

A, title X, §1076(f)(20), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1952.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 16 of the National Security Agency Act of 1959, referred to in subsec. (a), is section 16 of Pub. L. 86-36, which was set out in a note under section 402 of Title 50, War and National Defense, prior to editorial reclassification to section 3614 of Title 50.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-239 substituted “National Security Agency Act” for “National Security Act”.

§ 1599b. Employees abroad: travel expenses; health care

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense may provide civilian employees, and members of their families, abroad with benefits that are comparable to certain benefits that are provided by the Secretary of State to members of the Foreign Service and their families abroad as described in subsections (b) and (c). The Secretary may designate the employees and members of families who are eligible to receive the benefits.

(b) TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES.—The Secretary of Defense may pay travel expenses and related expenses for purposes and in amounts that are comparable to the purposes for which, and the amounts in which, travel and related expenses are paid by the Secretary of State under section 901 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4081).

(c) HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of Defense may establish a health care program that is comparable to the health care program established by the Secretary of State under section 904 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4084).

(d) ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Defense may enter into agreements with the heads of other departments and agencies of the Government in order to facilitate the payment of expenses authorized by subsection (b) and to carry out a health care program authorized by subsection (c).

(e) ABROAD DEFINED.—In this section, the term “abroad” means outside—

- (1) the United States; and
- (2) the territories and possessions of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVI, §1604(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2735.)

§ 1599c. Health care professionals: enhanced appointment and compensation authority for personnel for care and treatment of wounded and injured members of the armed forces

(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Defense may, at the discretion of the Secretary, exercise any authority for the appointment and pay of health care personnel under chapter 74 of title 38 for purposes of the recruitment, employment, and retention of civilian health care professionals for the Department of Defense if the Secretary determines that the exercise of such authority is necessary in order to provide or enhance the capacity of the Department to provide care and treatment for members of the armed forces who are wounded or injured on active

duty in the armed forces and to support the ongoing patient care and medical readiness, education, and training requirements of the Department of Defense.

(2)(A) For purposes of section 3304 of title 5, the Secretary of Defense may—

(i) designate any category of medical or health professional positions within the Department of Defense as a shortage category occupation or critical need occupation; and

(ii) utilize the authority in such section to recruit and appoint qualified persons directly in the competitive service to positions so designated.

(B) In using the authority provided by this paragraph, the Secretary shall apply the principles of preference for the hiring of veterans and other persons established in subchapter I of chapter 33 of title 5.

(C) Any designation by the Secretary for purposes of subparagraph (A)(i) shall be based on an analysis of current and future Department of Defense workforce requirements.

(b) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—(1) The authority of the Secretary of Defense under subsection (a)(1) to exercise authorities available under chapter 74 of title 38 for purposes of the recruitment, employment, and retention of civilian health care professionals for the Department of Defense expires December 31, 2020.

(2) The Secretary may not appoint a person to a position of employment under subsection (a)(2) after December 31, 2020.

(Added Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title XI, §1104(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1236; amended Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XVI, §1636(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 463; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title XI, §1107, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4617; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title X, §1075(b)(22), title XI, §1104, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4370, 4383; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title XI, §1109, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 890.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1599c, added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVI, §1615(a)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2740; amended Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(31), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1902, related to treatment of a Department of Defense violation of veterans' preference requirements as a prohibited personnel practice, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 105-339, §6(c)(1)(A), Oct. 31, 1998, 112 Stat. 3188.

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 113-66, §1109(c)(1), substituted “section 3304 of title 5” for “sections 3304, 5333, and 5753 of title 5” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 113-66, §1109(c)(2), substituted “the authority in such section” for “the authorities in such sections”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-66, §1109(b), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which related to recruitment of personnel.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-66, §1109(b)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

Pub. L. 113-66, §1109(a), substituted “December 31, 2020” for “December 31, 2015” in pars. (1) and (2).

2011—Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(i). Pub. L. 111-383, §1104(a)(1)(A), substituted “a shortage category occupation or critical need occupation” for “shortage category positions”.

Subsec. (a)(2)(A)(ii). Pub. L. 111-383, §1104(a)(1)(B), substituted “qualified persons directly in the competitive service” for “highly qualified persons directly”.