

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 7543. Useless ordnance material: disposition of proceeds on sale**

The net proceeds of sales of useless ordnance material by the Department of the Navy shall be covered into the Treasury.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 465.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7543 .....	50 U.S.C. 74.	Jan. 22, 1923, ch. 28, 42 Stat. 1142 (last 24 words of 5th par.).

The words “as miscellaneous receipts” are omitted as surplusage.

**§ 7544. Devices and trophies: transfer to other agencies**

(a) The Secretary of the Navy may, without reimbursement, transfer to the Secretary of the Treasury devices and trophies for the promotion of the sale of war bonds or victory bonds. The Secretary of the Treasury may sell or donate the devices and trophies for the promotion of the sale of such bonds.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy may, without reimbursement, transfer to any agency of the United States devices and trophies for scientific, experimental, monumental, or display purposes.

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Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7544 .....	34 U.S.C. 546i.	Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 804, §4, 60 Stat. 898.

The words “such \* \* \* as he may in his discretion determine” are omitted as surplusage.

**§ 7545. Obsolete material and articles of historical interest: loan or gift**

(a) AUTHORITY TO MAKE LOANS AND GIFTS.—The Secretary of the Navy may lend or give, without expense to the United States, items described in subsection (b) that are not needed by the Department of the Navy to any of the following:

- (1) A State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States, or political subdivision or municipal corporation thereof.
- (2) The District of Columbia.
- (3) A library.
- (4) A historical society.
- (5) An educational institution whose graduates or students fought in a foreign war.
- (6) A servicemen’s monument association.
- (7) A State museum.
- (8) A museum or memorial operated and maintained for educational purposes only, whose charter denies it the right to operate for profit.
- (9) A post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

(10) A post of the American Legion.

(11) Any other recognized war veterans’ association.

(12) A post of the Sons of Veterans Reserve.

(b) ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR DISPOSAL.—This section applies to the following types of property held by the Department of the Navy:

(1) Captured, condemned, or obsolete ordnance material.

(2) Captured, condemned, or obsolete combat or shipboard material.

(c) REGULATIONS.—A loan or gift made under this section shall be subject to regulations prescribed by the Secretary and to regulations under section 121 of title 40.

(d) MAINTENANCE OF THE RECORDS OF THE GOVERNMENT.—Records of the Government as defined in section 3301 of title 44 may not be disposed of under this section.

(e) ALTERNATIVE AUTHORITIES TO MAKE GIFTS OR LOANS.—If any disposition is authorized by this section and section 2572 of this title, the Secretary may make the gift or loan under either section.

(f) AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER A PORTION OF A VESSEL.—The Secretary may lend, give, or otherwise transfer any portion of the hull or superstructure of a vessel stricken from the Naval Vessel Register and designated for scrapping to a qualified organization specified in subsection (a). The terms and conditions of an agreement for the transfer of a portion of a vessel under this section shall include a requirement that the transferee will maintain the material conveyed in a condition that will not diminish the historical value of the material or bring discredit upon the Navy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 466; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(39), (40), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2934, 2935; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, §1061(i), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 443; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, §1043(a)-(c), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1218, 1219; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(34), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1298; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, §1062(e)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2651; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(3), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3440.)

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Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7545 .....	34 U.S.C. 546g.	Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 804, §2, 60 Stat. 897; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(23), 65 Stat. 707.
	34 U.S.C. 546h (last sentence as applicable to 34 U.S.C. 546g).	Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 804, §3 (last sentence as applicable to §2), 60 Stat. 897.
	34 U.S.C. 546k (1st sentence as applicable to 34 U.S.C. 546g, and 3d sentence).	Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 804, §6 (1st sentence as applicable to §2, and 3d sentence), 60 Stat. 898.

In subsection (a) the words, “ordnance material” are substituted for the words “ordnance, guns, projectiles”. Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are omitted from the list of authorized donees because there are no surviving members of that organization. The word “Commonwealth” is inserted to reflect the present status of Puerto Rico. Specific reference to the Canal Zone is omitted as unnecessary, since the Zone is a “possession of the United States” as defined in section 101 of this title and is therefore covered by clause (1).