

The ABA exemption application included a copy of IRS Notice 96-53, 1996-51 I.R.B. 5, (December 6, 1996) (the Notice) which describes the Medical Savings Accounts. Although the Notice states that a number of the rules that apply to Medical Savings Accounts also apply to IRAs, the Notice also states that Medical Savings Accounts differ from IRAs in important respects. In this regard, neither the ABA application nor the Notice discuss these differences. In addition, the Department does not believe that a sufficient showing has been made that the safeguards and conditions currently contained in PTE 93-33 are relevant in the context of Medical Savings Accounts. Consequently, the Department has determined not to propose the requested relief for Medical Savings Accounts.

Notice to Interested Persons

Because many participants in IRAs and Keogh Plans and banks could conceivably be considered interested persons, the only practical form of notice is publication in the **Federal Register**.

General Information

The attention of interested persons is directed to the following:

(1) Before an exemption may be granted under section 408(a) of ERISA and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, the Department must find that the exemption is administratively feasible, in the interests of the IRAs and Keogh Plans and their participants and beneficiaries and protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of such plans.

(2) The proposed amendment if granted, will be supplemental to, and not in derogation of, any other provisions of ERISA and the Code including statutory or administrative exemptions and transitional rules. Furthermore, the fact that a transaction is subject to an administrative exemption is not dispositive of whether the transaction is in fact a prohibited transaction.

(3) If granted, the proposed amendment will be applicable to a transaction only if the conditions specified in the class exemption are met.

Written Comments and Hearing Request

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or requests for a public hearing on the proposed amendment to the address and within the time period set forth above. All comments will be made a part of the

record. Comments and requests for a hearing should state the reasons for the writer's interest in the proposed amendment. Comments received will be available for public inspection with the referenced application at the above address.

Proposed Amendment

Under section 408(a) of ERISA and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, August 10, 1990), the Department proposes to amend PTE 93-33 as set forth below:

Section III(b) is amended to read: "The term *IRA* means an individual retirement account described in Code section 408(a) or an education individual retirement account described in section 530 of the Code. For purposes of this exemption, the term "IRA" shall not include an IRA which is an employee benefit plan covered by Title I of ERISA, except for a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) described in section 408(k) of the Code or a Simple Retirement Account described in section 408(p) of the Code which provides participants with the unrestricted authority to transfer their balances to IRAs or Simple Retirement Accounts sponsored by different financial institutions."

Signed at Washington, DC this 6th day of October, 1998.

Alan D. Lebowitz,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Program Operations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.
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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts

Combined Arts Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Opera Section (Education & Access category) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on November 16-17, 1998. The panel will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 16th and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 17th in Room 730 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506. A portion of this meeting, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 17th, will be open to the public for a policy discussion on field

issues and needs, Leadership Initiatives, Millennium projects, and guidelines.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on November 16th and from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 17th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 14, 1998, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact the Office of AccessAbility, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506, 202/682-5532, TDY-TDD 202/682-5496, at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts.

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NATIONAL GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Notice of Public Meeting

Date: Monday, October 26, 1998, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CST).

Address: The meeting site will be: The Admiral's Club, Terminal III, Level 2, Chicago O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, IL 60666.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public. However, seating will be limited. Members of the public wishing to attend should contact Doug Seay, Research Director, at (202) 523-8217 to make arrangements for attendance.

Summary: At the meeting of the Research Subcommittee of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, established under

Public Law 104-169, dated August 3, 1996, the members of the Subcommittee will discuss issues related to its research agenda, including the casino questionnaire.

Contact Persons: For further information on the agenda, meeting location or other matters contact Doug Seay at (202) 523-8217 or write to 800 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Supplementary Information: Written comments can be sent to the Commission at any time at 800 North Capitol St., N.W., Suite 450, Washington, D.C. 20002. Visit the Commission's Website at www.ngisc.gov.

Tim Bidwill,

Special Assistant to the Chairman.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Notice of Permit Applications Received Under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-541)

AGENCY: National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice of permit applications received under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978, P.L. 95-541.

SUMMARY: The National Science Foundation (NSF) is required to publish notice of permit applications received to conduct activities regulated under the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978. NSF has published regulations under the Antarctic Conservation Act at Title 45 Part 670 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This is the required notice of permit applications received.

