

CHAPTER 147—COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGES AND OTHER MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES

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2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, § 651(a)(1), (3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1964, added items for subchapters I to III and struck out items 2481 “Existence of defense commissary system and exchange stores system”, 2482 “Commissary stores: operation”, 2482a “Nonappropriated fund instrumentalities: contracts with other agencies and instrumentalities to provide and obtain goods and services”, 2483 “Commissary stores: reimbursement for use of commissary facilities by military departments”, 2484 “Commissary stores: use of appropriated funds to cover operating expenses”, 2485 “Donation of unusable food: commissary stores and other activities”, 2486 “Commissary stores: merchandise that may be sold; uniform surcharges and pricing”, 2487 “Commissary stores: release of certain commercially valuable information to the public”, 2488 “Nonappropriated fund instrumentalities: purchase of alcoholic beverages”, 2489 “Overseas package stores: treatment of United States wines”, 2489a “Sale or rental of sexually explicit material prohibited”, 2490a “Combined exchange and commissary stores”, 2492 “Overseas commissary and exchange stores: access and purchase restrictions”, 2493 “Fisher Houses: administration as nonappropriated fund instrumentality”, and 2494 “Uniform funding and management of morale, welfare, and recreation programs”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 652(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1522, added item 2481.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title III, § 323(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2511, added item 2494.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title III, §§ 332(b), 333(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1058, 1059, added item 2483 and substituted “Commissary stores: release of certain commercially valuable information to the public” for “Commissary stores: limitations on release of sales information” in item 2487.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title III, § 331(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-59, added item 2484 and struck out former item 2484 “Commissary stores: expenses”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title III, § 365(b), title IX, § 906(a)(2), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 1987, 2095, added items 2492 and 2493.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title III, § 371(a)(1), (c)(1), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1705, substituted “COMMISSARIES AND EXCHANGES AND OTHER MORALE, WELFARE, AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES” for “UTILITIES AND SERVICES” as chapter heading and struck out items 2481 “Utilities and services: sale; expansion and extension of systems and facilities”, 2483 “Sale of electricity from alternate energy and cogeneration production facilities”, and 2490 “Utility services: furnishing for certain buildings”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title III, §§ 341(a)(2), 343(a)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2489, 2490, added items 2482a and 2489a.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, §§ 331(b), 336(a)(2), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 260, 264, substituted “Commissary stores: operation” for “Commissary stores: private operation” in item 2482 and added item 2490a.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, § 1182(a)(8)(B), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1771, struck out item 2490a “Nonappropriated fund instrumentalities: financial management and use of nonappropriated funds”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title III, §§ 362(b), 364(b)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2380, 2382, substituted “limitations” for “limitation” in item 2487 and added item 2490a.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, § 324(b)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1531, amended item 2485 generally, substituting “Donation of unusable food: commissary stores and other activities” for “Commissary stores: donation of unmarketable food”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-370, § 1(j)(2), July 19, 1988, 102 Stat. 848, added item 2490.

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title III, §§ 311(a)(2), 313(a)(3), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1073, 1074, inserted “and pricing” in item 2486 and added item 2489.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title III, § 313(c), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3853, added items 2486, 2487, and 2488.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title XIV, § 1460(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 765, added item 2485.

1984—Pub. L. 98-525, title XIV, § 1401(i)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2620, added item 2484.

Pub. L. 98-407, title VIII, § 810(b), Aug. 28, 1984, 98 Stat. 1523, added item 2483.

SUBCHAPTER I—DEFENSE COMMISSARY AND EXCHANGE SYSTEMS

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, § 1071(a)(18), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399, inserted period at end of item 2481.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, § 651(a)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1964, added subchapter heading and items 2481 to 2485.

§ 2481. Defense commissary and exchange systems: existence and purpose

(a) SEPARATE SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of Defense shall operate, in the manner provided by this chapter and other provisions of law, a world-wide system of commissary stores and a separate world-wide system of exchange stores. The stores of each system may sell, at reduced prices, food and other merchandise to members of the uniformed services on active duty, members of the uniformed services entitled to retired pay, dependents of such members, and persons authorized to use the system under chapter 54 of this title.

(b) PURPOSE OF SYSTEMS.—The defense commissary system and the exchange system are intended to enhance the quality of life of members of the uniformed services, retired members, and dependents of such members, and to support military readiness, recruitment, and retention.

