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Pub. L. 112-213, title II, §217(6), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1557.)

### Amendments

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112–213 struck out "of Homeland Security" after "Secretary".

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-296 substituted "of Homeland Security" for "of Transportation". Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted "this section"

for "his section".

1999—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted "under this section or any other provision of law providing for the presentation of a United States flag incident to release from active service for retirement." for "under this section or section 3681, 6141, and 8681 of title 10."

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107-296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### Effective Date

Section applicable with respect to releases from active duty described in this section and sections 3681, 6141, and 8641 of Title 10, Armed Forces, on or after Oct. 1, 1998, see section 644(e) of Pub. L. 105-261, set out as a note under section 3681 of Title 10.

## §517. Travel card management

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may require that travel or transportation allowances due a civilian employee or military member of the Coast Guard be disbursed directly to the issuer of a Federal contractor-issued travel charge card, but only in an amount not to exceed the authorized travel expenses charged by that Coast Guard member to that travel charge card issued to that employee or member.

(b) WITHHOLDING OF NONDISPUTED OBLIGA-TIONS.—The Secretary may also establish requirements similar to those established by the Secretary of Defense pursuant to section 2784a of title 10 for deduction or withholding of pay or retired pay from a Coast Guard employee, member, or retired member who is delinquent in payment under the terms of the contract under which the card was issued and does not dispute the amount of the delinquency.

(Added Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §210(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1036.)

## §518. Reimbursement for medical-related travel expenses for certain persons residing on islands in the continental United States

In any case in which a covered beneficiary (as defined in section 1072(5) of title 10) resides on an island that is located in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia and that lacks public access roads to the mainland and is referred by a primary care physician to a specialty care provider (as defined in section 1074i(b) of title 10) on the mainland who provides services less than 100 miles from the location where the beneficiary resides, the Secretary shall reimburse the reasonable travel expenses of the covered beneficiary and, when accompaniment by an adult is necessary, for a parent or guardian of the covered beneficiary or another member of the covered beneficiary's family who is at least 21 years of age.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §203(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2909.)

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### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 15 of this title, consisting of sections 561 to 576 and relating to Coast Guard discipline, was repealed by act May 5, 1950, ch. 169, \$14(v), 64 Stat. 148.

### Amendments

2012—Pub. L. 112–213, title II, §§210(b), 211(b), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1551, 1552, added items 569a and 577.

## SUBCHAPTER I-GENERAL PROVISIONS

### §561. Acquisition directorate

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Commandant of the Coast Guard shall establish an acquisition directorate to provide guidance and oversight for the implementation and management of all Coast Guard acquisition processes, programs, and projects.

(b) MISSION.—The mission of the acquisition directorate is—

(1) to acquire and deliver assets and systems that increase operational readiness, enhance mission performance, and create a safe working environment; and

(2) to assist in the development of a workforce that is trained and qualified to further the Coast Guard's missions and deliver the best-value products and services to the Nation.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title IV, §402(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2931.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 561, act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 538, related to limitations on punishment by commanding officer, prior to repeal by act May 5, 1950, ch. 169, \$ 5, 14(v), 64 Stat. 145, 148, effective May 31, 1951.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>So in original. "Sec." probably should not appear.