

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

reservation or inconvenience to the military forces stationed there, he may permit—

- (1) the landing of ferries at a military reservation;
- (2) the erection of bridges on a military reservation; and
- (3) the driving of livestock across a military reservation.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 591.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9777	10:1348.	July 5, 1884, ch. 214, § 6, 23 Stat. 104.

The words “may permit” are substituted for the words “shall have authority, in his discretion, to permit”. The words “to permit the extension of State, county, and Territorial roads across military reservations” are omitted as superseded by section 2668 of this title. In clause (3), the word “livestock” is substituted for the words “cattle, sheep or other stock animals”.

§ 9778. Licenses: military reservations; erection and use of buildings; Young Men’s Christian Association

Under such conditions as he may prescribe, the Secretary of the Air Force may issue a revocable license to the International Committee of Young Men’s Christian Associations of North America to erect and maintain, on military reservations within the United States and the Commonwealths and possessions, buildings needed by that organization for the promotion of the social, physical, intellectual, and moral welfare of the members of the Air Force on those reservations.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 591; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1057(a)(6), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3441.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9778	10:1346.	May 31, 1902, ch. 943, 32 Stat. 282.

The words “may issue” are substituted for the words “Authority is given to * * * in his discretion, to grant permission”. The words “Under such conditions as he may prescribe” are substituted for the words “under such regulations as the Secretary of the Army may impose”. The words “members of the Air Force” are substituted for the word “garrisons”. The words “the Territories, Commonwealths, and possessions” are substituted for the words “or its island possessions”, for clarity.

AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109-163 substituted “Commonwealths and possessions” for “Territories, Commonwealths, and possessions”.

§ 9779. Use of public property

(a) When the economy of the Air Force so requires, the Secretary of the Air Force shall establish military headquarters in places where suitable buildings are owned by the United States.

(b) No money appropriated for the support of the Air Force may be spent for base gardens or

Air Force exchanges. However, this does not prevent Air Force exchanges from using public buildings or public transportation that, in the opinion of the Secretary, are not needed for other purposes.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 591; Pub. L. 99-661, div. B, title VII, §2721, Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 4042.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
9779(a)	10:1332.	June 23, 1879, ch. 35, § 8, 21 Stat. 35.
9779(b)	10:1345.	Aug. 1, 1914, ch. 223 (2d par. under “Quartermaster Corps”), 38 Stat. 629.
9779(c)	10:1335.	July 16, 1892, ch. 195 (last proviso under “Quartermaster’s Department”), 27 Stat. 178; June 28, 1950, ch. 383, § 402(c), 64 Stat. 272.

In subsection (a), the words “United States” are substituted for the word “Government”.

In subsection (b), the words “suitable space” are substituted for the words “proper and suitable room or rooms”. The words “there is a” are substituted for the words “have been established”.

In subsection (c), the words “the Secretary” are substituted for the words “the Quartermaster General”, since the functions which, for the Army, are assigned by statute to subordinate officers of the Army, are, for the Air Force, assigned to the Secretary.

AMENDMENTS

1986—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 99-661 redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which directed the Secretary to assign suitable space for postal purposes at each air base where there was a post office.

§ 9780. Acquisition of buildings in District of Columbia

(a) In time of war or when war is imminent, the Secretary of the Air Force may acquire by lease any building, or part of a building, in the District of Columbia that may be needed for military purposes.

(b) At any time, the Secretary may, for the purposes of the Department of the Air Force, requisition the use and take possession of any building or space in any building, and its appurtenances, in the District of Columbia, other than—

- (1) a dwelling house occupied as such;
- (2) a building occupied by any other agency of the United States; or
- (3) space in such a dwelling house or building.

The Secretary shall determine, and pay out of funds appropriated for the payment of rent by the Department of the Air Force, just compensation for that use. If the amount of the compensation is not satisfactory to the person entitled to it, the Secretary shall pay 75 percent of it to that person, and the claimant is entitled to recover by action against the United States an additional amount that, when added to the amount paid by the Secretary, is determined by the court to be just compensation for that use.

(Added Pub. L. 85-861, §1(203)(A), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1542.)