

take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 28, 2008].”

**[[§§ 1706, 1707. Repealed. Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VIII, § 831(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1549]**

Section 1706, added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XII, § 1202(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1639, related to acquisition career program boards.

Section 1707, added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XII, § 1202(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1639; amended Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, § 904(d)(1), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1728; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, § 1048(b)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1225, related to personnel in the Office of the Secretary of Defense and in the Defense Agencies.

**SUBCHAPTER II—DEFENSE ACQUISITION POSITIONS**

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**AMENDMENTS**

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VIII, § 873(a)(2), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4303, added item 1722b.

2009—Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, § 1073(c)(6), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474, amended Pub. L. 110-417, § 834(a)(2). See 2008 Amendment note below.

2008—Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VIII, § 834(a)(2), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4537, as amended by Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title X, § 1073(c)(6), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2474, added item 1722a.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VIII, § 836(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1551, struck out item 1725 “Office of Personnel Management approval”.

**§ 1721. Designation of acquisition positions**

(a) DESIGNATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall designate in regulations those positions in the Department of Defense that are acquisition positions for purposes of this chapter.

(b) REQUIRED POSITIONS.—In designating the positions under subsection (a), the Secretary shall include, at a minimum, all acquisition-related positions in the following areas:

- (1) Program management.
- (2) Systems planning, research, development, engineering, and testing.
- (3) Procurement, including contracting.
- (4) Industrial property management.
- (5) Logistics.
- (6) Quality control and assurance.
- (7) Manufacturing and production.
- (8) Business, cost estimating, financial management, and auditing.
- (9) Education, training, and career development.
- (10) Construction.
- (11) Joint development and production with other government agencies and foreign countries.

(c) MANAGEMENT HEADQUARTERS ACTIVITIES.—The Secretary also shall designate as acquisition

positions under subsection (a) those acquisition-related positions which are in management headquarters activities and in management headquarters support activities. For purposes of this subsection, the terms “management headquarters activities” and “management headquarters support activities” have the meanings given those terms in Department of Defense Directive 5100.73, entitled “Department of Defense Management Headquarters and Headquarters Support Activities”, dated November 12, 1996.

(Added Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XII, § 1202(a), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1640; amended Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 701(j)(1), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 116; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title IX, § 912(f), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1862.)

**AMENDMENTS**

1997—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “November 12, 1996” for “November 25, 1988”.

1991—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 102-25 substituted “Activities, dated” for “Activities, dated” in last sentence.

**TWENTY PERCENT REDUCTION IN DEFENSE ACQUISITION WORKFORCE**

Section 905 of Pub. L. 101-510, required Secretary of Defense to reduce number of employees in Department of Defense acquisition workforce on last day of each of fiscal years 1991 through 1995 below number of employees in such workforce on last day of preceding fiscal year by not less than number equal to 4 percent of number of employees in such workforce on Sept. 30, 1990, and which defined “Department of Defense acquisition workforce”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title IX, § 904, Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1451.

**DEADLINE FOR DESIGNATION OF ACQUISITION POSITIONS**

Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XII, § 1209(b), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1666, as amended by Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 704(b)(3)(B), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 119; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title IX, § 904(f), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1729, provided that the designation of acquisition positions required by this section was to be made by the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, not later than Oct. 1, 1991.

**§ 1722. Career development**

(a) CAREER PATHS.—The Secretary of Defense, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, shall ensure that appropriate career paths for civilian and military personnel who wish to pursue careers in acquisition are identified in terms of the education, training, experience, and assignments necessary for career progression of civilians and members of the armed forces to the most senior acquisition positions. The Secretary shall make available published information on such career paths.

(b) LIMITATION ON PREFERENCE FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that no requirement or preference for a member of the armed forces is used in the consideration of persons for acquisition positions, except as provided in the policy established under paragraph (2).

(2)(A) The Secretary shall establish a policy permitting a particular acquisition position to be specified as available only to members of the armed forces if a determination is made, under criteria specified in the policy, that a member of