

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

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.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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).

Subsection (d) is added to note the existence of a later act, codified in § 2572 of this title, which provides similar disposal authority, and to give effect to § 2 of the Act of February 27, 1948, ch. 76, 62 Stat. 37, which is not now contained in the U.S. Code, and which saves this section despite the apparent implied repeal.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 109-163 struck out “Territory,” after “A State.”.

2002—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-217, as amended by Pub. L. 107-314, substituted “section 121 of title 40” for “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)”.

2001—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(a)(1), inserted heading and substituted introductory provisions for provisions which read as follows: “Subject to regulations under section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486), the Secretary of the Navy, under regulations prescribed by him, may lend or give, without expense to the United States, captured, condemned, or obsolete ordnance material, books, manuscripts, works of art, drawings, plans, and models, other condemned or obsolete material, trophies, and flags, and other material of historic interest not needed by the Department of the Navy, to—”.

Subsec. (a)(1) to (12). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(a)(2), capitalized the first letter after the paragraph designation in each of pars. (1) to (12), substituted a period for a semicolon at end of pars. (1) to (10) and a period for “; or” at end of par. (11), substituted “a foreign war” for “World War I or World War II” in par. (5) and “servicemen’s monument” for “soldiers’ monument” in par. (6), and inserted “or memorial” after “museum” in par. (8).

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(b)(2), added subsecs. (b) and (c). Former subsecs. (b) and (c) redesignated (d) and (e), respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(b)(1), (c)(1), redesignated subsec. (b) as (d) and inserted heading.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(b)(1), (c)(2), redesignated subsec. (c) as (e) and inserted heading.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-107, § 1043(b)(3), added subsec. (f).

1996—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 104-106 redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “No loan or gift under this section may be made unless—

“(1) notice of the proposal to make the loan or gift is sent to Congress;

“(2) 30 calendar days of continuous session of Congress have expired after the notice was sent to Congress; and

“(3) during that 30-day period Congress does not pass a concurrent resolution stating in substance that it does not favor the proposed loan or gift.”

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513, § 513(39), substituted “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486),” for “section 486 of title 40”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-513, § 513(40), substituted “section 3301” for “section 366”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1062(e), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2651, provided that the amendment made by section 1062(e)(2) is effective as if included in Pub. L. 107-217 as originally enacted.

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.

**§ 7546. Loan or gift of articles to ships’ sponsors and donors**

The Secretary of the Navy, under regulations prescribed by him and without expense to the United States, may lend or give—

(1) to the sponsor of a vessel the name plate or any small article of negligible or sentimental value from that vessel; and

(2) to any State, group, or organization named in section 7545 of this title any article, material, or equipment, including silver service, given by it.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 466.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7546 .....	34 U.S.C. 546h (less applicability to 34 U.S.C. 546g).	Aug. 7, 1946, ch. 804, § 3 (less applicability to § 2), 60 Stat. 898.

The words “the sponsor” are substituted for the words “any individual who sponsored” for brevity. The word “ship” and the word “person” are omitted as surplusage. The words “the loans or gifts described in this section shall be made” are omitted as unnecessary, and the words “under regulations prescribed by him” are substituted for the words “subject to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy” for brevity.

**§ 7547. Equipment for instruction in seamanship: loan to military schools**

(a) Upon the application of the governor of any State having a seacoast or bordering on any of the Great Lakes, the President may direct