

- (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.

(b) **LIMITATION ON APPROPRIATIONS.**—No appropriation shall be made to acquire or construct military family housing or military unaccompanied housing under this chapter if that acquisition or construction has not been approved by resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3909; amended Pub. L. 107-295, title IV, §402(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2113; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(2), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919.)

AMENDMENTS

2010—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(A), in introductory provisions, substituted “acquire or construct the following:” for “exercise any authority or any combination of authorities provided under this chapter in order to provide for the acquisition or construction by private persons, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)), of the following:”.

Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(B), substituted “Military family housing” for “Family housing units”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 111-281, §221(a)(2)(C), substituted “Military unaccompanied housing” for “Unaccompanied housing units”.

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-295 inserted “, including a small business concern qualified under section 8(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(a)),” after “private persons” in introductory provisions.

§§ 682 to 684. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(3), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919]

Section 682, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3910; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(b), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034, related to direct loans and loan guarantees.

Section 683, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3910, related to leasing of housing to be constructed.

Section 684, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3911; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, §207(c), Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1034, related to limited partnerships with eligible entities.

§ 685. Conveyance of real property

(a) **CONVEYANCE AUTHORIZED.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may convey, at fair market value, real property, owned or under the administrative control of the Coast Guard, for the purpose of expending the proceeds from such conveyance to acquire and construct military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(b) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS.**—

(1) The conveyance of real property under this section shall be by sale, for cash. The Secretary shall deposit the proceeds from the sale in the Coast Guard Housing Fund established under section 687 of this title, for the purpose of expending such proceeds to acquire and construct military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(2) The conveyance of real property under this section shall not diminish the mission capacity of the Coast Guard, but further the mission support capability of the Coast Guard with regard to military family housing or military unaccompanied housing.

(c) **RELATIONSHIP TO ENVIRONMENTAL LAW.**—This section does not affect or limit the application of or obligation to comply with any environmental law, including section 120(h) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9620(h)).

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3911; amended Pub. L. 106-400, §2, Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1675; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1299; Pub. L. 111-281, title II, §221(a)(4), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919; Pub. L. 111-350, §5(c)(4), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3847.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 111-350, which directed substitution of “division C (except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” for “title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” in subsec. (c)(1), could not be executed because of the prior general amendment of this section by Pub. L. 111-281. See 2010 Amendment note below.

2010—Pub. L. 111-281 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section authorized Secretary to convey or lease existing property and facilities under certain conditions.

2002—Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4)(A), substituted “Subtitle I of title 40 and title III of the” for “The” and “(41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” for “(40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.)”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(c)(4)(B), substituted “Section 1302 of title 40” for “Section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (commonly known as the Economy Act) (47 Stat. 412, chapter 314; 40 U.S.C. 303b)”.

2000—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 106-400 substituted “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act” for “Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act”.

§ 686. Repealed. Pub. L. 111-281, title II, § 221(a)(5), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2919]

Section, added Pub. L. 104-324, title II, §208(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3912; amended Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1087(g)(3)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-293, related to assignment of members of the armed forces to housing units.

§ 687. Coast Guard Housing Fund

(a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—There is hereby established on the books of the Treasury an account to be known as the Coast Guard Housing Fund (in this section referred to as the “Fund”).

(b) **CREDITS TO FUND.**—There shall be credited to the Fund the following:

(1) Amounts authorized for and appropriated to that Fund.

(2) Subject to subsection (e), any amounts that the Secretary transfers, in such amounts as provided in appropriation Acts, to that Fund from amounts authorized and appropriated to the Department of Homeland Security or Coast Guard for the acquisition or construction of military family housing or military unaccompanied housing.

(3) Proceeds from the conveyance of property under section 685 of this title for the purpose of carrying out activities under this chapter with respect to military family housing and military unaccompanied housing.

(c) **USE OF AMOUNTS IN FUND.**—(1) In such amounts as provided in appropriations Acts, and