESIGNATION.—The corporation is designated as the organization  
34 authorized to act in matters of relief under the treaties of Geneva, August  
35 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949.

### 36 **§ 300106. Emblem, badge, and brassard**

37 (a) EMBLEM AND BADGE.—In carrying out its purposes under this  
38 chapter, the corporation may have and use, as an emblem and badge, a  
39 Greek red cross on a white ground, as described in the treaties of Geneva,  
40 August 22, 1864, July 27, 1929, and August 12, 1949, and adopted by the  
41 nations acceding to those treaties.

1 (b) DELIVERY OF BRASSARD.—In accordance with those treaties, the  
2 delivery of the brassard allowed for individuals neutralized in time of war  
3 shall be left to military authority.

4 **§ 300107. Annual meeting**

5 The annual meeting of the corporation is the national convention of  
6 delegates of the chapters. The national convention shall be held annually on  
7 a date and at a place specified by the board of governors. In matters requir-  
8 ing a vote at the national convention, each chapter is entitled to at least  
9 one vote. The board shall determine on an equitable basis the number of  
10 votes that each chapter is entitled to cast, taking into consideration the size  
11 of the membership of the chapters and of the populations served by the  
12 chapters. The board shall review the allocation of votes at least every 5  
13 years.

14 **§ 300108. Buildings**

15 (a) OWNERSHIP.—The United States Government shall retain owner-  
16 ship of the corporation's permanent headquarters, comprised of buildings  
17 erected on square 172 in the District of Columbia, including—

18 (1) the memorial building to commemorate the service and sac-  
19 rifice of the women of the United States, North and South, during the  
20 Civil War, erected for the use of the corporation;

21 (2) the memorial building to commemorate the service and sac-  
22 rifice of the patriotic women of the United States, its territories and  
23 possessions, and the District of Columbia during World War I, erected  
24 for the use of the corporation; and

25 (3) the permanent building erected for the use of the corporation  
26 in connection with its work in cooperation with the Government.

27 (b) MAINTENANCE AND EXPENSES.—Those buildings shall remain  
28 under the supervision of the Administrator of General Services. However,  
29 the corporation shall care for and maintain the buildings without expense  
30 to the Government.

31 **§ 300109. Endowment fund**

32 The endowment fund of the corporation shall be kept and invested  
33 under the management and control of a board of 9 trustees elected by the  
34 board of governors. The board of governors shall prescribe regulations on  
35 terms and tenure of office, accountability, and expenses of the board of  
36 trustees.

37 **§ 300110. Annual report and audit**

38 (a) SUBMISSION OF REPORT.—As soon as practicable after July 1 of  
39 each year, the corporation shall submit a report to the Secretary of Defense  
40 on the activities of the corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30,  
41 including a complete, itemized report of all receipts and expenditures.

1 (b) AUDITING OF REPORT AND SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—The Sec-  
2 retary shall audit the report and submit a copy of the audited report to  
3 Congress.

4 (c) PAYMENT OF AUDIT EXPENSES.—The corporation shall reimburse  
5 the Secretary each year for auditing its accounts. The amount paid shall  
6 be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as a miscellaneous re-  
7 ceipt.

8 **§ 300111. Reservation of right to amend or repeal**

9 Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal the provisions of this  
10 chapter.

11 **SEC. 2. THE FLAG.**

12 (a) Chapter 1 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at  
13 the end the following new sections:

14 **“§ 4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery**

15 “The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, ‘I pledge allegiance to the Flag  
16 of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands,  
17 one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.’, should  
18 be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand  
19 over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove their headdress  
20 with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over  
21 the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render  
22 the military salute.

23 **“§ 5. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of**  
24 **rules and customs; definition**

25 “The following codification of existing rules and customs pertaining to  
26 the display and use of the flag of the United States of America is estab-  
27 lished for the use of such civilians or civilian groups or organizations as may  
28 not be required to conform with regulations promulgated by one or more  
29 executive departments of the Government of the United States. The flag of  
30 the United States for the purpose of this chapter shall be defined according  
31 to sections 1 and 2 of this title and Executive Order 10834 issued pursuant  
32 thereto.

33 **“§ 6. Time and occasions for display**

34 “(a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise  
35 to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However,  
36 when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four  
37 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

38 “(b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.

39 “(c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is in-  
40 element, except when an all weather flag is displayed.

1           “(d) The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year’s  
2 Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln’s Birthday, Feb-  
3 ruary 12; Washington’s Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sun-  
4 day (variable); Mother’s Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day,  
5 third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Mon-  
6 day in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day,  
7 first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus  
8 Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, No-  
9 vember 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas  
10 Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the Presi-  
11 dent of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and  
12 on State holidays.

