

**CHAPTER 647—DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE OR SURPLUS MATERIAL**

- Sec. 7541. Obsolete and other material: gift or sale to Boy Scouts of America, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Young Marines of the Marine Corps League.
- 7541a. Uniform clothing: sale to Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- 7541b. Authority to make grants for purposes of Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- 7542. Excess clothing: sale for distribution to needy.
- 7543. Useless ordnance material: disposition of proceeds on sale.
- 7544. Devices and trophies: transfer to other agencies.
- 7545. Obsolete material and articles of historical interest: loan or gift.
- 7546. Loan or gift of articles to ships' sponsors and donors.
- 7547. Equipment for instruction in seamanship: loan to military schools.

AMENDMENTS

2009—Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title V, §592(b), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2337, added item 7541b.  
 1975—Pub. L. 93-628, §1(b), Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2148, inserted “, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Young Marines of the Marine Corps League” in item 7541.  
 1965—Pub. L. 89-266, §1(2), Oct. 19, 1965, 79 Stat. 990, added item 7541a.

**§ 7541. Obsolete and other material: gift or sale to Boy Scouts of America, Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Young Marines of the Marine Corps League**

Subject to regulations under section 121 of title 40, the Secretary of the Navy may—

- (1) give obsolete material not needed for naval purposes; and
- (2) sell other material that may be spared at a price representing its fair value;

to the Boy Scouts of America for the sea scouts, to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps for the sea cadets, and to the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League for the young marines. The cost of transportation and delivery of material given or sold under this section shall be charged to the Boy Scouts of America, to the Naval Sea Cadets, or to the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, as the case may be.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 465; Pub. L. 93-628, §1, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2147; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(39), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2934; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(31), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7541 .....	34 U.S.C. 546b.	Mar. 1, 1929, ch. 429, 45 Stat. 1430; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(21), 65 Stat. 707.

The word “give” is substituted for the words “dispose of without charge”; the words “naval purposes” are substituted for the words “the Navy”; and the word “sell” is substituted for the words “dispose of \* \* \* at prices”. The words “to the Navy” are omitted as surplusage. Since the corporate name of the organization is “Boy Scouts of America”, that name is used to designate the transferee in lieu of words “sea scout department”, and the words “for the sea scouts” are added.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-217 substituted “section 121 of title 40” for “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)” in introductory provisions.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)” for “section 486 of title 40”.

1975—Pub. L. 93-628 inserted “Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Young Marines of the Marine Corps League” in section catchline, and authorized the Secretary of the Navy to gift obsolete materials and to sell surplus materials to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League with the requirement that the cost of transportation and delivery of such materials be charged to the recipient.

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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 93-628, §2, Jan. 3, 1975, 88 Stat. 2148, provided that: “The amendments made by the first section [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 3, 1975].”

**§ 7541a. Uniform clothing: sale to Naval Sea Cadet Corps**

Subject to regulations under section 121 of title 40, the Secretary of the Navy, under regulations prescribed by him, may sell any item of enlisted naval uniform clothing that may be spared, at a price representing its fair value, to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps for the sea cadets and to any Federal or State maritime academy having a department of naval science for the maritime cadets and midshipmen. The cost of transportation and delivery of items sold under this section shall be charged to the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and to such Federal and State maritime academies.

(Added Pub. L. 89-266, §1(1), Oct. 19, 1965, 79 Stat. 990; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(39), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2934; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(32), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297.)

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107-217 substituted “section 121 of title 40” for “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)” for “section 486 of title 40”.

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.

**§ 7541b. Authority to make grants for purposes of Naval Sea Cadet Corps**

Subject to the availability of funds for this purpose, the Secretary of the Navy may make grants to support the purposes of Naval Sea Cadet Corps, a federally chartered corporation under chapter 1541 of title 36.

(Added Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title V, §592(a), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2337.)

**§ 7542. Excess clothing: sale for distribution to needy**

(a) Subject to regulations under section 121 of title 40, the Secretary of the Navy, under regula-

tions prescribed by him, may sell, at nominal prices, to recognized charitable organizations, to States and subdivisions thereof, and to municipalities nonregulation and excess clothing that may be available for distribution to the needy. The clothing may be sold only if the purchaser agrees not to resell it but to give it to the needy.

(b) A fair proportionate allotment of clothing to be sold under this section shall be set aside for distribution in each State and the District of Columbia. An allotment so set aside may not be sold for other distribution until at least 30 days after the allotment was made.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 465; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §513(39), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2934; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(33), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7542 .....	34 U.S.C. 546d.	Dec. 23, 1932, ch. 8, 47 Stat. 751; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(22), 65 Stat. 707.

In subsection (a) the words “absolutely free” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b) the words “for other distribution” are substituted for the words “distribution within any other State”. The words “at least” are added for clarity.

## AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-217 substituted “section 121 of title 40” for “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)”.

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)” for “section 486 of title 40”.

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

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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