

tigation of an accident involving an aircraft under the jurisdiction of the Commandant, the records and report of the investigation shall be treated in accordance with this section.

(b) PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION INFORMATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the Commandant, upon request, shall publicly disclose unclassified tapes, scientific reports, and other factual information pertinent to an aircraft accident investigation.

(2) CONDITIONS.—The Commandant shall only disclose information requested pursuant to paragraph (1) if the Commandant determines—

(A) that such tapes, reports, or other information would be included within and releasable with the final accident investigation report; and

(B) that release of such tapes, reports, or other information—

(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.)

### § 679. Inventory of real property

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30, 2015, the Commandant shall establish an inventory of all real property, including submerged lands, under the control of the Coast Guard, which shall include—

(1) the size, the location, and any other appropriate description of each unit of such property;

(2) an assessment of the physical condition of each unit of such property, excluding lands;

(3) a determination of whether each unit of such property should be—

(A) retained to fulfill a current or projected Coast Guard mission requirement; or

(B) subject to divestiture; and

(4) other information the Commandant considers appropriate.

(b) INVENTORY MAINTENANCE.—The Commandant shall—

(1) maintain the inventory required under subsection (a) on an ongoing basis; and

(2) update information on each unit of real property included in such inventory not later than 30 days after any change relating to the control of such property.

(c) RECOMMENDATIONS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than March 30, 2016, and every 5 years thereafter, the Commandant shall submit to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate a report that includes—

(1) a list of all real property under the control of the Coast Guard and the location of such property by property type;

(2) recommendations for divestiture with respect to any units of such property; and

(3) recommendations for consolidating any units of such property, including—

(A) an estimate of the costs or savings associated with each recommended consolidation; and

(B) a discussion of the impact that such consolidation would have on Coast Guard mission effectiveness.

(Added Pub. L. 113–281, title II, §217(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3035.)

### § 680.<sup>1</sup> Retired service members and dependents serving on advisory committees

A committee that—

(1) advises or assists the Coast Guard with respect to a function that affects a member of the Coast Guard or a dependent of such a member; and

(2) includes in its membership a retired Coast Guard member or a dependent of such a retired member;

shall not be considered an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.) solely because of such membership.

<sup>1</sup> Another section 680 is set out in chapter 18 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §218(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3036.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Federal Advisory Committee Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, which is set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

### 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.<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup>Another section 680 has been enacted in chapter 17 of this title.

“(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,