

§ 454. Travel and transportation: pilot programs

(a) **PILOT PROGRAMS.**—Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the Secretary of Defense may conduct pilot programs to evaluate alternative travel and transportation programs, policies, and processes for Department of Defense authorized travelers. Any such pilot program shall be designed to enhance cost savings or other efficiencies that accrue to the Government and be conducted so as to evaluate one or more of the following:

- (1) Alternative methods for performing and reimbursing travel.
- (2) Means for limiting the need for travel.
- (3) Means for reducing the environmental impact of travel.

(b) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) Not more than three pilot programs may be carried out under subsection (a) at any one time.

(2) The duration of a pilot program may not exceed four years.

(3) The authority to carry out a pilot program is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

(c) **REPORTS.**—(1) Not later than 30 days before the commencement of a pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth a description of the pilot program, including the following:

- (A) The purpose of the pilot program.
- (B) The duration of the pilot program.
- (C) The cost savings or other efficiencies anticipated to accrue to the Government under the pilot program.

(2) Not later than 60 days after the completion of a pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth the following:

- (A) A description of results of the pilot program.
- (B) Such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary considers appropriate in light of the pilot program.

(d) **CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “congressional defense committees” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16) of title 10.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1458.)

§ 455. Appropriations for travel: may not be used for attendance at certain meetings

Appropriations of the Department of Defense that are available for travel may not, without the approval of the Secretary concerned or his designee, be used for expenses incident to attendance of a member of an armed force under that department at a meeting of a technical, scientific, professional, or similar organization.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 476, § 412; renumbered § 455, Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(d)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
412	5:174a.	Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 305, § 605, 67 Stat. 349.

The words “may not . . . be used” are substituted for the words “shall not be available”. The words “on and after August 1, 1953” are omitted as executed. The words “Secretary concerned” are substituted for the words “Secretary of the department concerned” to conform to other sections of this revised title and to the definition in section 101(5) of this revised title. So much of the source statute as relates to civilian employees is omitted as superseded by the Act of July 7, 1958, Pub. L. 85-507, 72 Stat. 327.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Act Aug. 1, 1953, cited as the source of this section in the Historical and Revision Notes above, is known as the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1954. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

- July 10, 1952, ch. 630, title VI, § 606, 66 Stat. 531.
- Oct. 18, 1951, ch. 512, title VI, § 606, 65 Stat. 445.
- Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. X, title VI, § 607, 64 Stat. 752.
- Oct. 29, 1949, ch. 787, title VI, § 607, 63 Stat. 1018.
- June 24, 1948, ch. 632, 62 Stat. 652.
- July 30, 1947, ch. 357, title I, 61 Stat. 554.
- July 16, 1946, ch. 583, 60 Stat. 545.
- July 3, 1945, ch. 265, 59 Stat. 388.
- June 28, 1944, ch. 303, 58 Stat. 577.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 renumbered section 412 of this title as this section.

SUBCHAPTER II—ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

§ 461. Relationship to other travel and transportation authorities

An authorized traveler may not be paid travel and transportation allowances or receive travel-in-kind and transportation-in-kind, or a combination thereof, under both subchapter I and subchapter III for official travel performed under a single or related travel and transportation order or authorization by the administering Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

§ 462. Travel and transportation allowances paid to members that are unauthorized or in excess of authorized amounts: requirement for repayment

(a) **REPAYMENT REQUIRED.**—Except as provided in subsection (b), a member of the uniformed services or other person who is paid travel and transportation allowances under subchapter I shall repay to the United States any amount of such payment that is determined to be unauthorized or in excess of the applicable authorized amount.

(b) **EXCEPTION.**—The regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title shall specify procedures for determining the circumstances under which an exception to repayment otherwise required by subsection (a) may be granted.

(c) **EFFECT OF BANKRUPTCY.**—An obligation to repay the United States under this section is,