13           “(e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administra-  
14 tion building of every public institution.

15           “(f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on elec-  
16 tion days.

17           “(g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every  
18 schoolhouse.

19           **“§ 7. Position and manner of display**

20           “The flag, when carried in a procession with another flag or flags,  
21 should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag’s own right, or, if  
22 there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.

23           “(a) The flag should not be displayed on a float in a parade except  
24 from a staff, or as provided in subsection (i) of this section.

25           “(b) The flag should not be draped over the hood, top, sides, or back  
26 of a vehicle or of a railroad train or a boat. When the flag is displayed on  
27 a motorcar, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the  
28 right fender.

29           “(c) No other flag or pennant should be placed above or, if on the same  
30 level, to the right of the flag of the United States of America, except during  
31 church services conducted by naval chaplains at sea, when the church pen-  
32 nant may be flown above the flag during church services for the personnel  
33 of the Navy. No person shall display the flag of the United Nations or any  
34 other national or international flag equal, above, or in a position of superior  
35 prominence or honor to, or in place of, the flag of the United States at any  
36 place within the United States or any Territory or possession thereof: *Pro-*  
37 *vided*, That nothing in this section shall make unlawful the continuance of  
38 the practice heretofore followed of displaying the flag of the United Nations  
39 in a position of superior prominence or honor, and other national flags in  
40 positions of equal prominence or honor, with that of the flag of the United  
41 States at the headquarters of the United Nations.

1           “(d) The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed  
2 with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right,  
3 the flag’s own right, and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other  
4 flag.

5           “(e) The flag of the United States of America should be at the center  
6 and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or  
7 localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.

8           “(f) When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies  
9 are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter  
10 should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent  
11 staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last.  
12 No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States  
13 or to the United States flag’s right.

14           “(g) When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be  
15 flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of ap-  
16 proximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag  
17 of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.

18           “(h) When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff pro-  
19 jecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front  
20 of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff  
21 unless the flag is at half staff. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk  
22 from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk,  
23 the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

24           “(i) When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the  
25 union should be uppermost and to the flag’s own right, that is, to the ob-  
26 server’s left. When displayed in a window, the flag should be displayed in  
27 the same way, with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in  
28 the street.

29           “(j) When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should  
30 be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west  
31 street or to the east in a north and south street.

32           “(k) When used on a speaker’s platform, the flag, if displayed flat,  
33 should be displayed above and behind the speaker. When displayed from a  
34 staff in a church or public auditorium, the flag of the United States of  
35 America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the  
36 audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman’s or speaker’s right  
37 as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on  
38 the left of the clergyman or speaker or to the right of the audience.

39           “(l) The flag should form a distinctive feature of the ceremony of un-  
40 veiling a statue or monument, but it should never be used as the covering  
41 for the statue or monument.

1           “(m) The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the  
2 peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag  
3 should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Me-  
4 morial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then  
5 raised to the top of the staff. By order of the President, the flag shall be  
6 flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States  
7 Government and the Governor of a State, territory, or possession, as a mark  
8 of respect to their memory. In the event of the death of other officials or  
9 foreign dignitaries, the flag is to be displayed at half-staff according to  
10 Presidential instructions or orders, or in accordance with recognized cus-  
11 toms or practices not inconsistent with law. In the event of the death of  
12 a present or former official of the government of any State, territory, or  
13 possession of the United States, the Governor of that State, territory, or  
14 possession may proclaim that the National flag shall be flown at half-staff.  
15 The flag shall be flown at half-staff thirty days from the death of the Presi-  
16 dent or a former President; ten days from the day of death of the Vice  
17 President, the Chief Justice or a retired Chief Justice of the United States,  
18 or the Speaker of the House of Representatives; from the day of death until  
19 interment of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of an  
20 executive or military department, a former Vice President, or the Governor  
21 of a State, territory, or possession; and on the day of death and the follow-  
22 ing day for a Member of Congress. The flag shall be flown at halfstaff on  
23 Peace Officers Memorial Day, unless that day is also Armed Forces Day.  
24 As used in this subsection—

25           “(1) the term ‘half-staff’ means the position of the flag when it  
26 is one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff;

27           “(2) the term ‘executive or military department’ means any agency  
28 listed under sections 101 and 102 of title 5; and

29           “(3) the term ‘Member of Congress’ means a Senator, a Rep-  
30 resentative, a Delegate, or the Resident Commissioner from Puerto  
31 Rico.

