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PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT LETTER NO. 94-4 (581)

SUBJECT: Recent Garnishment Legislation

This is to notify you of a recent change in the garnishment law affecting Federal employees' pay. In the past, employee pay could only be garnished in instances of failure to make child support and alimony payments. However, Public Law 103-94, dated October 6, 1993, expands the coverage of the garnishment law to include any legal debt owed by a Federal employee. This law became effective February 3, 1994.

The Office of Personnel Management has indicated that it will be developing guidance for agencies on the new law, but no date has been set for issuance. We will transmit this guidance to you as soon as we receive it. Until this information is received, bureau personnel offices should handle garnishment orders in accordance with the procedures outlined in 5 CFR 581. Appendix A of 5 CFR 581 lists the addresses of the agents designated by each bureau to accept garnishment orders.

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INQUIRIES: Division of Employee Relations, Mail Stop 5203