

- (i) would not undermine the ability of accident or safety investigators to continue to conduct the investigation; and
- (ii) would not compromise national security.

(3) **RESTRICTION.**—A disclosure under paragraph (1) may not be made by or through officials with responsibility for, or who are conducting, a safety investigation with respect to the accident.

(c) **OPINIONS REGARDING CAUSATION OF ACCIDENT.**—Following an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a)—

- (1) if the evidence surrounding the accident is sufficient for the investigators who conduct the accident investigation to come to an opinion as to the cause or causes of the accident, the final report of the accident investigation shall set forth the opinion of the investigators as to the cause or causes of the accident; and
- (2) if the evidence surrounding the accident is not sufficient for the investigators to come to an opinion as to the cause or causes of the accident, the final report of the accident investigation shall include a description of those factors, if any, that, in the opinion of the investigators, substantially contributed to or caused the accident.

(d) **USE OF INFORMATION IN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.**—For purposes of any civil or criminal proceeding arising from an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a), any opinion of the accident investigators as to the cause of, or the factors contributing to, the accident set forth in the accident investigation report may not be considered as evidence in such proceeding, nor may such report be considered an admission of liability by the United States or by any person referred to in such report.

(e) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this section—

- (1) the term “accident investigation” means any form of investigation by Coast Guard personnel of an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a), other than a safety investigation; and
- (2) the term “safety investigation” means an investigation by Coast Guard personnel of an aircraft accident referred to in subsection (a) that is conducted solely to determine the cause of the accident and to obtain information that may prevent the occurrence of similar accidents.

(Added Pub. L. 112-213, title II, §214(a), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1553.)

**CHAPTER 18—COAST GUARD HOUSING AUTHORITIES**

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**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(c), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920, substituted “Conveyance of real property”

for “Conveyance or lease of existing property and facilities” in item 685 and struck out items 682 “Direct loans and loan guarantees”, 683 “Leasing of housing to be constructed”, 684 “Limited partnerships in eligible entities”, 686 “Assignment of members of the armed forces to housing units”, 687a “Differential lease payments”, and 689 “Expiration of authority”.

2004—Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(f), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1035, substituted “Direct loans and loan guarantees” for “Loan guarantees” in item 682 and “eligible” for “nongovernmental” in item 684 and added item 687a.

**§ 680. Definitions**

In this chapter:

- (1) The term “construct” means to build, renovate, or improve military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.
- (2) The term “construction” means building, renovating, or improving military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.
- (3) The term “military unaccompanied housing” means military housing intended to be occupied by members of the armed forces serving a tour of duty unaccompanied by dependents.
- (4) The term “United States” includes the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(a), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(1), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919.)

**AMENDMENTS**

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 added pars. (1) and (2), redesignated former pars. (4) and (5) as (3) and (4), respectively, and struck out former pars. (1) to (3) which read as follows:

- “(1) The term ‘construction’ means the construction of military housing units and ancillary supporting facilities or the improvement or rehabilitation of existing units or ancillary supporting facilities.
- “(2) The term ‘contract’ includes any contract, lease, or other agreement entered into under the authority of this chapter.
- “(3) The term ‘eligible entity’ means any private person, corporation, firm, partnership, or company and any State or local government or housing authority of a State or local government.”

2004—Pars. (3) to (5). Pub. L. 108-293 added par. (3) and redesignated former pars. (3) and (4) as (4) and (5), respectively.

**SAVINGS CLAUSE**

Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(b), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2920, provided that: “This section [amending this section and sections 681, 685, 687, and 688 of this title and repealing sections 682 to 684, 686, 687a, and 689 of this title] shall not affect any action commenced prior to the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 15, 2010].”

**§ 681. General authority**

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—In addition to any other authority providing for the acquisition or construction of military family housing or military unaccompanied housing, the Secretary may acquire or construct the following:

- (1) Military family housing on or near Coast Guard installations within the United States and its territories and possessions.
- (2) Military unaccompanied housing on or near such Coast Guard installations.