

TRANSITION PROVISIONS UNDER DEFENSE OFFICER  
PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ACT

For provisions to prevent extinction or premature termination of rights, duties, penalties, or proceedings that existed or were begun prior to the effective date of Pub. L. 96-513 and otherwise to allow for an orderly transition to the system of officer personnel management put in place under Pub. L. 96-513, see section 601 et seq. of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 611 of this title.

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### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(f)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated items for chapters 533 to 577 as 811 to 847 and redesignated section numbers 5441 to 6521 as 8101 to 8392. Section numbers were conformed to the first section appearing in each chapter after renumbering by Pub. L. 115-232 to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1673(a)(3), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3015, struck out items for chapters 531 “Strength of Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve”, 541 “Running Mates for Reserve Officers”, and 549 “Reserve Promotions”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §503(16), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2912, inserted “of Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve” after “Strength” in item for chapter 531, inserted “for Reserve Officers” after “Running Mates” in item for chapter 541, struck out item for chapter 543 “Selection Boards”, added item for chapter 544, and struck out items for chapter 545 “Promotions” and for chapter 547 “Examinations for Promotion”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(134), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1507, added item for chapter 549.

### SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF TITLE 10 AND AMENDMENTS TO OFFICER PERSONNEL ACT OF 1947

Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §48, 70A Stat. 639, as amended by Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §515(h), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3237, provided that:

“SEC. 48. (a) Except as they may apply to women officers of the Regular Navy or the Regular Marine Corps appointed under [former] section 5590 of title 10, United States Code, enacted by section 1 of this Act, the following sections of title 10 cease to operate whenever the number of male officers serving on active duty in the grade of ensign or above in the line of the Navy does not exceed the number of male officers holding permanent appointments in the grade of ensign or above on the active list in the line of the Regular Navy: Sections 5505 [former 10 U.S.C. 5505], 5508 [now 8118], 5596 [now 8146], [former] 5651-5663, [former] 5701-5703, [former] 5705-5711, [former] 5751, [former] 5753-5759, [former] 5761, [former] 5762, [former] 5764-5770, [former]

5785, [former] 5786, [former] 5791, 6371-6384 [10 U.S.C. 6371, 6383 now 10 U.S.C. 8371, 8372; former 10 U.S.C. 6372-6382, 6384], [former] 6386, [former] 6407.

“(b) For the purposes of subsection (a), the following officers may not be considered officers serving on active duty:

“(1) Retired officers.

“(2) Officers of the Navy Reserve assigned to active duty for training.

“(3) Officers of the Navy Reserve ordered to active duty in connection with organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or drilling the Navy Reserve or the Marine Corps Reserve.

“(4) Officers of the Navy Reserve ordered to temporary active duty for the purpose of prosecuting special work.

“(c) Title IV of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 (61 Stat. 869), as amended, is amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

“[SEC. 437. Repealed. Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1505(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 514.]”

## CHAPTER 811—DISTRIBUTION IN GRADE

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8102.	Regular Navy: retired flag officers on active duty.
8103.	Suspension: preceding sections.

### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(2)(B), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837, 1838, redesignated chapter 533 of this title as this chapter and items 5441, 5450, and 5451 as 8101 to 8103, respectively.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title XV, §1501(c)(20), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 499, struck out item 5454 “Computations: rule when fraction occurs in final result”.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1673(b)(1), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 3016, struck out items 5456 “Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve”, 5457 “Naval Reserve: officers in an active status in grades above chief warrant officer, W-5”, and 5458 “Marine Corps Reserve: officers in an active status in grades above chief warrant officer, W-5”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title XI, §1131(8)(B), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1506, substituted “W-5” for “W-4” in items 5457 and 5458.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title IV, §403(b)(2)(B), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1545, struck out items 5442 “Navy: line officers on active duty; rear admirals (lower half) and rear admirals”, 5443 “Marine Corps: officers on active duty; brigadier generals and major generals”, 5444 “Navy: staff corps officers on active duty; rear admirals (lower half) and rear admirals”, and 5446 “Applications: sections 5442, 5443, 5444”.

1985—Pub. L. 99-145, title V, §514(b)(6)(B), (7)(B), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 629, substituted “rear admirals (lower half)” for “commodores” in items 5442 and 5444.

1981—Pub. L. 97-86, title IV, §405(b)(6)(B), (7)(B), Dec. 1, 1981, 95 Stat. 1106, substituted “commodores” for “commodore admirals” in items 5442 and 5444.

