

tically, substituting “on not more than 7,500 units during fiscal year 1996” for “on not more than 15,000 units over fiscal years 1993 and 1994”.

Subsec. (c)(4). Pub. L. 104-120, §8(b), and Pub. L. 104-134, §101(e) [title II, §205(b)], amended par. (4) identically, substituting “on not more than 12,000 units during fiscal year 1996” for “on not to exceed 30,000 units over fiscal years 1993, 1994, and 1995”.

1994—Subsec. (b)(1), (2). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(a)(1), added pars. (1) and (2) and struck out headings and text of former pars. (1) and (2) relating to authority of Secretary for carrying out risk-sharing pilot program and authority of Secretary for reinsurance agreements, respectively.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(a)(2), substituted “eligibility under this subsection of qualified participating entities” for “financial institutions and entities to be eligible to enter into reinsurance agreements”.

Subsec. (b)(8). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(a)(3), (4), added par. (8) and struck out heading and text of former par. (8). Text read as follows: “The Secretary shall take any administrative actions necessary to initiate the pilot program under this subsection not later than the expiration of the 8-month period beginning on October 28, 1992.”

Subsec. (b)(9), (10). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(a)(4), added pars. (9) and (10).

Subsec. (b)(11). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(a)(3), added par. (11).

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(b)(1), inserted “(including entities established by States that provide mortgage insurance)” after “qualified housing finance agencies”.

Subsec. (c)(2)(C). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(b)(2)(A), substituted “Such agreements shall specify that the qualified housing finance agency and the Secretary shall share any loss in accordance with the risk-sharing agreement.” for “Such agreements shall specify that the qualified housing finance agency and the Secretary shall share equally the full amount of any loss on the insured mortgage.”

Subsec. (c)(2)(F). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(b)(2)(B), added subpar. (F).

Subsec. (c)(7). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(b)(3), struck out “very low-income” before “families” and “(2)” after “section 42(g)”.

Subsec. (c)(9), (10). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(b)(4), added pars. (9) and (10).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-120 to be construed to have become effective Oct. 1, 1995, see section 13(a) of Pub. L. 104-120, set out as a note under section 1437d of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

§ 1715z-22a. Definitions

For purposes of this subtitle:

(1) The term “multifamily housing” means housing accommodations on the mortgaged property that are designed principally for residential use, conform to standards satisfactory to the Secretary, and consist of not less than 5 rental units on 1 site. These units may be detached, semidetached, row house, or multifamily structures.

(2) The term “qualified housing finance agency” means any State or local housing finance agency that—

(A) carries the designation of “top tier” or its equivalent, as evaluated by Standard and Poors or any other nationally recognized rating agency;

(B) receives a rating of “A” for its general obligation bonds from a nationally recognized rating agency; or

(C) otherwise demonstrates its capacity as a sound and experienced agency based on, but not limited to, its experience in financing multifamily housing, fund balances, administrative capabilities, investment policy, internal controls and financial management, portfolio quality, and State or local support.

(3) The term “reinsurance agreement” means a contractual obligation under which the Secretary, in exchange for appropriate compensation, agrees to assume a specified portion of the risk of loss that a lender or other party has previously assumed with respect to a mortgage on a multifamily housing property.

(4) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

(5) The term “qualified participating entity” means an entity approved by the Secretary for participation in the pilot program under this subsection, which may include—

(A) the Federal National Mortgage Association;

(B) the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation;

(C) State housing finance and mortgage insurance agencies; and

(D) the Federal Housing Finance Board.

(Pub. L. 102-550, title V, §544, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3801; Pub. L. 103-233, title III, §307(c), Apr. 11, 1994, 108 Stat. 378.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subtitle, referred to in text, means subtitle C (§§541-544) of Pub. L. 102-550, title V, Oct. 28, 1992, 106 Stat. 3794, known as the Multifamily Housing Finance Improvement Act, which enacted this section and section 1715z-22 of this title and provisions set out as a note under section 1701 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title of 1992 Amendment note set out under section 1701 of this title and Tables.

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 1707 of this title.

Section was enacted as part of the Multifamily Housing Finance Improvement Act and also as part of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992, and not as part of the National Housing Act which comprises this chapter.

AMENDMENTS

1994—Par. (1). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(c)(1), added par. (1) and struck out heading and text of former par. (1). Text read as follows: “The term ‘multifamily housing’ means a property consisting of more than 4 dwelling units.”

Par. (5). Pub. L. 103-233, §307(c)(2), added par. (5).

§ 1715z-23. HOPE for Homeowners Program

(a) Establishment

There is established in the Federal Housing Administration a HOPE for Homeowners Program.

(b) Purpose

The purpose of the HOPE for Homeowners Program is—

(1) to create an FHA program, participation in which is voluntary on the part of home-