

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
8035(b) .....	10:1813(a) (less 1st sentence).	
8035(c) .....	10:1813(b).	

In subsection (a), the words “of the Air Force” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “if the Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant” are substituted for 10:1813(a) (1st 18 words of last sentence). The words “the officer who is highest on the following list and” are inserted for clarity. The words “until his successor is appointed” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words “If the Vice Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant” are substituted for 10:1813(b) (1st 19 words).

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8034 of this title as this section.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(d), renumbered section 8035 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(d)(5), substituted “Vice Chief of Staff” for “Vice Chief of Staff; Deputy Chiefs of Staff; succession to duties of Chief of Staff and Vice Chief of Staff” in section catchline.

Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(d)(1), substituted subsecs. (a) and (b) for former subsecs. (a) and (b) which read as follows:

“(a) The Vice Chief of Staff and the Deputy Chiefs of Staff shall be general officers detailed to those positions.

“(b) If the Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant, the officer who is highest on the following list and who is not absent or disabled shall, unless otherwise directed by the President, perform the duties of the Chief of Staff until a successor is appointed or the absence or disability ceases:

“(1) The Vice Chief of Staff.

“(2) The Deputy Chiefs of Staff in order of seniority.”

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(d)(2), (3), redesignated subsec. (d) as (c) and struck out former subsec. (c) which read as follows: “If the Vice Chief of Staff is absent or disabled or if that office is vacant, the senior Deputy Chief of Staff who is not absent or disabled shall, unless otherwise directed by the Secretary of the Air Force, perform the duties of the Vice Chief of Staff until a successor is designated or the absence or disability ceases.”

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 99-433, § 522(d)(3), (4), added subsec. (d). Former subsec. (d) was redesignated (c).

1958—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 85-599 added subsec. (d).

## 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.

**§ 9035. Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff**

(a) The Deputy Chiefs of Staff and the Assistant Chiefs of Staff shall be general officers detailed to those positions.

(b) The Secretary of the Air Force shall prescribe the number of Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff, for a total of not more than eight positions.

(Added Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 522(e), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1062, § 8035; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title IX, § 902(c), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 273; renumbered § 9035, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8035 of this title as this section.

2008—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 110-181 amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) read as follows: “The number of Deputy Chiefs of Staff and Assistant Chiefs of Staff shall be prescribed by the Secretary, except that—

“(1) there may not be more than five Deputy Chiefs of Staff; and

“(2) there may not be more than three Assistant Chiefs of Staff.”

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**§ 9036. Surgeon General: appointment; duties**

(a) APPOINTMENT.—The Surgeon General of the Air Force shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from officers of the Air Force who are in the Air Force medical department.

(b) DUTIES.—(1) The Surgeon General serves as the principal advisor to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force on all health and medical matters of the Air Force, including strategic planning and policy development relating to such matters.

(2) The Surgeon General serves as the chief medical advisor of the Air Force to the Director of the Defense Health Agency on matters pertaining to military health readiness requirements and safety of members of the Air Force.

(3) The Surgeon General, acting under the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of the Air Force, shall recruit, organize, train, and equip, medical personnel of the Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 89-288, § 5(a), Oct. 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 1050, § 8036; amended Pub. L. 99-433, title V, § 522(g)(2), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 1063; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title V, § 506(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 296; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VII, § 702(b)(3)(A), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2196; renumbered § 9036, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 806(c), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833.)

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8036 of this title as this section.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “There is a Surgeon General of the Air Force who is appointed by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate from officers of the Air Force who are in the Air Force medical department. The Surgeon General, while so serving, has the grade of lieutenant general.”

1996—Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “in the Air Force medical department” for “designated as medical officers under section 8067(a) of this title”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-433 substituted a semicolon for the comma in section catchline.

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