

the highest rank and with the highest retired pay to which the officer is entitled under any other provision of law.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §247, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3090.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 853q of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3048. Continuation on active duty; deferral of retirement**

The provisions of subchapter IV of chapter 36 of title 10 relating to continuation on active duty and deferral of retirement shall apply to commissioned officers of the Administration.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §248, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3090.)

**§ 3049. Recall to active duty**

The provisions of chapter 39 of title 10 relating to recall of retired officers to active duty, including the limitations on such recalls, shall apply to commissioned officers of the Administration.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §249, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3090.)

SUBCHAPTER IV—SERVICE OF OFFICERS WITH THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

**§ 3061. Cooperation with and transfer to military departments**

**(a) Transfers of resources and officers during national emergency**

**(1) Transfers authorized**

The President may, whenever in the judgment of the President a sufficient national emergency exists, transfer to the service and jurisdiction of a military department such vessels, equipment, stations, and officers of the Administration as the President considers to be in the best interest of the country.

**(2) Responsibility for funding of transferred resources and officers**

After any such transfer all expenses connected therewith shall be defrayed out of the appropriations for the department to which the transfer is made.

**(3) Return of transferred resources and officers**

Such transferred vessels, equipment, stations, and officers shall be returned to the Administration when the national emergency ceases, in the opinion of the President.

**(4) Rule of construction**

Nothing in this section shall be construed as transferring the Administration or any of its functions from the Department of Commerce except in time of national emergency and to the extent provided in this section.

**(b) Limitation on transfer of officers**

This section does not authorize the transfer of an officer of the Administration to a military department if the accession or retention of that

officer in that military department is otherwise not authorized by law.

**(c) Status of transferred officers**

An officer of the Administration transferred under this section, shall, while under the jurisdiction of a military department, have proper military status and shall be subject to the laws, regulations, and orders for the government of the Army, Navy, or Air Force, as the case may be, insofar as the same may be applicable to persons whose retention permanently in the military service of the United States is not contemplated by law.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §251, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3090.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 855 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of President under this section delegated to Secretary of Commerce by section 1(k) of Ex. Ord. No. 11023, May 28, 1962, 27 F.R. 5131, as amended, set out as a note under section 301 of Title 3, The President.

**§ 3062. Relative rank of officers when serving with Army, Navy, or Air Force**

When serving with the Army, Navy, or Air Force, an officer of the Administration shall rank with and after officers of corresponding grade in the Army, Navy, or Air Force of the same length of service in grade. Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to affect or alter an officer's rates of pay and allowances when not assigned to military duty.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §252, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3091.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 856 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3063. Rules and regulations when cooperating with military departments**

**(a) Joint regulations**

The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Commerce shall jointly prescribe regulations—

(1) governing the duties to be performed by the Administration in time of war; and

(2) providing for the cooperation of the Administration with the military departments in time of peace in preparation for its duties in time of war.

**(b) Approval**

Regulations under subsection (a) of this section shall not be effective unless approved by each of those Secretaries.

**(c) Communications**

Regulations under subsection (a) of this section may provide procedures for making reports and communications between a military department and the Administration.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §253, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3091.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 858 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

## SUBCHAPTER V—RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

**§ 3071. Applicability of certain provisions of title 10****(a) Provisions made applicable to the corps**

The rules of law that apply to the Armed Forces under the following provisions of title 10, as those provisions are in effect from time to time, apply also to the commissioned officer corps of the Administration:

- (1) Chapter 40, relating to leave.
- (2) Section 533(b), relating to constructive service.
- (3) Section 716, relating to transfers between the armed forces and to and from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- (4) Section 1035, relating to deposits of savings.
- (5) Section 1036, relating to transportation and travel allowances for escorts for dependents of members.
- (6) Section 1052, relating to reimbursement for adoption expenses.
- (7) Section 1174a, relating to special separation benefits (except that benefits under subsection (b)(2)(B) of such section are subject to the availability of appropriations for such purpose and are provided at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce).
- (8) Chapter 61, relating to retirement or separation for physical disability.
- (9) Chapter 69, relating to retired grade, except sections 1370, 1375, and 1376.
- (10) Chapter 71, relating to computation of retired pay.
- (11) Chapter 73, relating to annuities based on retired or retainer pay.
- (12) Subchapter II of chapter 75, relating to death benefits.
- (13) Section 2634, relating to transportation of motor vehicles for members on permanent change of station.
- (14) Sections 2731 and 2735, relating to property loss incident to service.
- (15) Section 2771, relating to final settlement of accounts of deceased members.
- (16) Such other provisions of subtitle A of that title as may be adopted for applicability to the commissioned officer corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration by any other provision of law.

**(b) References**

The authority vested by title 10 in the “military departments”, “the Secretary concerned”, or “the Secretary of Defense” with respect to the provisions of law referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall be exercised, with respect to the commissioned officer corps of the Administration, by the Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary’s designee.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §261, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3091.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 857a of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3072. Eligibility for veterans benefits and other rights, privileges, immunities, and benefits under certain provisions of law****(a) In general**

Active service of officers of the Administration shall be deemed to be active military service for the purposes of all rights, privileges, immunities, and benefits under the following:

- (1) Laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.
- (2) The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act [50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq.].
- (3) Section 410 of title 42, as in effect before September 1, 1950.

**(b) Exercise of authority**

In the administration of the laws and regulations referred to in subsection (a) of this section, with respect to the Administration, the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments and their respective departments shall be exercised by the Secretary of Commerce.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §262, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3092; Pub. L. 108-189, §2(g), Dec. 19, 2003, 117 Stat. 2866.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), is act Oct. 17, 1940, ch. 888, 54 Stat. 1178, as amended, which is classified to section 501 et seq. of Title 50, Appendix, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 501 of Title 50, Appendix, and Tables.

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in sections 857 and 857-3(a) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

## AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 108-189 amended par. (2) generally substituting “The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act” for “The Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 App. U.S.C. 501 et seq.)”.

**§ 3073. Medical and dental care**

The Secretary may provide medical and dental care, including care in private facilities, for personnel of the Administration entitled to that care by law or regulation.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §263, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3093.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 857-3(b) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3074. Commissary privileges****(a) Extension of privilege**

Commissioned officers, ships’ officers, and members of crews of vessels of the Administration shall be permitted to purchase commissary and quartermaster supplies as far as available from the Armed Forces at the prices charged officers and enlisted members of the Armed Forces.

**(b) Sales of rations, stores, uniforms, and related equipment**

The Secretary may purchase ration supplies for messes, stores, uniforms, accouterments, and