

Public Law 95-582
95th Congress

An Act

To provide for nationwide service of subpoenas in all suits involving the False Claims Act, and for other purposes.

Nov. 2, 1978
[H.R. 12393]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3491 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (31 U.S.C. 232), is amended by adding a new subsection (F), as follows:

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“(F) A subpoena requiring the attendance of a witness at a trial or hearing conducted under sections 3490 through 3494 and 5438 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, may be served at any place in the United States.”

31 USC
231-235.

SEC. 2. Section 274 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1324) is amended by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c) and adding a new subsection (b) as follows:

“(b) (1) Any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft which is used in the commission of a violation of subsection (a) shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture, except when—

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“(A) the owner, master, or other person in charge of such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft, was not, at the time of the alleged illegal act, a consenting party or privy thereto; or

“(B) the alleged illegal act occurred while such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft was in the illegal possession of any person other than the owner, as established by the criminal laws of the United States, or of any States.

“(2) The Attorney General shall, within one hundred and eighty days from the date of enactment of this Act, promulgate regulations setting forth procedures for the expeditious return to the owner, master, or other person in charge of any vessel, vehicle, or aircraft seized in violation of paragraph (1). In any such case, the owner, master, or other person in charge of such vessel, vehicle, or aircraft shall not incur any expenses, including costs of transportation, storage, damage, and attorney fees, associated with such seizure and forfeiture. In the case of a vehicle seized and forfeited pursuant to paragraph (1) subject to a valid lien or other third-party interest, the regulations shall provide for satisfaction of the third party interest without expense to the interestholder.

Regulations.

“(3) Any conveyance subject to seizure under this section may be seized without a warrant if there is probable cause to believe the conveyance has been used in violation of subsection (a) and circumstances exist where a warrant is not constitutionally required.

“(4) All provisions of law relating to the seizure, forfeiture, and disposition of vessels, vehicles, and aircraft for violations of customs law shall apply to violations of the provisions of this chapter: *Provided, That—*

“(A) duties imposed on customs officers or other persons regarding the seizure of such conveyances under customs law shall apply to seizures carried out under the provisions of this section by such officers or persons authorized for that purpose by the Attorney General; and

“(B) proceedings instituted under this subsection respecting vessels shall be subject to the Supplemental Rules of Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims.”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

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- Oct. 13, considered and passed Senate, amended.
- Oct. 15, House concurred in Senate amendment.