DATES: Interested parties are invited to submit written data, comments, or views with respect to these permit applications by November 18, 1998. Permit applications may be inspected by interested parties at the Permit Office, address below.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Permit Office, Room 755, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nadene G. Kennedy at the above address or (703) 306-1030.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The National Science Foundation, as directed by the Antarctic Conservation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95-541), has developed regulations that implement the "Agreed Measures for the Conservation of Antarctic Fauna and Flora" for all United States citizens. The Agreed Measures, developed by the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties, recommended establishment of a permit system for various activities in Antarctica and designation of certain

animals and certain geographic areas a requiring special protection. The regulations establish such a permit system to designate Specially Protected Areas and Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

The applications received are as follows:

Permit Application No. 99-013

1. **Applicant:** Jerry L. Mullins, Mail Stop 521, U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia 20192.

Activity for Which Permit is Requested: Enter Antarctic Specially Protected Areas. The applicant proposes to enter Cape Bird (ASPA #116), Cape Royds (ASPA #121) and Cape Crozier (ASPA #124). A GPS surveying team from the U.S. Geological Survey needs to establish geographical coordinates and elevations for pre-selected photo-identifiable points to meet national mapping accuracy standards for 1:25,000-scale image maps of these three sites.

Location: ASP #116—Cape Bird, Ross Island, ASPA #121—Cape Royds, Ross Island, and ASPA 124—Cape Crozier, Ross Island.

Dates: December 15, 1998–January 31, 2000.

Nadene G. Kennedy,

Permit Officer, Office of Polar Programs.

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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Documents Containing Reporting or Recordkeeping Requirements: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Review

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

ACTION: Notice of the OMB review of information collection and solicitation of public comment.

SUMMARY: The NRC has recently submitted to OMB for review the following proposal for the collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

1. *Type of submission, new, revision, or extension:* Revision.

2. *The title of the information collection:* Changes, Tests and Experiments, and Updating of Final Safety Analysis Reports (10 CFR Parts 50, 52 and 72).

3. *The form number if applicable:* Not applicable.

4. *How often the collection is required:* Information is required to be

collected when changes, tests or experiments are made by the licensee; reporting of these changes is required either on an annual basis (Part 72 facilities and nonpower reactors), or every two years (power reactors). Updating the final safety analysis report (FSAR) is required on an annual basis for independent spent fuel storage installations (ISFSIs), with up to two years for power reactor facilities (updating not required for nonpower reactors).

5. *Who will be required or asked to report:* Reports are to be submitted by licensees of production or utilization facilities licensed under 10 CFR Part 50 and by licensees and certificate holders for ISFSIs and spent fuel storage casks, pursuant to 10 CFR Part 72.

6. *An estimate of the annual number of responses:* Responses are required on a periodic basis from licensees or certificate holders. Summary reports of changes, and submittal of FSAR update pages are required; some of these submittals are required on an annual basis, and some are on a two year cycle. In addition, an application for amendment of a cask certificate by a certificate holder is expected to be submitted from about half of the holders per year. The annual number of responses thus is estimated as 253 reports.

7. *The estimated number of annual respondents:* The total number of respondents under Part 50 is 178 reactor licensees. In addition, there are 18 respondents subject to Part 72. Since some of the reporting for power reactors is on a two-year cycle, the annual number of respondents is estimated as 153 respondents.

8. *An estimate of the total number of hours needed annually to complete the requirement or request:* The total number of hours annually is estimated at 479,789 hours (an increase of 66,099 hours)—133,160 hours (an increase of 4,380) for reporting; 293,560 hours (an increase of 8,650) for recordkeeping. This total estimate also includes an annualized one-time burden of 53,069 hours for implementation of the revisions to the rule through procedures and training of personnel. The hours needed depend upon the number and complexity of changes that a licensee chooses to make. The hours needed for a power reactor respondent are estimated to be significantly greater than those for a spent fuel storage cask certificate holder or ISFSI licensee.

9. *An indication of whether Section 3507(d), Public Law 104-13 applies:* Applicable.

10. *Abstract:* The NRC is proposing to revise requirements pertaining to