

(d) **GRADE UPON RELEASE FROM ACTIVE DUTY.**—A member ordered to active duty under section 688 or 688a of this title who, while on active duty, is promoted to a grade that is higher than that member's retired grade is entitled, upon that member's release from that tour of active duty, to placement on the retired list in the highest grade in which the member served on active duty satisfactorily, as determined by the Secretary of the military department concerned, for not less than six months.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §521(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2516; amended Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §503(b)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2531.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 689 was renumbered section 12320 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 688(b) and (d) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-201, §521(a).

#### AMENDMENTS

2002—Subsecs. (a), (b), (c)(1), (d). Pub. L. 107-314 inserted “or 688a” after “section 688”.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 30, 1997, see section 521(b) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 688 of this title.

#### APPLICABILITY

Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §503(b)(2), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2531, provided that: “The provisions of section 689(d) of title 10, United States Code, shall apply with respect to an officer ordered to active duty under section 501 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65; 113 Stat. 589) before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 2, 2002] in the same manner as such provisions apply to an officer ordered to active duty under section 688 of such title.”

### § 690. Retired members ordered to active duty: limitation on number

(a) **GENERAL AND FLAG OFFICERS.**—Not more than 15 retired general officers of the Army, Air Force, or Marine Corps, and not more than 15 retired flag officers of the Navy, may be on active duty at any one time. For the purposes of this subsection a retired officer ordered to active duty for a period of 60 days or less is not counted.

(b) **LIMITATION BY SERVICE.**—(1) Not more than 25 officers of any one armed force may be serving on active duty concurrently pursuant to orders to active duty issued under section 688 of this title.

(2) In the administration of paragraph (1), the following officers shall not be counted:

(A) A chaplain who is assigned to duty as a chaplain for the period of active duty to which ordered.

(B) A health care professional (as characterized by the Secretary concerned) who is assigned to duty as a health care professional for the period of the active duty to which ordered.

(C) Any officer assigned to duty with the American Battle Monuments Commission for the period of active duty to which ordered.

(D) Any member of the Retiree Council of the Army, Navy, or Air Force for the period on

active duty to attend the annual meeting of the Retiree Council.

(E) An officer who is assigned to duty as a defense attaché or service attaché for the period of active duty to which ordered.

(c) **WAIVER FOR PERIODS OF WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**—Subsection (a) does not apply in time of war or of national emergency declared by Congress or the President after November 30, 1980. Subsection (b) does not apply in time of war or of national emergency declared by Congress or the President.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title V, §521(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2516; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title V, §507, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 591; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, §509(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1091.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 690 was renumbered section 12321 of this title.

Provisions similar to those in subsecs. (a) and (c) of this section were contained in section 688(c) of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-201, §521(a).

#### AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (b)(2)(E). Pub. L. 107-107 added subpar. (E).

1999—Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 106-65 added subpar. (D).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-107 applicable with respect to officers serving on active duty as a defense attaché or service attaché on or after Dec. 28, 2001, see section 509(c) of Pub. L. 107-107, set out as a note under section 688 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Sept. 30, 1997, see section 521(b) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 688 of this title.

### § 691. Permanent end strength levels to support two major regional contingencies

(a) The end strengths specified in subsection (b) are the minimum strengths necessary to enable the armed forces to fulfill a national defense strategy calling for the United States to be able to successfully conduct two nearly simultaneous major regional contingencies.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, the number of members of the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) on active duty at the end of any fiscal year shall be not less than the following:

- (1) For the Army, 475,000.
- (2) For the Navy, 329,200.
- (3) For the Marine Corps, 184,000.
- (4) For the Air Force, 317,000.

(c) The budget for the Department of Defense for any fiscal year as submitted to Congress shall include amounts for funding for each of the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) at least in the amounts necessary to maintain the active duty end strengths prescribed in subsection (b), as in effect at the time that such budget is submitted.

(d) No funds appropriated to the Department of Defense may be used to implement a reduction of the active duty end strength for any of

the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) for any fiscal year below the level specified in subsection (b) unless the reduction in end strength for that armed force for that fiscal year is specifically authorized by law.

(e) The Secretary of Defense may reduce a number specified in subsection (b) by not more than 2 percent.