32           “(n) When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed  
33 that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should  
34 not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

35           “(o) When the flag is suspended across a corridor or lobby in a build-  
36 ing with only one main entrance, it should be suspended vertically with the  
37 union of the flag to the observer’s left upon entering. If the building has  
38 more than one main entrance, the flag should be suspended vertically near  
39 the center of the corridor or lobby with the union to the north, when en-  
40 trances are to the east and west or to the east when entrances are to the

1 north and south. If there are entrances in more than two directions, the  
2 union should be to the east.

3 **“§ 8. Respect for flag**

4 “No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of  
5 America; the flag should not be dipped to any person or thing. Regimental  
6 colors, State flags, and organization or institutional flags are to be dipped  
7 as a mark of honor.

8 “(a) The flag should never be displayed with the union down, except  
9 as a signal of dire distress in instances of extreme danger to life or prop-  
10 erty.

11 “(b) The flag should never touch anything beneath it, such as the  
12 ground, the floor, water, or merchandise.

13 “(c) The flag should never be carried flat or horizontally, but always  
14 aloft and free.

15 “(d) The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, bedding, or  
16 drapery. It should never be festooned, drawn back, nor up, in folds, but al-  
17 ways allowed to fall free. Bunting of blue, white, and red, always arranged  
18 with the blue above, the white in the middle, and the red below, should be  
19 used for covering a speaker’s desk, draping the front of the platform, and  
20 for decoration in general.

21 “(e) The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in  
22 such a manner as to permit it to be easily torn, soiled, or damaged in any  
23 way.

24 “(f) The flag should never be used as a covering for a ceiling.

25 “(g) The flag should never have placed upon it, nor on any part of it,  
26 nor attached to it any mark, insignia, letter, word, figure, design, picture,  
27 or drawing of any nature.

28 “(h) The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, hold-  
29 ing, carrying, or delivering anything.

30 “(i) The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any  
31 manner whatsoever. It should not be embroidered on such articles as cush-  
32 ions or handkerchiefs and the like, printed or otherwise impressed on paper  
33 napkins or boxes or anything that is designed for temporary use and dis-  
34 card. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a staff or halyard from  
35 which the flag is flown.

36 “(j) No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic  
37 uniform. However, a flag patch may be affixed to the uniform of military  
38 personnel, firemen, policemen, and members of patriotic organizations. The  
39 flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing.  
40 Therefore, the lapel flag pin being a replica, should be worn on the left lapel  
41 near the heart.

1           “(k) The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting  
2 emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by  
3 burning.

4           **“§ 9. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag**

5           “During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag or when the flag  
6 is passing in a parade or in review, all persons present except those in uni-  
7 form should face the flag and stand at attention with the right hand over  
8 the heart. Those present in uniform should render the military salute. When  
9 not in uniform, men should remove their headdress with their right hand  
10 and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Aliens should  
11 stand at attention. The salute to the flag in a moving column should be  
12 rendered at the moment the flag passes.

13           **“§ 10. Modification of rules and customs by President**

14           “Any rule or custom pertaining to the display of the flag of the United  
15 States of America, set forth herein, may be altered, modified, or repealed,  
16 or additional rules with respect thereto may be prescribed, by the Com-  
17 mander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States, whenever he  
18 deems it to be appropriate or desirable; and any such alteration or addi-  
19 tional rule shall be set forth in a proclamation.”

20           (b) The analysis of chapter 1 of title 4, United States Code, is amend-  
21 ed by adding at the end the following new items:

- “4. Pledge of allegiance to the flag; manner of delivery.
- “5. Display and use of flag by civilians; codification of rules and customs; definition.
- “6. Time and occasions for display.
- “7. Position and manner of display.
- “8. Respect for flag.
- “9. Conduct during hoisting, lowering or passing of flag.
- “10. Modification of rules and customs by President.”

22           **SEC. 3. CONFORMING PROVISIONS.**

23           Section 1332 of title 44, United States Code, is amended by striking  
24 “the United Spanish War Veterans,”.

25           **SEC. 4. CONFORMING CROSS-REFERENCES.**

26           (a) TITLE 10.—Title 10, United States Code, is amended as follows:

27           (1) In section 2249b, strike “the provisions of section 3 of the  
28 Joint Resolution of June 22, 1942 (56 Stat. 378, chapter 435; 36  
29 U.S.C. 175), and any modification of such provisions under section 8  
30 of that Joint Resolution (36 U.S.C. 178)” and substitute “section 7  
31 of title 4 and any modification of section 7 under section 10 of title  
32 4”.

33           (2) Section 2543 is amended as follows:

34           (A) In subsection (e)(1), strike “subsection (b)(2) of the first  
35 section of the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C.  
36 721)” and substitute “section 501 of title 36”.

