

for “Inspection of Retirement Home” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 112–81, § 566(1), substituted “Not less often than once every three years,” for “In any year in which a facility of the Retirement Home is not inspected by a nationally recognized civilian accrediting organization,” and “of each facility of the Retirement Home” for “of that facility” and inserted “long-term care,” after “assisted living.”

Pub. L. 112–81, § 563(b)(3)(A)(i), substituted “Advisory Council or the Resident Advisory Committee” for “Local Board for the facility or the resident advisory committee or council”.

Subsec. (b)(3). Pub. L. 112–81, § 563(b)(3)(A)(ii), substituted “Advisory Council, the Resident Advisory Committee” for “Local Board for the facility, the resident advisory committee or council”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 112–81, § 564(b)(1), substituted “Administrator” for “Director”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112–81, § 564(b)(1), substituted “Administrator” for “Director” in two places.

Subsec. (c)(1). Pub. L. 112–81, § 566(2)(A), substituted “90 days” for “45 days”.

Pub. L. 112–81, § 563(b)(3)(B), substituted “Advisory Council” for “Local Board for the facility”.

Subsec. (c)(2). Pub. L. 112–81, § 566(2)(B), added par. (2) and struck out former par. (2) which read as follows: “Not later than 45 days after receiving a report of the Inspector General under paragraph (1), the Administrator of the facility concerned shall submit to the Secretary of Defense, the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Chief Operating Officer, and the Local Board for the facility, and to Congress, a plan to address the recommendations and other matters set forth in the report.”

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 112–81, § 564(b)(1), substituted “Administrator” for “Director”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 112–81, § 566(3), substituted “60 days” for “45 days” and “Chief Operating Officer shall submit to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Senior Medical Advisor” for “Director of the facility concerned shall submit to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the Chief Operating Officer”.

Pub. L. 112–81, § 563(b)(3)(C), substituted “Advisory Council” for “Local Board for the facility”.

2008—Pub. L. 110–181 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (c) relating to triennial inspections, alternating duties of Inspectors General, and inspection reports.

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107–107 substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Retirement Home Board”.

1998—Pub. L. 105–261 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Inspector General of the Department of Defense shall—

“(1) conduct, not later than three years after the effective date specified in section 1541(a) (and at six-year intervals thereafter), an inspection of the Retirement Home and the records of the Retirement Home;

“(2) cause the Inspector Generals of the military departments to conduct an inspection of the Retirement Home and its records at six-year intervals alternating with the inspections by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense so that each home is inspected every three years; and

“(3) submit to the Retirement Home Board, the Secretary of Defense, and Congress a report describing the results of the inspection and containing such recommendations as the Inspector General considers appropriate.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective one year after Nov. 5, 1990, see section 1541(a) of Pub. L. 101–510, formerly set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

FIRST INSPECTION

Pub. L. 105–261, div. A, title X, § 1042(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2125, provided that: “The first inspection

under section 1518 of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Act of 1991 [24 U.S.C. 418], as amended by subsection (a), shall be carried out during fiscal year 1999.”

§ 419. Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund

(a) Establishment

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund to be known as the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund. The Fund shall consist of the following:

(1) Such amounts as may be transferred to the Fund.

(2) Moneys deposited in the Fund by the Chief Operating Officer realized from gifts or from the disposition of property and facilities.

(3) Amounts deposited in the Fund as monthly fees paid by residents of the Retirement Home under section 414 of this title.

(4) Amounts of fines and forfeitures deposited in the Fund under section 2772 of title 10.

(5) Amounts deposited in the Fund as deductions from the pay of enlisted members, warrant officers, and limited duty officers under section 1007(i) of title 37.

(6) Interest from investments made under subsection (c).

(b) Availability and use of Fund

Amounts in the Fund shall be available solely for the operation of the Retirement Home.

(c) Investments

The Secretary of the Treasury may invest in obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States any monies in the Fund that the Chief Operating Officer determines are not currently needed to pay for the operation of the Retirement Home.

(d) Reporting requirements

The Chief Financial Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home shall comply with the reporting requirements of subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 31.

(Pub. L. 101–510, div. A, title XV, § 1519, Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1730; Pub. L. 107–107, div. A, title XIV, §§ 1404(b)(2), 1410(a)(2), (b)(2), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1260, 1266; Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title XIV, § 1422(g), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 423; Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title V, § 567(b)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1425.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 112–81 substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Retirement Home Board”.

2008—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 110–181 added subsec. (d).

2001—Pub. L. 107–107, § 1410(a)(2), inserted “Armed Forces” before “Retirement Home Trust Fund” in section catchline.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107–107, § 1404(b)(2), substituted “Chief Operating Officer” for “Director”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107–107, § 1410(b)(2), struck out heading and text of subsec. (d). Text read as follows:

“(1) During the period beginning on November 5, 1990, and ending on September 30, 1994, the Fund shall contain a separate account for each establishment of the Retirement Home. During that period, contributions shall be collected under subsection (a) of this section for the account of the Naval Home for the purpose of achieving a trust fund five times the estimated annual operating budget of the Naval Home.