(f) The number of members of the armed forces on active duty shall be counted for purposes of this section in the same manner as applies under section 115(a)(1) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title IV, §401(b)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 285; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title IV, §402, Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2503; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title IV, §402, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1719; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title IV, §402(a), (b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 1995, 1996; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IV, §402(a), title X, §1066(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 585, 772; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IV, §§402(a), 403], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-92; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title IV, §402, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1069; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title IV, §402, Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2524; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title IV, §402, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1450; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title IV, §402, Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1862; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IV, §402, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3219; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title IV, §402, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2169; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title IV, §402, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 86; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title IV, §402, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4428; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title IV, §402, Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2265; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title IV, §402, Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4202; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title IV, §402, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1382; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title IV, §402, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1708; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title IV, §402(a), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 744; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title IV, §402, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3349; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title IV, §402, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 801.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 114-92, §402(1), substituted “475,000” for “490,000” in par. (1), “329,200” for “323,600” in par. (2), “184,000” for “184,100” in par. (3), and “317,000” for “310,900” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-92, §402(2), substituted “2 percent” for “0.5 percent”.

2014—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “490,000” for “510,000” in par. (1), “184,100” for “188,000” in par. (3), and “310,900” for “327,600” in par. (4).

2013—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-66 substituted “510,000” for “542,700” in par. (1), “323,600” for “322,700” in par. (2), “188,000” for “193,500” in par. (3), and “327,600” for “329,460” in par. (4).

Pub. L. 112-239, §402(a), substituted “542,700” for “547,400” in par. (1), “322,700” for “325,700” in par. (2), “193,500” for “202,100” in par. (3), and “329,460” for “332,800” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112-239, §402(b), added subsec. (e). 2011—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “325,700” for “324,300” in par. (2) and “332,800” for “332,200” in par. (4).

Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “324,300” for “328,800” in par. (2) and “332,200” for “331,700” in par. (4).

2009—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “547,400” for “532,400” in par. (1), “328,800” for “325,300” in par. (2), “202,100” for “194,000” in par. (3), and “331,700” for “317,050” in par. (4).

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “532,400” for “525,400” in par. (1), “325,300” for “328,400” in par. (2), “194,000” for “189,000” in par. (3), and “317,050” for “328,600” in par. (4).

Pub. L. 110-181 substituted “525,400” for “502,400” in par. (1), “328,400” for “340,700” in par. (2), “189,000” for “180,000” in par. (3), and “328,600” for “334,200” in par. (4).

2006—Subsec. (b)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “340,700” for “352,700” in par. (2), “180,000” for “179,000” in par. (3), and “334,200” for “357,400” in par. (4).

Pub. L. 109-163 substituted “352,700” for “365,900” in par. (2), “179,000” for “178,000” in par. (3), and “357,400” for “359,700” in par. (4).

2004—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “502,400” for “482,400” in par. (1), “365,900” for “373,800” in par. (2), “178,000” for “175,000” in par. (3), and “359,700” for “359,300” in par. (4).

2003—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-136, §402(1), substituted “482,400” for “480,000”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-136, §402(2), substituted “373,800” for “375,700”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 108-136, §402(3), substituted “359,300” for “359,000”.

2002—Subsec. (b)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 107-314, §402(a), substituted “375,700” for “376,000” in par. (2), “175,000” for “172,600” in par. (3), and “359,000” for “358,800” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 107-314, §402(b), struck out subsec. (e) which read as follows: “For a fiscal year for which the active duty end strength authorized by law pursuant to section 115(a)(1)(A) of this title for any of the armed forces is identical to or greater than the number applicable to that armed force under subsection (b), the Secretary of Defense may reduce that number by not more than 0.5 percent.”

2001—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 107-107, §402(1), substituted “376,000” for “372,000”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 107-107, §402(2), substituted “358,800” for “357,000”.

2000—Subsec. (b)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IV, §402(a)], substituted “372,000” for “371,781” in par. (2), “172,600” for “172,148” in par. (3), and “357,000” for “360,877” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IV, §403], inserted “or greater than” after “identical to”.

1999—Subsec. (b)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 106-65, §402(a), substituted “371,781” for “372,696” in par. (2), “172,148” for “172,200” in par. (3), and “360,877” for “370,802” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 106-65, §1066(b)(1), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 105-261, §402(b). See 1998 Amendment note below.

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-261, §402(a), substituted “480,000” for “495,000” in par. (1), “372,696” for “390,802” in par. (2), “172,200” for “174,000” in par. (3), and “370,802” for “371,577” in par. (4).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-261, §402(b), as amended by Pub. L. 106-65, §1066(b)(1), substituted “0.5 percent” for “1 percent or, in the case of the Army, by not more than 1.5 percent.”

1997—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 105-85, §402(a)(1), substituted “390,802” for “395,000”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 105-85, §402(a)(2), substituted “371,577” for “381,000”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 105-85, §402(b), inserted “or, in the case of the Army, by not more than 1.5 percent” before period at end.

