of family members of the member in order to be reunited with the member.

- (e) ADMINISTRATION.—(1) The Secretary shall designate a single office in the Department of Defense to carry out this section. That office shall develop rules and procedures to facilitate the acceptance and distribution of travel benefits under this section.
- (2) For the use of travel benefits under subsection (d)(2) by family members of a member of the armed forces, the Secretary may, as the Secretary determines appropriate, limit—
  - (A) eligibility to family members who, by reason of affinity, degree of consanguinity, or otherwise, are sufficiently close in relationship to the member of the armed forces to justify the travel assistance;
  - (B) the number of family members who may travel: and
  - (C) the number of trips that family members may take.
- (3) The Secretary of Defense may, in an exceptional case, authorize a person not described in subsection (d)(2) to use a travel benefit accepted under this subsection to visit a member of the armed forces described in subsection (d)(1) if that person has a notably close relationship with the member. The travel benefit may be used by such person only in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as the Secretary determines appropriate and the rules established by the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the travel benefit.
- (f) Services of Nonprofit Organization.— The Secretary of Defense may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to use the services of the organization—
  - (1) to promote the donation of travel benefits under this section, except that amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense may not be expended for this purpose; and
  - (2) to assist in administering the collection, distribution, and use of travel benefits under this section.
- (g) Family Member Defined.—In this section, the term "family member" has the meaning given that term in section 481h(b)(1) of title 37. (Added Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, \$585(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1930; amended Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, \$1071(a)(20), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, \$576(a)-(d)(1), title VI, \$631(f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1428, 1429, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, \$1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

### CODIFICATION

Another section 2613 was renumbered section 2614 of

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2013—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112–239, \$1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112–81, \$631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, §576(d)(1), substituted "Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families" for "Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, and tickets; use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families" in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81, §576(a), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) defined travel benefit.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §576(b), substituted "the business entity referred to in subsection (b)" for "the air or surface carrier" and substituted "the business entity" for "the surface carrier" and for "the carrier".

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 112-81, §576(c), substituted "the business entity referred to in subsection (b)" for "the air carrier or surface carrier".

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112-81, 631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, 1076(a)(9), substituted "481h(b)(1)" for "411h(b)(1)".

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–364 substituted "In this" for "In the".

#### Effective Date of 2013 Amendment

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, \$1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–81 as enacted.

# § 2614. Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters

- (a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT.—(1) Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary concerned—
  - (1) may accept communications equipment for use in coordinating joint response and recovery operations with public safety agencies in the event of a disaster; and
  - (2) may accept services related to the operation and maintenance of such equipment.
- (b) REGULATIONS.—The authority under subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.
- (c) LIMITATIONS.—(1) Equipment may be accepted under subsection (a)(1) only to the extent that communications equipment under the control of the Secretary concerned at the potential disaster response site is inadequate to meet military requirements for communicating with public safety agencies during the period of response to the disaster.
- (2) Services may be accepted under subsection (a)(2) related to the operation and maintenance of communications equipment only to the extent that the necessary capabilities are not available to the military commander having custody of the equipment.
- (d) LIABILITY.—A person providing services accepted under this section may not be considered, by reason of the provision of such services, to be an officer, employee, or agent of the United States for any purpose.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, \$1051(a), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2053, \$2613; renumbered \$2614 and amended Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title X, \$1071(a)(19)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399.)

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2006—Pub. L. 109–364 renumbered section 2613 of this title as this section and redesignated the second subsec. (c) as (d).

## § 2615. Military museums and military education programs: cooperative agreement authority

- (a) USE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may enter into a cooperative agreement with a nonprofit entity for purposes related to—
  - (1) a military museum program; or
  - (2) the support of a military educational institution program.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subsection (a), an authorized cooperative agreement is described in section 6305 of title 31, except that the use of a cooperative agreement by the Secretary concerned is limited to nonprofit entities.