(c) OVERSIGHT.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall designate a senior official of the Department of Defense to oversee the operation of both the defense commissary system and the exchange system.

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall establish an executive governing body to provide advice to the senior official designated under paragraph (1) regarding the operation of the defense commissary and exchange systems and to ensure the complementary operation of the systems.

(d) **REDUCED PRICES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “reduced prices” means prices for food and other merchandise determined using the price setting process specified in section 2484 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(a)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1965.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2481, added Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title VI, §652(a), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1522, related to the existence of defense commissary system and exchange stores system, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1964.

Another prior section 2481 was renumbered section 2686 of this title.

§ 2482. Commissary stores: criteria for establishment or closure; store size

(a) **PRIMARY CONSIDERATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT.**—The needs of members of the armed forces on active duty and the needs of dependents of such members shall be the primary consideration whenever the Secretary of Defense—

- (1) assesses the need to establish a commissary store; and
- (2) selects the actual location for the store.

(b) **STORE SIZE.**—In determining the size of a commissary store, the Secretary of Defense shall take into consideration the number of all authorized patrons of the defense commissary system who are likely to use the store.

(c) **CLOSURE CONSIDERATIONS.**—(1) Whenever assessing whether to close a commissary store, the effect of the closure on the quality of life of members and dependents referred to in subsection (a) who use the store and on the welfare and security of the military community in which the commissary is located shall be a primary consideration.

(2) Whenever assessing whether to close a commissary store, the Secretary of Defense shall also consider the effect of the closure on the quality of life of members of the reserve components of the armed forces.

(d) **CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.**—(1) The closure of a commissary store in the United States shall not take effect until the end of the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to Congress written notice of the reasons supporting the closure. The written notice shall include an assessment of the impact closure will have on the quality of life for military patrons and the welfare and security of the military community in which the commissary is located.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply in the case of the closure of a commissary store as part of the closure of a military installation under a base closure law.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(a)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1965; amended Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title X, §1064(6), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1587.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2482 was renumbered section 2485 of this title.

A prior section 2482a was renumbered section 2492 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 112–81 inserted “in the United States” after “commissary store”.

PROHIBITION ON CONSOLIDATION OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RETAIL SYSTEMS

Pub. L. 105–261, div. A, title III, §367, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 1987, which provided that the operation and administration of the defense retail systems could not be consolidated or otherwise merged unless the consolidation or merger was specifically authorized by a law enacted after Oct. 17, 1998, was repealed by Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(e)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1972.

§ 2483. Commissary stores: use of appropriated funds to cover operating expenses

(a) **OPERATION OF AGENCY AND SYSTEM.**—Except as otherwise provided in this title, the operation of the Defense Commissary Agency and the defense commissary system shall be funded using such amounts as are appropriated for such purpose.

(b) **OPERATING EXPENSES OF COMMISSARY STORES.**—Appropriated funds shall be used to cover the expenses of operating commissary stores and central product processing facilities of the defense commissary system. For purposes of this subsection, operating expenses include the following:

- (1) Salaries and wages of employees of the United States, host nations, and contractors supporting commissary store operations.
- (2) Utilities.
- (3) Communications.
- (4) Operating supplies and services.
- (5) Second destination transportation costs within or outside the United States.
- (6) Any cost associated with above-store-level management or other indirect support of a commissary store or a central product processing facility, including equipment maintenance and information technology costs.

(c) **SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR COMMISSARY OPERATIONS.**—Amounts appropriated to cover the expenses of operating the Defense Commissary Agency and the defense commissary system may be supplemented with additional funds from manufacturers’ coupon redemption fees, handling fees for tobacco products, and other amounts received as reimbursement for other support activities provided by commissary activities.

(Added Pub. L. 98–525, title XIV, §1401(i)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2619, §2484; amended Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title III, §331(a)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–59; Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title VI, §654, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1523; renumbered §2483, Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(a)(2), (4), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1964, 1966.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2483, added Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title III, §332(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1058, related to reimbursement for use of commissary facilities by military departments, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title VI, §651(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1964.

Another prior section 2483 was renumbered section 2916 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in the following appropriation acts:

Oct. 12, 1984, Pub. L. 98–473, title I, §101(h) [title VIII, §8010], 98 Stat. 1904, 1924.