

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7294 .....	34 U.S.C. 498h (as applicable to vessels).	May 17, 1938, ch. 243, § 9 (as applicable to vessels), 52 Stat. 403.

The words “the United States would welcome and support an international conference for naval limitations” are omitted as a declaration of purpose without permanent or general significance. The word “further” is omitted since there is no such agreement in existence today. The word “international” is omitted as unnecessary since the word “treaty” necessarily involves an international understanding. The word “may” is substituted for the words “is hereby authorized and empowered to” for brevity.

**§ 7295. Vessels: under-age**

Vessels of the following types are considered under-age for the period after completion indicated below:

- (1) Battleships—26 years.
- (2) Aircraft carriers—20 years.
- (3) Cruisers—20 years.
- (4) Submarines—13 years.
- (5) Other combatant surface vessels—16 years.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449.)

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7295 .....	34 U.S.C. 498g-1.	June 14, 1940, ch. 364, § 7, 54 Stat. 395.

**[§ 7296. Repealed. Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title X, § 1061(27)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1584]**

Section, added Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title X, § 1021(b)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2638; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, § 1011, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1589, required notice before reduction in number of combatant surface vessels.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7296, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449, related to availability for other purposes of appropriations for construction or conversion of vessels, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(a)(5), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1707.

**§ 7297. Changing category or type: limitations**

Unless they have been specifically made available for the purpose, funds appropriated for the repair or alteration of naval vessels may not be used to make repairs or alterations of any vessel that would change its category or type.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449.)

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7297 .....	34 U.S.C. 490.	June 12, 1948, ch. 452, § 2, 62 Stat. 382.

**[§ 7298. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(a)(6), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1707]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449, related to conversion of combatant and auxiliary naval vessels.

**§ 7299. Contracts: applicability of chapter 65 of title 41**

Each contract for the construction, alteration, furnishing, or equipping of a naval vessel is subject to chapter 65 of title 41 unless the President determines that this requirement is not in the interest of national defense.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, § 815(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 396; amended Pub. L. 111-350, § 5(b)(52), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3846.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7299, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449; Aug. 25, 1958, Pub. L. 85-747, 72 Stat. 839; Dec. 12, 1980, Pub. L. 96-513, title V, § 513(26), 94 Stat. 2932; Oct. 12, 1982, Pub. L. 97-295, § 1(47), 96 Stat. 1298, directed that each contract for construction, alteration, furnishing, or equipping of naval vessel was subject to the Walsh-Healey Act, unless President determined that such requirement was not in interest of national defense, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 103-355, title III, § 3023(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3333.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-350 substituted “chapter 65 of title 41” for “Walsh-Healey Act” in section catchline and for “the Walsh-Healey Act (41 U.S.C. 35 et seq.)” in text.

**§ 7299a. Construction of combatant and escort vessels and assignment of vessel projects**

(a) The assignment of naval vessel conversion, alteration, and repair projects shall be based on economic and military considerations and may not be restricted by a requirement that certain parts of naval shipwork be assigned to a particular type of shipyard or geographical area or by a similar requirement.

(b) In evaluating bids or proposals for a contract for the overhaul, repair, or maintenance of a naval vessel, the Secretary of the Navy shall, in determining the cost or price of work to be performed in an area outside the area of the homeport of the vessel, consider foreseeable costs of moving the vessel and its crew from the homeport to the outside area and from the outside area back to the homeport at the completion of the contract.

(c)(1) Before issuing a solicitation for a contract for short-term work for the overhaul, repair, or maintenance of a naval vessel, the Secretary of the Navy shall determine if there is adequate competition available among firms able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel. If the Secretary determines that there is adequate competition among such firms, the Secretary—

(A) shall issue such a solicitation only to firms able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel; and

(B) may not award such contract to a firm other than a firm that will perform the work at the homeport of the vessel.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other provision of law.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of voyage repairs.

(4) In this subsection, the term “short-term work” means work that will be for a period of six months or less.

(Added Pub. L. 97-295, § 1(48)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1298; amended Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title

XII, § 1201(a), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3967; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XI, § 1101, Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1145; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1422, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1682; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title X, § 1016, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2485.)

