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21-91-10 ASSISTANCE IN **DRAFTING**

Throughout the development of any legislative proposal within the Department, the Division of Legislation, Office of the General Counsel, is responsible for preparation of any legislative drafts and for rendering other appropriate assistance.

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21-91-20 RELEASE OF DRAFT LEGISLATION

No draft of any proposed legislation shall be released to anyone outside the Department until the draft has been cleared by the General Counsel or the Division of Legislation and such release has been authorized by the Office of the Secretary.

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21-91-30 APPROVAL OF CHANGES IN DRAFT BILLS

- A. When proposed legislation, other than appropriation language, affecting the Department is under consideration by a committee or a member of the Congress, the Division of Legislation is responsible for drafting (or for approval when drafted by someone outside the Department) of the language of any proposals made or agreed upon by representatives of the Department and for collaboration with the Legislative Counsel of the House or Senate.
- B. Changes in appropriation language proposed to be made or agreed to in the course of Congressional consideration shall be similarly cleared with the Division of Legislation, unless in the judgment of the Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget, or his designee time does not permit.

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