Pub. L. 97-22, §10(b)(6)(B), July 10, 1981, 95 Stat. 137, struck out item 5455 “Computations and determinations: effect on status of officers”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §§503(18), 513(9)(A), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2912, 2931, inserted “; commodore admirals and rear admirals” in item 5442, inserted “; brigadier generals and major generals” in item 5443, inserted “; commodore admirals and rear admirals” in item 5444, struck out items 5445 “Suspension: sections 5442, 5443, 5444”, 5447 “Navy: line officers on the active list; permanent grade”, 5448 “Marine Corps: officers on the active list; permanent grade”, 5449 “Navy: staff corps officers on the active list; permanent grade”, and 5452 “Navy: women line officers on active duty; Marine Corps: women officers on active duty”, and substituted “in grades” for “in permanent grades” in items 5457 and 5458.

1967—Pub. L. 90-130, §1(17)(F), (H), Nov. 8, 1967, 81 Stat. 377, struck out item 5453 “Marine Corps: women

officers on the active list; permanent grade”, and substituted: “Navy: women line officers on active duty; Marine Corps: women officers on active duty” for “Navy: women line officers on the active list; permanent grade” in item 5452.

1958—Pub. L. 85-861, §1(113)(B), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1492, added items 5457 and 5458.

**§ 8101. Prescribed number; vacancies**

In this chapter, the term “prescribed number” or “number . . . prescribed” as applied to a grade, means the number of officers of a described corps, designation, or other category that shall be maintained in the grade concerned. Except as otherwise specifically provided, the actual number of officers in a grade may not exceed the prescribed number. Vacancies occur whenever, and to the extent that, the actual number falls below the prescribed number.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 299, §5441; Pub. L. 96-513, title III, §313(a), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2889; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, §1622(e)(8), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1605; renumbered §8101, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(b)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section is derived from the distribution-in-grade provisions of the Officers Personnel Act of 1947. It is inserted here to show clearly what is meant by the “authorized number” of officers in a grade as used in the distribution-in-grade sections of the Officer Personnel Act. “Prescribed number” is substituted for “authorized number” because the latter, as used in other provisions of law, means simply the maximum number of persons authorized to be in a designated category. As used in the distribution-in-grade provisions of the Officer Personnel Act the term means not only the maximum number of officers that may be in a particular grade, but also the number of officers that should be maintained in that grade. It places not only a ceiling but a floor on the number of officers for the grade concerned. This is accomplished by establishing vacancies when the actual number of officers in the grade concerned falls below the “authorized” or, as used here, the “prescribed” number. Where there is a prescribed number for a grade, an officer should, in the absence of other controlling provisions of law, be promoted to that grade to fill an existing vacancy, as of the date on which the vacancy occurred. In this manner, at least constructively, the prescribed number is maintained.

There is no source for the section because the Officer Personnel Act did not attempt specifically to define “authorized number” in this context. The meaning of the term is derived only from understanding the effect given it throughout the Officer Personnel Act and from the imperative requirements of sections 103, 203, and 303 of the act.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 5441 of this title as this section.

1989—Pub. L. 101-189 inserted “, the term” after “In this chapter”.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 struck out “or combination of grades” after “to a grade”, after “in the grade”, and after “in a grade”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, but the authority to prescribe regulations under the

amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective on Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 8102. Regular Navy: retired flag officers on active duty**

Except in time of war or national emergency, not more than ten retired flag officers of the Regular Navy may be on active duty.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 312, §5450; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §503(21), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2912; renumbered §8102, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(b)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1834.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
5450 .....	34 U.S.C. 211e.	Aug. 7, 1947, ch. 512, § 430, 61 Stat. 881; Sept. 3, 1954, ch. 1257, §702(a), 68 Stat. 1188.

In subsection (a) the words “In addition \* \* \* to the number of rear admirals and above authorized by titles I, II, and III and by section 413 of this Act, a total of” are omitted as surplusage. Titles I, II, and III, and section 413 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 prescribe the number of officers on the lineal list who may have the grade of rear admiral. Retired officers are excluded from the lineal lists and are not counted for any purpose in the computations under the cited titles and section. The source text does not affect the authorized numbers so computed; it sets up an authorized number for a category of officers not previously covered.

The limitation on reserve flag officers on active duty contained in section 430 of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947 was repealed by section 702(a) of the Reserve Officer Personnel Act of 1954.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 5450 of this title as this section.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 struck out designation “(a)” before “Except in time of war or national emergency”, substituted “flag officers of the Regular Navy” for “officers of the Regular Navy in the grade of rear admiral and above”, and struck out subsec. (b) which provided that this section did not apply to fleet admirals or to retired officers ordered to temporary duty to serve on boards convened under chapter 543 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

**§ 8103. Suspension: preceding sections**

The President, during a war or national emergency, may suspend any provision of the preceding sections of this chapter. Such a suspension may not continue beyond September 30 of the fiscal year following that in which the war or national emergency ends.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 312, §5451; Pub. L. 94-273, §2(3), Apr. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 375; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §503(22), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2913; Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title X, §1061(a)(21), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1473; renumbered §8103,