1996—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-201, §402(a)(2), added subsec. (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “No funds appropriated to the Department of Defense may be used to implement a reduction of the active duty end strength for any of the armed forces for any fiscal year below the level specified in subsection (b) unless the Secretary of Defense submits to Congress notice of the proposed lower end strength levels and a justification for those levels. No action may then be taken to implement such a reduction for that fiscal year until the end of the six-month period beginning on the date of the receipt of such notice by Congress.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-201, §402(a)(2), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) redesignated (e).

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 104-201, §402(a)(1), (b), redesignated subsec. (d) as (e) and substituted “not more than

1 percent” for “not more than 0.5 percent”. Former subsec. (e) redesignated (f).

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-201, §402(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (e) as (f).

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2000 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title IV, §402(b)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-92, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2000.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IV, §402(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 585, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1999.”

Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1066(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 772, provided that the amendment made by section 1066(b) is effective Oct. 17, 1998, and as if included in the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Pub. L. 105-261, as enacted.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title IV, §402(c), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 1996, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1998.”

#### TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

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#### AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, §532(b), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4216, added item 705a.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §621(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1505, struck out “enlisted” before “members” in item 705.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §§506(d), 572(b), 574(b)(2)(B), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2536, 2558, substituted “Rest and recuperation absence: qualified enlisted members extending duty at designated locations overseas” for “Rest and recuperative absence for qualified enlisted members extending duty at designated locations overseas” in item 705, added items 706, 707a, and 709, and struck out former item 706 “Administration of leave required to be taken pending review of certain court-martial convictions”.

1984—Pub. L. 98-525, title VII, §707(a)(2), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2572, added item 708.

1981—Pub. L. 97-81, §2(b)(2), Nov. 20, 1981, 95 Stat. 1087, added items 706 and 707.

1980—Pub. L. 96-579, §5(b)(2), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3367, added item 705.

#### PILOT PROGRAMS ON CAREER FLEXIBILITY TO ENHANCE RETENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title V, §533, Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4449, as amended by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §531, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1403, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title V, §522, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1722, 1948; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title V, §522, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3360; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title V, §523, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 812, provided that:

“(a) PILOT PROGRAMS AUTHORIZED.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Each Secretary of a military department may carry out pilot programs under which officers and enlisted members of the regular components and members on active Guard and Reserve duty of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of such Secretary may be inactivated from active duty in order to meet personal or professional needs and returned to active duty at the end of such period of inactivation from active duty.

“(2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the pilot programs under this section shall be to evaluate whether permitting inactivation from active duty and greater flexibility in career paths for members of the Armed Forces will provide an effective means to enhance retention of members of the Armed Forces and the capacity of the Department of Defense to respond to the personal and professional needs of individual members of the Armed Forces.

“(b) PERIOD OF INACTIVATION FROM ACTIVE DUTY; EFFECT OF INACTIVATION.—

“(1) LIMITATION.—The period of inactivation from active duty under a pilot program under this section of a member participating in the pilot program shall be such period as the Secretary of the military department concerned shall specify in the agreement of the member under subsection (c), except that such period may not exceed three years.

“(2) EXCLUSION FROM COMPUTATION OF RESERVE OFFICER’S TOTAL YEARS OF SERVICE.—Any service by a Reserve officer while participating in a pilot program under this section shall be excluded from computation of the officer’s total years of service pursuant to section 14706(a) of title 10, United States Code.

“(3) RETIREMENT AND RELATED PURPOSES.—Any period of participation of a member in a pilot program under this section shall not count toward—

“(A) eligibility for retirement or transfer to the Ready Reserve under either chapter 571 or 1223 of title 10, United States Code; or

“(B) computation of retired or retainer pay under chapter 71 or 1223 of title 10, United States Code.

“(c) AGREEMENT.—Each member of the Armed Forces who participates in a pilot program under this section shall enter into a written agreement with the Secretary of the military department concerned under which agreement that member shall agree as follows:

“(1) To accept an appointment or enlist, as applicable, and serve in the Ready Reserve of the Armed Force concerned during the period of the member’s inactivation from active duty under the pilot program.

“(2) To undergo during the period of the inactivation of the member from active duty under the pilot program such inactive duty training as the Secretary concerned shall require in order to ensure that the member retains proficiency, at a level determined by the Secretary concerned to be sufficient, in the member’s military skills, professional qualifications, and physical readiness during the inactivation of the member from active duty.

“(3) Following completion of the period of the inactivation of the member from active duty under the