

Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1146; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §§ 621(a), (b), 654(b)(4), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2570, 2571, 2582; renumbered § 481b and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(d)(2), (e)(16), (f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463, 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948.)

AMENDMENTS

2013—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-239, § 1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(d)(2), renumbered section 411b of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, § 1076(a)(9), substituted “474” for “404”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(e)(16), added subsec. (d).

2002—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 107-314, §§ 621(b)(1), 654(b)(4), inserted heading, struck out par. (1) designation before “under uniform”, substituted “the continental United States” for “the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia” in two places, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “Under the regulations referred to in paragraph (1), a member may defer the travel for which the member is paid travel and transportation allowances under such paragraph until not more than one year after the date on which the member begins the consecutive tour of duty at the same duty station or reports to another duty station under the order involved, as the case may be. If the member is unable to undertake the travel before the end of such one-year period as a result of duty in connection with a contingency operation, the member may defer the travel for one additional year beginning on the date the duty of the member in connection with the contingency operation ends.”

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 107-314, § 621(a), (b)(2), added subsec. (b), redesignated former subsec. (b) as (c), and inserted heading.

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 struck out “, or his designee, or to a place no farther distant than his home of record” after “place approved by the Secretary concerned”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 104-201 inserted at end “If the member is unable to undertake the travel before the end of such one-year period as a result of duty in connection with a contingency operation, the member may defer the travel for one additional year beginning on the date the duty of the member in connection with the contingency operation ends.”

1991—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 102-190 amended par. (2) generally. Prior to amendment, par. (2) read as follows: “If, because of military necessity, a member authorized travel and transportation allowances under this subsection is denied leave between the two tours of duty outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia, the member shall be authorized to use such travel and transportation allowances from his current duty station at the time the member is first granted leave—

“(A) which is to be taken away from the member’s permanent duty station; and

“(B) for which a travel and transportation allowance is not otherwise authorized.”

1987—Pub. L. 100-180, § 614(d)(2), amended section catchline generally, substituting “leave between consecutive overseas tours” for “certain leave”.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “48” for “forty-eight” wherever appearing.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-180, § 614(d)(1), substituted “the time the member is first granted leave—” for “the first time the member is granted leave.” and added subpars. (A) and (B).

1985—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 99-145 struck out “if he is a member without dependents,” after “home of

record”, struck out “, if either his last duty station or his designated post of duty is a restricted area in which dependents are not authorized” after “post of duty” in first sentence, and inserted “such allowances may be paid for the member and for the dependents of the member who are authorized to, and do, accompany him at his duty stations.”

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-60 designated existing provisions as par. (1), inserted “who is ordered to a consecutive tour of duty at the same duty station or” after “District of Columbia”, and added par. (2).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112-81 as enacted.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, § 621(c), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2571, as amended by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “Subsection (b) of section 481b of title 37, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall apply with respect to members of the uniformed services in a deferred leave travel status under such section as of the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 2, 2002] or becomes entitled [sic] to travel and transportation allowances under such section on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 623(b), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2548, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect as of November 1, 1995.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, § 615(b), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 641, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to orders to change a permanent station that are effective after September 30, 1985.”

§ 481c. Travel and transportation allowances: travel performed in connection with rest and recuperative leave from certain stations in foreign countries

(a) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, a member of a uniformed service who is serving at a duty station outside the United States in an area specifically designated for the purposes of this section by the Secretary concerned may be paid for or provided transportation for himself and his dependents authorized to reside at his duty station—

- (1) to another location outside the United States having different social, climatic, or environmental conditions than those at the duty station at which the member is serving; or
- (2) to a location in the United States.

(b) When the transportation authorized by subsection (a) is provided by the Secretary concerned, the Secretary may use Government or commercial carriers. The Secretary concerned may limit the amount of payments made to members under subsection (a).

(c) No transportation may be provided under this section after the travel authorities transition expiration date, and no payment may be made under this section for transportation that begins after that date.

(Added Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §126(a), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1003, §411c; amended Pub. L. 100-26, §8(d)(9), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, §633(a), (b)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2044; renumbered §481c and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(17), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411c of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(17), added subsec. (c).

1998—Pub. L. 105-261, §633(b)(1), substituted “rest and recuperative leave from certain stations” for “leave from certain stations” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-261, §633(a), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “The transportation authorized by this section is limited to transportation of the member, and of each dependent of the member, for one round-trip during any tour of at least 24, but less than 36, consecutive months or two round-trips during any tour of at least 36 consecutive months.”

1987—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “round-trip” for “roundtrip” and “round-trips” for “roundtrips”.

§ 481d. Travel and transportation allowances: transportation incident to personal emergencies for certain members and dependents

(a) Under uniform regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, transportation in accordance with subsection (b) may be provided for a member of a uniformed service and for dependents of that member authorized to reside at the member’s duty station (or authorized to reside at another location and receive a station allowance) incident to emergency leave granted for reasons of a personal emergency (or in the case of transportation provided only for a dependent, under circumstances involving a personal emergency similar to the circumstances for which emergency leave could be granted a member).

(b)(1) In the case of a member stationed outside the continental United States and the dependents of such a member, transportation under this section may be provided from the location of the member or dependents, at the time notification of the personal emergency is received, or the member’s permanent duty station (and if the member’s dependents reside at another overseas location and receive a station allowance, from that location)—

(A) to the international airport in the continental United States closest to the location from which the member and his dependents departed;

(B) to any airport in the continental United States to which travel can be arranged at the same or a lower cost as travel obtained under subparagraph (A); or

(C) to an airport in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any possession of the United States, or any other location outside the continental United States, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) In the case of a member whose domicile is outside the continental United States and who is stationed in the continental United States

and the dependents of such a member, transportation under this section may be provided from the international airport in the continental United States nearest the location of the member and dependents at the time notification of the personal emergency is received or the international airport nearest the member’s permanent duty station to an international airport in Alaska, Hawaii, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, a possession of the United States, or any other location outside the continental United States, as determined by the Secretary concerned.

(3) In the case of a member stationed outside the continental United States whose dependents reside in the continental United States, transportation under this section may be provided for the member as described in paragraph (1) and for the dependents as described in paragraph (2).

(4) Whenever transportation is provided under this section, return transportation may be provided to the location from which the member or dependent departed or the member’s duty station.

(c) Transportation under this section may be authorized only upon a determination that, considering the nature of the personal emergency involved, Government transportation is not reasonably available. The cost of transportation authorized under this section for a member, or the dependents of a member, may not exceed the cost of Government-procured commercial air travel between the applicable locations described in subsection (b).

(d) No transportation may be provided under this section after the travel authorities transition expiration date.

(Added Pub. L. 97-60, title I, §126(a), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1004, §411d; amended Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, §612(a)(1), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2538; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(e)(6), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, §702(b)(1), (2), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, §623, Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2784; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §633, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 661; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §654(b)(5), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2582; renumbered §481d and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(2), (e)(18), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1463.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, §631(d)(2), renumbered section 411d of this title as this section.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-81, §631(e)(18), added subsec. (d).

2002—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 107-314 struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows: “In this section, the term ‘continental United States’ means the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia.”

1999—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 106-65 struck out “or” at end of subpar. (A), added subpar. (B), and redesignated former subpar. (B) as (C).

1994—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 103-337, §623(1)(A), substituted “from the location of the member or dependents, at the time notification of the personal emergency is received, or” for “from the international airport nearest the location of the member and dependents at the time notification of the personal emergency is received or the international airport nearest” in introductory provisions.