“(2) Beginning on November 5, 1990, funds required for the operation of the United States Soldiers’ and Air-

men's Home shall be drawn from the appropriate account. Beginning on October 1, 1991, funds required for the operation of the Naval Home shall be drawn from the account of the Naval Home.

“(3) During the period beginning on November 5, 1990, and ending on September 30, 1994—

“(A) amounts collected as monthly fees paid by residents of the Naval Home and amounts referred to in subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) of this section derived from enlisted members, warrant officers, and limited duty officers of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard shall be credited to the account relating to that establishment; and

“(B) amounts collected as monthly fees paid by residents of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home and amounts referred to in subsections (a)(4) and (a)(5) of this section derived from members and warrant officers of the Army and Air Force shall be credited to the account relating to that establishment.”

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Nov. 5, 1990, see section 1541(b) of Pub. L. 101-510, formerly set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

§ 420. Disposition of effects of deceased persons; unclaimed property

(a) Disposition of effects of deceased persons

The Administrator of a facility of the Retirement Home shall safeguard and dispose of the estate and personal effects of deceased residents, including effects delivered to such facility under sections 4712(f) and 9712(f) of title 10, and shall ensure the following:

(1) A will or other instrument of a testamentary nature involving property rights executed by a resident shall be promptly delivered, upon the death of the resident, to the proper court of record.

(2) If a resident dies intestate and the heirs or legal representative of the deceased cannot be immediately ascertained, the Administrator shall retain all property left by the decedent for a three-year period beginning on the date of the death. If entitlement to such property is established to the satisfaction of the Administrator at any time during the three-year period, the Administrator shall distribute the decedent's property, in equal prorate shares when multiple beneficiaries have been identified, to the highest following categories of identified survivors (listed in the order of precedence indicated):

- (A) The surviving spouse or legal representative.
- (B) The children of the deceased.
- (C) The parents of the deceased.
- (D) The siblings of the deceased.
- (E) The next-of-kin of the deceased.

(b) Sale of effects

(1)(A) If the disposition of the estate of a resident of the Retirement Home cannot be accomplished under subsection (a)(2) or if a resident dies testate and the nominated fiduciary, legatees, or heirs of the resident cannot be immediately ascertained, the entirety of the deceased resident's domiciliary estate and the entirety of any ancillary estate that is unclaimed at the end of the three-year period beginning on the date of the death of the resident shall escheat to the Retirement Home.

(B) Upon the sale of any such unclaimed estate property, the proceeds of the sale shall be deposited in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund.

(C) If a personal representative or other fiduciary is appointed to administer a deceased resident's estate and the administration is completed before the end of such three-year period, the balance of the entire net proceeds of the estate, less expenses, shall be deposited directly in the Armed Forces Retirement Home Trust Fund. The heirs or legatees of the deceased resident may file a claim made with the Secretary of Defense to reclaim such proceeds. A determination of the claim by the Secretary shall be subject to judicial review exclusively by the United States Court of Federal Claims.

(2)(A) The Administrator of a facility of the Retirement Home may designate an attorney who is a full-time officer or employee of the United States or a member of the Armed Forces on active duty to serve as attorney or agent for the facility in any probate proceeding in which the Retirement Home may have a legal interest as nominated fiduciary, testamentary legatee, escheat legatee, or in any other capacity.

(B) An attorney designated under this paragraph may, in the domiciliary jurisdiction of the deceased resident and in any ancillary jurisdiction, petition for appointment as fiduciary. The attorney shall have priority over any petitioners (other than the deceased resident's nominated fiduciary, named legatees, or heirs) to serve as fiduciary. In a probate proceeding in which the heirs of an intestate deceased resident cannot be located and in a probate proceeding in which the nominated fiduciary, legatees, or heirs of a testate deceased resident cannot be located, the attorney shall be appointed as the fiduciary of the deceased resident's estate.

(3) The designation of an employee or representative of a facility of the Retirement Home as personal representative of the estate of a resident of the Retirement Home or as a legatee under the will or codicil of the resident shall not disqualify an employee or staff member of that facility from serving as a competent witness to a will or codicil of the resident.

(4) After the end of the three-year period beginning on the date of the death of a resident of a facility, the Administrator of the facility shall dispose of all property of the deceased resident that is not otherwise disposed of under this subsection, including personal effects such as decorations, medals, and citations to which a right has not been established under subsection (a). Disposal may be made within the discretion of the Administrator by—

- (A) retaining such property or effects for the facility;
- (B) offering such items to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, a State, another military home, a museum, or any other institution having an interest in such items; or
- (C) destroying any items determined by the Administrator to be valueless.

(c) Transfer of proceeds to Fund

The net proceeds received by the Administrators from the sale of effects under subsection (b) shall be deposited in the Fund.