

landing fields, the full power of the Air Force for operations necessary in the defense of the United States, and in the defense and reinforcement of the Commonwealths, possessions, and holdings.

(d) In carrying out this section, the Secretary, on behalf of the United States, may acquire title, in fee simple and free of encumbrance, to any land that he considers necessary—

(1) by accepting title without cost to the United States;

(2) by exchanging military reservations or parts thereof for that land, upon the written approval of the President; or

(3) by purchase or condemnation, if acquisition by gift or exchange is impracticable.

(e) The Secretary may, by purchase, gift, lease, or otherwise, acquire at desired locations bombing and machine gun ranges necessary for practice by, and the training of, tactical units.

(f) At each air base or depot established under this section, the Secretary shall remove or remodel existing structures as necessary; do necessary grading; and provide buildings, utilities, communication systems, landing fields and mats, roads, walks, aprons, docks, runways, facilities for the storage and distribution of ammunition, fuel, oil, necessary protection against bombs, and all appurtenances to the foregoing.

(g) The Secretary may direct the transportation of personnel, and the purchase, renovation, and transportation of material, that he considers necessary to carry out this section.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 588; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(3), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3440.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9773(a)	10:1343a (1st sentence).	Aug. 12, 1935, ch. 511, §§1-3, 49 Stat. 610.
9773(b)	10:1343a (2d sentence).	
9773(c)	10:1343a (less 1st and 2d sentences).	
9773(d)	10:1343b.	
9773(e)	10:1343c (last sentence).	
9773(f)	10:1343c (1st sentence).	
9773(g)	10:1343c (2d sentence).	

In subsection (a), the word “shall” is substituted for the words “is authorized and directed to”. The words “Territories, Commonwealths,” are substituted for the word “Alaska” to make it clear that the section covers all territory of the United States. The words “Air Force” are substituted for the words “General Headquarters Air Force and the Air Corps components of our overseas garrisons”.

In subsection (b), the words “to provide”, “to permit”, “in addition”, and “incident to the concentration of” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the introductory clause is substituted for 10:1343a (1st 41 words of 3d sentence). The words “to locate” are substituted for the words “there shall be provided”. The words “aviation of the United States” are substituted for the words “our own aviation”. The words, “Territories, Commonwealths,” are inserted to conform to subsection (a). The words “The stations shall be suitably located”, “of the set-up”, “by responsible personnel”, “there shall be provided”, “General Headquarters”, “in peace and war”, “such close and distant * * * over land and sea”, and “The stations and depots shall be located with a view”, and 10:1343a (4th clause of 3d sentence) are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (d), clause (3) is substituted for 10: 1343b (last 26 words). 10:1043b (24 words before 1st proviso) is omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (f), the word “shall” is substituted for the words “is further authorized and directed to”. The word “provide” is substituted for the words “construct, install, and equip, or complete the construction, installation, and equipment”. The words “technical buildings and utilities” are omitted as covered by the words “buildings” and “utilities”. The words “sewer, water, power, station and aerodrome lighting” are omitted as covered by the word “utilities”. The words “communication systems” are substituted for the words “telephone and signal communications”. The words “appurtenances to the foregoing” are substituted for the words “other essentials”.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsecs. (a), (c)(4). Pub. L. 109-163 struck out “Territories,” before “Commonwealths, possessions,”.

§ 9774. Repealed. Pub. L. 97-214, § 7(1), July 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 173]

Section, acts Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 590; Aug. 30, 1957, Pub. L. 85-241, title IV, § 404(c), 71 Stat. 556; Aug. 10, 1959, Pub. L. 86-149, title IV, § 410(c), 73 Stat. 322; July 27, 1962, Pub. L. 87-554, title V, § 504(a), (c), 76 Stat. 239; Nov. 7, 1963, Pub. L. 88-174, title V, § 503, 77 Stat. 325; Dec. 5, 1969, Pub. L. 91-142, title V, § 510(b), 83 Stat. 312; Oct. 27, 1971, Pub. L. 92-145, title V, § 508(a), (c), 85 Stat. 408; Nov. 29, 1973, Pub. L. 93-166, title V, § 509(e), 87 Stat. 678, related to limitations on construction.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Repeal effective Oct. 1, 1982, and applicable to military construction projects, and to construction and acquisition of military family housing authorized before, on, or after such date, see section 12(a) of Pub. L. 97-214, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2801 of this title.

§ 9775. Repealed. Pub. L. 92-145, title V, § 509(b), Oct. 27, 1971, 85 Stat. 408]

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 590, authorized assignment of quarters belonging to United States at an air base or other Air Force installation to officers, grade lieutenant general down to second lieutenant, 10 to 2 rooms, respectively, and prohibited other assignment where quarters existed.

§ 9776. Emergency construction: fortifications

If in an emergency the President considers it urgent, a temporary air base or fortification may be built on private land if the owner consents in writing.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 591; Pub. L. 91-393, § 5, Sept. 1, 1970, 84 Stat. 835.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9776	50:178.	Apr. 11, 1898, J. Res. 21, 30 Stat. 737.

The word “important” is omitted as covered by the word “urgent”. The words “upon which such work is to be placed” are omitted as surplusage.

AMENDMENTS

1970—Pub. L. 91-393 struck out “In such a case, section 175 of title 50 does not apply.”

§ 9777. Permits: military reservations; landing ferries, erecting bridges, driving livestock

Whenever the Secretary of the Air Force considers that it can be done without injury to the