

108-136, div. A, title IX, § 931(d), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1581.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “2166(f)(4)” for “2611(f)”.

§ 2613. Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.**—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense may accept from any person or government agency the donation of travel benefits for the purposes of use under subsection (d).

(b) **TRAVEL BENEFIT DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “travel benefit” means—

(1) frequent traveler miles, credits for tickets, or tickets for air or surface transportation issued by an air carrier or a surface carrier, respectively, that serves the public; and

(2) points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations issued by an inn, hotel, or other commercial establishment that provides lodging to transient guests.

(c) **CONDITION ON AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION.**—The Secretary may accept a donation of a travel benefit under this section only if the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the benefit consents to such donation. Any such donation shall be under such terms and conditions as the business entity may specify, and the travel benefit so donated may be used only in accordance with the rules established by the business entity.

(d) **USE OF DONATED TRAVEL BENEFITS.**—A travel benefit accepted under this section may be used only for the purpose of—

(1) facilitating the travel of a member of the armed forces who—

(A) is deployed on active duty outside the United States away from the permanent duty station of the member in support of a contingency operation; and

(B) is granted, during such deployment, rest and recuperative leave, emergency leave, convalescent leave, or another form of leave authorized for the member; or

(2) in the case of a member of the armed forces recuperating from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during such a deployment, facilitating the travel of family members of the member in order to be reunited with the member.

(e) **ADMINISTRATION.**—(1) The Secretary shall designate a single office in the Department of Defense to carry out this section. That office shall develop rules and procedures to facilitate the acceptance and distribution of travel benefits under this section.

(2) For the use of travel benefits under subsection (d)(2) by family members of a member of the armed forces, the Secretary may, as the Secretary determines appropriate, limit—

(A) eligibility to family members who, by reason of affinity, degree of consanguinity, or otherwise, are sufficiently close in relationship to the member of the armed forces to justify the travel assistance;

(B) the number of family members who may travel; and

(C) the number of trips that family members may take.

(3) The Secretary of Defense may, in an exceptional case, authorize a person not described in subsection (d)(2) to use a travel benefit accepted under this subsection to visit a member of the armed forces described in subsection (d)(1) if that person has a notably close relationship with the member. The travel benefit may be used by such person only in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as the Secretary determines appropriate and the rules established by the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the travel benefit.

(f) **SERVICES OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**—The Secretary of Defense may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to use the services of the organization—

(1) to promote the donation of travel benefits under this section, except that amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense may not be expended for this purpose; and

(2) to assist in administering the collection, distribution, and use of travel benefits under this section.

(g) **FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “family member” has the meaning given that term in section 481h(b)(1) of title 37.

(Added Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, § 585(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1930; amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, § 1071(a)(20), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, § 576(a)-(d)(1), title VI, § 631(f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1428, 1429, 1465.)

CODIFICATION

Section 631(f)(4)(A) of Pub. L. 112-81, which directed that this title be amended by conforming any references to sections of title 37, United States Code, which were transferred and redesignated by “subsection (c)” of section 631, was executed by conforming the references to those sections as transferred and redesignated by subsection (d) of section 631, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

Another section 2613 was renumbered section 2614 of this title.

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2011—Pub. L. 112-81, § 576(d)(1), substituted “Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families” for “Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81, § 576(a), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) defined travel benefit.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, § 576(b), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air or surface carrier” and substituted “the business entity” for “the surface carrier” and for “the carrier”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 112-81, § 576(c), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air carrier or surface carrier”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(f)(4)(A), substituted “481h(b)(1)” for “411h(b)(1)”. See Codification note above.

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “In this” for “In the”.

§ 2614. Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT.**—(1) Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary concerned—

(1) may accept communications equipment for use in coordinating joint response and recovery operations with public safety agencies in the event of a disaster; and

(2) may accept services related to the operation and maintenance of such equipment.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The authority under subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(c) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) Equipment may be accepted under subsection (a)(1) only to the extent that communications equipment under the control of the Secretary concerned at the potential disaster response site is inadequate to meet military requirements for communicating with public safety agencies during the period of response to the disaster.

(2) Services may be accepted under subsection (a)(2) related to the operation and maintenance of communications equipment only to the extent that the necessary capabilities are not available to the military commander having custody of the equipment.

(d) **LIABILITY.**—A person providing services accepted under this section may not be considered, by reason of the provision of such services, to be an officer, employee, or agent of the United States for any purpose.

(Added Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, §1051(a), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2053, §2613; renumbered §2614 and amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(19)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399.)

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-364 renumbered section 2613 of this title as this section and redesignated the second subsection (c) as (d).

CHAPTER 157—TRANSPORTATION

- Sec. 2631. Supplies: preference to United States vessels.
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- 2646. Travel services: procurement for official and unofficial travel under one contract.
- 2647. Next-of-kin of persons unaccounted for from conflicts after World War II: transportation to annual meetings.
- 2648. Persons and supplies: sea, land, and air transportation.
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- 2650. Civilian personnel in Alaska.
- 2651. Passengers and merchandise to Guam: sea transport.

AMENDMENTS

- 2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title III, §352(f), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4194, added items 2648 and 2649 and struck out former items 2648 “Persons and supplies: sea transportation” and 2649 “Civilian passengers and commercial cargoes: transportation on Department of Defense vessels”.
- 2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, §374(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 83, added item 2641b.
- 2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, §1072(d)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2058, added items 2648 to 2651.
- 2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §634(b), title X, §1006(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1510, 1585, added item 2636a and amended item 2642 generally, substituting “Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate” for “Reimbursement rate for airlift services provided to Central Intelligence Agency”.
- 2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §574(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1122, added item 2647.
- 2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [(div. A)], title X, §1009(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-251, substituted “Deductions from amounts due carriers” for “Deductions from carriers because of loss or damage to material in transit” in item 2636.
- 1998—Pub. L. 105-262, title VIII, §8121(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2332, added item 2641a.
- Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VIII, §813(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2087, added item 2646.
- 1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title III, §368(a)(2)(B), title IX, §906(d)(1), title X, §1079(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2498, 2620, 2670, substituted “Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment” for “Motor vehicles: for members on change of permanent station” in item 2634 and added items 2644 and 2645.
- Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, §334(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 262, added item 2643.
- 1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, §1173(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1767, added item 2631a.
- 1991—Pub. L. 102-88, title V, §501(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105 Stat. 435, added item 2642.
- 1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title III, §326(a)(2), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1531, added item 2637.
- 1987—Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, §1250(a)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1168, added item 2641.
- 1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XII, §1204(a)(2), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3971, added item 2640.