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(Added Pub. L. 112–239, div. B, title XXVIII, §2852(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2161.)			§ 1073(c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 784, 870, struck out item 2634 "Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for
CHAPTER 157—TRANSPORTATION		CHAPTER 157—TRANSPORTATION	members on change of permanent station or extended deployment", added item 2642, and struck out former item 2642 "Airlift services provided to certain other
	Sec.		agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement
	2631.	Supplies: preference to United States vessels.	rate".
	2631a.	Contingency planning: sealift and related	Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VI, §622(b), Jan. 2, 2013,
		intermodal transportation requirements.	126 Stat. 1781, substituted in item 2641b "Space-avail-
	2632.	Transportation to and from certain places of	able travel on Department of Defense aircraft: program
		employment and on military installations.	authorized and eligible recipients." for "Space-avail-
	2633.	Stevedoring and terminal services: vessels	able travel on Department of Defense aircraft: retired
		carrying cargo or passengers sponsored by	members residing in Commonwealths and possessions
		military department.	of the United States for certain health care services."
	[2634.	Repealed.]	2011—Pub. L. 111–383, div. A, title III, §352(f), Jan. 7,
	2635.	Medical emergency helicopter transportation	2011, 124 Stat. 4194, added items 2648 and 2649 and struck
		assistance and limitation of individual li-	out former items 2648 "Persons and supplies: sea trans-
		ability.	portation" and 2649 "Civilian passengers and commer-
	2636.	Deductions from amounts due carriers.	cial cargoes: transportation on Department of Defense
	2636a.	Loss or damage to personal property trans-	vessels''. 2008—Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title III, §374(b), Jan. 28,
		ported at Government expense: full replace-	2006—Fub. L. 110–161, div. A, title 111, \$574(b), 5an. 26, 2008, 122 Stat. 83, added item 2641b.
		ment value; deduction from amounts due carriers.	2004—Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, §1072(d)(1), Oct.
	2637.	Transportation in certain areas outside the	28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2058, added items 2648 to 2651.
	2001.	United States.	2003—Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title VI, §634(b), title X,
	2638.	Transportation of civilian clothing of enlisted	§1006(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1510, 1585, added item
	2000.	members.	2636a and amended item 2642 generally, substituting
	2639.	Transportation to and from school for certain	"Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use
		minor dependents.	of Department of Defense reimbursement rate" for
	2640.	Charter air transportation of members of the	"Reimbursement rate for airlift services provided to
		armed forces.	Central Intelligence Agency".
	2641.	Transportation of certain veterans on Depart-	2001—Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title V, §574(b), Dec. 28,
		ment of Defense aeromedical evacuation	2001, 115 Stat. 1122, added item 2647. 2000—Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1009(a)(2)],
	0041	aircraft.	Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-251, substituted "De-
	2641a.	Transportation of American Samoa veterans	ductions from amounts due carriers" for "Deductions
		on Department of Defense aircraft for certain medical care in Hawaii.	from carriers because of loss or damage to material in
	2641b.	Space-available travel on Department of De-	transit" in item 2636.
	20410.	fense aircraft: program authorized and eli-	1998—Pub. L. 105–262, title VIII, §8121(b), Oct. 17, 1998,
		gible recipients.	112 Stat. 2332, added item 2641a.
	2642.	Transportation services provided to certain	Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VIII, §813(b), Oct. 17, 1998,
		non-Department of Defense agencies and	112 Stat. 2087, added item 2646.
		entities: use of Department of Defense re-	1996—Pub. L. 104–201, div. A, title III, §368(a)(2)(B),
		imbursement rate.	title IX, §906(d)(1), title X, §1079(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110
	2643.	Commissary and exchange services: transpor-	Stat. 2498, 2620, 2670, substituted "Motor vehicles:
		tation overseas.	transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment" for "Motor
	2644.	Control of transportation systems in time of	vehicles: for members on change of permanent station"
	2245	war.	in item 2634 and added items 2644 and 2645.
	2645.	Indemnification of Department of Transpor-	Pub. L. 104–106, div. A, title III, §334(b), Feb. 10, 1996,
		tation for losses covered by vessel war risk	110 Stat. 262, added item 2643.
	2646.	insurance.	1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title XI, §1173(b), Nov. 30,
	2040.	Travel services: procurement for official and unofficial travel under one contract.	1993, 107 Stat. 1767, added item 2631a.
	2647.	Next-of-kin of persons unaccounted for from	1991—Pub. L. 102–88, title V, §501(b), Aug. 14, 1991, 105
	2011.	conflicts after World War II: transportation	Stat. 435, added item 2642.
		to annual meetings.	1990—Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title III, §326(a)(2), Nov.
	2648.	Persons and supplies: sea, land, and air trans-	5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1531, added item 2637.
		portation.	1987—Pub. L. 100–180, div. A, title XII, §1250(a)(2), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1168, added item 2641.
	2649.	Civilian passengers and commercial cargoes:	1986—Pub. L. 99–661, div. A, title XII, §1204(a)(2), Nov.
		transportation on Department of Defense	14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3971, added item 2640.
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2014—Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, §1071(f)(21), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3511, which directed substitution of "rate" for "rates" in item 2642, could not be executed because the word "rates" did not appear after the amendment by Pub. L. 113–291, §1044(c)(2). See below.

Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title X, \$1044(c)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3494, amended item 2642 generally, substituting "Transportation services provided to certain non-Department of Defense agencies and entities: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate" for "Transportation services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement

2013—Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, §621(g)(2), title X, §1073(c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 784, 870, struck out item ed  $\mathbf{r}$ ıt

Pub. L. 99-550, §2(a)(2), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3070, struck out item 2637 "Transportation between residence and place of work for senior defense officials".

1984—Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, §614(b), title XIV,

§1401(j)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2540, 2620, added items 2637 to 2639.

1982—Pub. L. 97-258, §2(b)(5)(A), Sept. 13, 1982, 96 Stat. 1053, added item 2636.

1979—Pub. L. 96–125, title VIII, \$807(c)(2), Nov. 26, 1979, 93 Stat. 950, inserted "and on military installations" after "places of employment" in item 2632. 1973—Pub. L. 93–155, title VIII, \$814(b), Nov. 16, 1973, 87 Stat. 621, added item 2635.