

member, act on it” are substituted for “any person . . . department concerned, action shall be taken thereon . . . such person”. In the second sentence, the words “After the end of the 12-month period in a missing status” are substituted for “If the twelve months’ absence . . . has expired”. The words “the Secretary concerned, or his designee” are inserted for clarity. The words “a member” are substituted for “any person”. The words “missing status” are substituted for “missing or other status” in view of the definition in revised section 551(2) of this chapter. The words “is dead” are substituted for “is no longer alive” for consistency with references in this section to “death”.

In subsection (c), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee . . . may . . . a member . . . under this chapter” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or by such subordinate as he may designate . . . are authorized to . . . any person . . . under provisions of this Act”. The words “a member” are substituted for “any person”. The words “captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force” are substituted for “in the hands of a hostile force” on authority of 50 App. U.S.C. 1014.

In subsection (d), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate”. The words “under this chapter” are substituted for “authorized to be made by this Act”.

In subsection (e), the words “a member . . . allotment paid under this chapter” are substituted for “any person . . . allotments paid pursuant to this Act”. The words “the member if the Secretary concerned, or his designee . . . the payment . . . the member” are substituted for “such person’s . . . in any case in which . . . the head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate . . . such person”.

In subsection (f), the words “may not be collected” are substituted for “shall not be subject to collection” in two places. The word “member” is substituted for “person”.

In subsection (g), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee,” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate,”.

In subsection (h), the first sentence is substituted for 50 App. U.S.C. 1009(b) (1st 33 words, as applicable to §1009). The words “Secretary concerned” are substituted for “head of the department concerned.” The words “or his designee” are supplied on authority of 50 App. U.S.C. 1009(a) which is codified in part in revised section 556(a) of this chapter. The words “departments and agencies of the United States” are substituted for “departments of the Government” in view of the definition of “department” in 50 App. U.S.C. 1001(b). The words “This subsection does not entitle” are substituted for “Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed as conferring . . . any right”.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(A), inserted concluding provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(B), inserted “, in a case to which section 555 of this title applies,” after “When the Secretary concerned”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(C), substituted “determining pay” for “determining status” and inserted “in a case to which section 555 of this title applies” after “designee, under this section”.

§ 557. Settlement of accounts

(a) The Secretary concerned, or his designee, may settle the account of—

- (1) a member of a uniformed service for whose account payments have been made under sections 552, 553, and 555 of this title; and
- (2) a survivor of a casualty to a ship, station, or military installation which results in the loss or destruction of disbursing records.

That settlement is conclusive on the accounting officers of the United States in settling the accounts of disbursing officers.

(b) Payment or settlement of an account made pursuant to a report, determination, or finding of death may not be recovered or reopened because of a later report or determination which fixes a date of death. However, an account shall be reopened and settled on the basis of a date of death so fixed which is later than that used as a basis for earlier settlements.

(c) In the settlement of his accounts, a disbursing officer is entitled, if there is no fraud or criminality by him, to credit for an erroneous payment or overpayment he made in carrying out this chapter, except section 558 of this title. Unless there is fraud or criminality by him, recovery may not be made from a civilian officer or employee or a member of a uniformed service who authorizes a payment under this chapter, except section 558 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 630; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1303(b)(11), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 741.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
557(a)	50 App. 1011.	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §11, 56 Stat. 146.
557(b)	50 App. 1009(a) (5th sentence).	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §9(a) (5th and last sentences); added July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §5, 58 Stat. 680; Aug. 29, 1957, Pub. L. 85-217, §1(c), 71 Stat. 492.
557(c)	50 App. 1009(a) (last sentence).	

Only that portion of the source law which is applicable to members of the uniformed services and their dependents is codified in this section.

In subsection (a), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee,” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or such person as he may designate,”. The words “a member of a uniformed service” are substituted for “persons”. The words “United States” are substituted for “Government”.

In subsection (c), the words “in carrying out this chapter, except section 558” are substituted for “in carrying out the provisions of this Act, except sections 13, 16, 17, and 18”, since sections 16 and 17 are scheduled for repeal (see Table II) and section 18 was previously repealed. The words “under this chapter, except section 558” are substituted for “under such provisions” for the reasons stated in the preceding sentence.

AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-145 inserted “of this title” after “558” in two places.

§ 558. Income tax deferment

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Federal income tax return of, or the payment of a Federal income tax by, a member of a uniformed service who, at the time the return or payment would otherwise become due, is in a missing status, does not become due until the earlier of the following dates—

- (1) the fifteenth day of the third month in which he ceased (except by reason of death or incompetency) being in a missing status, unless before the end of that fifteenth day he is again in a missing status; or
- (2) the fifteenth day of the third month after the month in which an executor, adminis-