

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2979

AN ACT

To amend title 5, United States Code, to authorize appropriations for the Administrative Conference of the United States for fiscal years 2005, 2006, and 2007, and for other purposes.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Regulatory
3 Improvement Act of 2004”.

4 **SEC. 2. PURPOSES.**

5 (a) **PURPOSES.**—Section 591 of title 5, United States
6 Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 **“§ 591 Purposes**

8 “The purposes of this subchapter are—

9 “(1) to provide suitable arrangements through
10 which Federal agencies, assisted by outside experts,
11 may cooperatively study mutual problems, exchange
12 information, and develop recommendations for action
13 by proper authorities to the end that private rights
14 may be fully protected and regulatory activities and
15 other Federal responsibilities may be carried out ex-
16 peditiously in the public interest;

17 “(2) to promote more effective public participa-
18 tion and efficiency in the rulemaking process;

19 “(3) to reduce unnecessary litigation in the reg-
20 ulatory process;

21 “(4) to improve the use of science in the regu-
22 latory process; and

23 “(5) to improve the effectiveness of laws appli-
24 cable to the regulatory process.”.

25 (b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—Title 5 of the
26 United States Code is amended—

1 (1) in section 594 by striking “purpose” and
 2 inserting “purposes”; and

3 (2) in the table of sections of chapter 5 of part
 4 I by amending the item relating to section 591 to
 5 read as follows:

“591. Purposes”.

6 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

7 Section 596 of title 5, United States Code, is amend-
 8 ed to read as follows:

9 **“§ 596. Authorization of appropriations**

10 “There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
 11 this subchapter not more than \$3,000,000 for fiscal year
 12 2005, \$3,100,000 for fiscal year 2006, and \$3,200,000
 13 for fiscal year 2007. Of any amounts appropriated under
 14 this section, not more than \$2,500 may be made available
 15 in each fiscal year for official representation and enter-
 16 tainment expenses for foreign dignitaries.”.

Passed the Senate October 11, 2004.

Attest:

Secretary.

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