1 (B) In subsection (e)(2), strike “the proviso in section 9 of  
2 the Presidential Inaugural Ceremonies Act (36 U.S.C. 729)” and  
3 substitute “section 507 of title 36”.

4 (3) In section 9441(b), strike “section 2 of the Act of July 1,  
5 1946 (36 U.S.C. 202)” and substitute “section 40302 of title 36”.

6 (b) TITLE 18.—Section 2320(d) of title 18, United States Code, is  
7 amended as follows:

8 (1) In clause (1)(B), strike “section 110 of the Olympic Charter  
9 Act” and substitute “section 220706 of title 36”.

10 (2) In clause (2), insert “and” after the semicolon.

11 (3) In clause (3), strike “; and” and substitute a period.

12 (4) Strike clause (4).

13 **SEC. 5. LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE AND CONSTRUCTION.**

14 (a) NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE.—Sections 1 and 2 of this Act restate,  
15 without substantive change, laws enacted before August 16, 1997, that were  
16 replaced by those sections. Those sections may not be construed as making  
17 a substantive change in the laws replaced. Laws enacted after August 15,  
18 1997, that are inconsistent with this Act supersede this Act to the extent  
19 of the inconsistency.

20 (b) REFERENCES.—A reference to a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of  
21 this Act, including a reference in a regulation, order, or other law, is  
22 deemed to refer to the corresponding provision enacted by this Act.

23 (c) CONTINUING EFFECT.—An order, rule, or regulation in effect  
24 under a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of this Act continues in effect under  
25 the corresponding provision enacted by this Act until repealed, amended, or  
26 superseded.

27 (d) ACTIONS AND OFFENSES UNDER PRIOR LAW.—An action taken or  
28 an offense committed under a law replaced by section 1 or 2 of this Act  
29 is deemed to have been taken or committed under the corresponding provi-  
30 sion enacted by this Act.

31 (e) INFERENCES.—An inference of a legislative construction is not to  
32 be drawn by reason of the location in the United States Code of a provision  
33 enacted by this Act or by reason of a caption or catch line of the provision.

34 (f) SEVERABILITY.—If a provision enacted by this Act is held invalid,  
35 all valid provisions that are severable from the invalid provision remain in  
36 effect. If a provision enacted by this Act is held invalid in any of its applica-  
37 tions, the provision remains valid for all valid applications that are severable  
38 from any of the invalid applications.

1 **SEC. 6. REPEALS.**

2 (a) INFERENCES OF REPEAL.—The repeal of a law by this Act may  
 3 not be construed as a legislative inference that the provision was or was not  
 4 in effect before its repeal.

5 (b) REPEALER SCHEDULE.—The laws specified in the following sched-  
 6 ule are repealed, except for rights and duties that matured, penalties that  
 7 were incurred, and proceedings that were begun before the date of enact-  
 8 ment of this Act:

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1     **SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.**

2           (a) Section 9503(e)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26  
3     U.S.C. 9503(e)(3)) is amended by adding a period at the end of the para-  
4     graph.

5           (b) Title 49, United States Code, is amended as follows:

6                 (1) In section 5108(f), strike “section 552(f)” and substitute  
7     “section 552(b)”.

8                 (2) In section 15904(c)(1), insert “section” before “15901(b)”.

9           (c)(1) Chapter 491 of title 49, United States Code, as enacted by the  
10    Act of November 20, 1997 (Public Law 105–102, 111 Stat. 2205), is  
11    amended as follows:

12                 (A) In section 49106(b)(1)(F), strike “1996” and substitute  
13     “1986”.

14                 (B) In section 49106(c)(3), strike “by the board” and substitute  
15     “to the board”.

16                 (C) In section 49107(b), strike “subchapter II” and substitute  
17     “subchapter III”.

18                 (D) In section 49111(b), strike “retention of” and substitute “re-  
19     tention by”.

20           (2) The Schedule of Laws Repealed in the Act of November 20, 1997  
21    (Public Law 105–102, 111 Stat. 2217), is amended by striking “1996” in  
22    the items related to Public Laws 99–500 and 99–591 and substituting  
23    “1986”.

24           (3) The amendments made by this subsection are effective as of No-  
25    vember 20, 1997.

1 (d) Effective October 11, 1996, section 5(45)(A) of the Act of October  
2 11, 1996 (Public Law 104-287, 110 Stat. 3393), is amended by striking  
3 “ENFORCEMENT;” and substituting “ENFORCEMENT:”.

Passed the House of Representatives February 3,  
1998.

Attest:

*Clerk.*