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7299a .....	10:7291 (note).	June 11, 1965, Pub. L. 89-37, §§ 302, 303, 79 Stat. 128.

In subsection (a), the words “combatant vessels” are substituted for “warships” for consistency in title 10 and because of 1:3. The words “for which appropriations are authorized by this Act and hereafter” are omitted as unnecessary.

## AMENDMENTS

1992—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-484, § 1016(a), (b)(1), redesignated subsec. (b) as (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which read as follows: “The distribution of assignments and contracts for the construction of combatant vessels and escort vessels is subject to the Act of March 27, 1934 (ch. 95, 48 Stat. 503), requiring that the first and each succeeding alternate vessel be constructed in a Navy yard. However, the President may direct that a vessel be constructed in a Navy or private yard if the requirement of this subsection is inconsistent with the public interest.”

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-484, § 1016(b)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b). Former subsec. (b) redesignated (a).

Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 102-484, § 1016(b), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and substituted “subsection (a)” for “subsection (b)” in par. (2). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (b).

1990—Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “apply in the case of voyage repairs.” for “apply—

“(A) in the case of voyage repairs; or

“(B) in the case of a vessel that is assigned to the Naval Reserve force and homeported on the West Coast of the United States.”

1987—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 100-180 amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (d) read as follows:

“(1) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), the Secretary may award a contract for short-term work for the overhaul, repair, or maintenance of a naval vessel only to a contractor that is able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel, if the Secretary determines that adequate competition is available among firms able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel.

“(2) In this subsection, the term ‘short-term work’ means work that will be for a period of six months or less.”

1986—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 99-661 added subsecs. (c) and (d).

## DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

For delegation of authority of President under subsec. (a) of this section, see section 2 of Ex. Ord. No. 12765, June 11, 1991, 56 F.R. 27401, set out as a note under section 113 of this title.

### § 7300. Contracts for nuclear ships: sales of naval shipyard articles and services to private shipyards

The conditions set forth in section 2208(j)(1)(B) of this title and subsections (a)(1) and (c)(1)(A) of section 2563 of this title shall not apply to a sale by a naval shipyard of articles or services to a private shipyard that is made at the request of the private shipyard in order to facilitate the private shipyard’s fulfillment of a Department of Defense contract with respect to a nuclear

ship. This section does not authorize a naval shipyard to construct a nuclear ship for the private shipyard, to perform a majority of the work called for in a contract with a private entity, or to provide articles or services not requested by the private shipyard.

(Added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1016(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 744; amended Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title X, § 1033(c)(3)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-261.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 7300, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 450, related to profit limitations on contracts for construction of naval vessels, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 97-86, title IX, § 911(b)(1), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1122.

## AMENDMENTS

2000—Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “section 2563” for “section 2553”.

### § 7301. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VIII, § 824(a)(7), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1707]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 450, related to estimates required for bids on construction of naval vessels.

### § 7302. Repealed. Pub. L. 103-355, title III, § 3024(a), Oct. 13, 1994, 108 Stat. 3334]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451, directed Department of the Navy to construct on U.S. Pacific Coast such vessels as President determined necessary to maintain shipyard facilities there adequate to meet requirements of national defense.

### § 7303. Model Basin; investigation of hull designs

(a) An office or agency in the Department of the Navy designated by the Secretary of the Navy shall conduct at the David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, investigations to determine the most suitable shapes and forms for United States vessels and aircraft and investigations of other problems of their design.

(b) The Secretary of the Navy may authorize experiments to be made at the Model Basin for private persons. The costs of experiments made for private persons shall be paid by those persons under regulations prescribed by the Secretary. The results of private experiments are confidential and may not be divulged without the consent of the persons for whom they are made. However, the data obtained from such experiments may be used by the Secretary for governmental purposes, subject to the patent laws of the United States.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451; Pub. L. 89-718, § 41, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1120.)

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7303 .....	5 U.S.C. 430a.	May 6, 1936, ch. 333, 49 Stat. 1263; June 20, 1940, ch. 400, § 1(a), (b), 54 Stat. 492.

In subsection (a) the authority to purchase a site and construct the model basin is omitted as executed. The words “David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland” are inserted to designate the model basin established under this authority. The words “investigations to determine” are substituted for the words “work of