

section as narcotic drug, controlled substance, and marihuana.

1985—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-36 substituted “certificate of registry, or merchant mariner’s document” for first reference to “certificate, or document”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-380 applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as an Effective Date note under section 2701 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

**§ 7504. Travel and expense reimbursement**

When a requirement to qualify for the issuance of, or endorsement on, a certificate, license, or document under this part is administered at a place at the request of an applicant or an applicant’s representative, the applicant or representative may reimburse the Secretary for the travel and subsistence expenses incurred by the personnel assigned to perform the administration of the requirement. Amounts received as reimbursement under this section shall be credited to the appropriation for operating expenses of the Coast Guard.

(Added Pub. L. 99-640, §10(b)(2)(A), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3549.)

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**§ 7505. Review of information in National Driver Register**

The Secretary shall make information received from the National Driver Register under section 30305(b)(7) of title 49 available to an individual for review and written comment before denying, suspending, revoking, or taking any other action relating to a license, certificate of registry, or merchant mariner’s document authorized to be issued for that individual under this part, based on that information.

(Added Pub. L. 101-380, title IV, §4105(b)(1), Aug. 18, 1990, 104 Stat. 512; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. C, title XXXV, §3546(e), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2326.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 substituted “section 30305(b)(7) of title 49” for “section 206(b)(7) of the National Driver Register Act of 1982 (23 U.S.C. 401 note)”.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section applicable to incidents occurring after Aug. 18, 1990, see section 1020 of Pub. L. 101-380, set out as a note under section 2701 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters.

**§ 7506. Convention tonnage for licenses, certificates, and documents**

Notwithstanding any provision of section 14302(c) or 14305 of this title, the Secretary may—

- (1) evaluate the service of an individual who is applying for a license, a certificate of reg-

istry, or a merchant mariner’s document by using the tonnage as measured under chapter 143 of this title for the vessels on which that service was acquired, and

- (2) issue the license, certificate, or document based on that service.

(Added Pub. L. 104-324, title VII, §745(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3942.)

**§ 7507. Authority to extend the duration of licenses, certificates of registry, and merchant mariner documents**

(a) LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES OF REGISTRY.—Notwithstanding sections 7106 and 7107, the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating may—

- (1) extend for not more than one year an expiring license or certificate of registry issued for an individual under chapter 71 if the Secretary determines that the extension is required to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a backlog in processing applications for those licenses or certificates of registry or in response to a national emergency or natural disaster, as deemed necessary by the Secretary; or

- (2) issue for not more than five years an expiring license or certificate of registry issued for an individual under chapter 71 for the exclusive purpose of aligning the expiration date of such license or certificate of registry with the expiration date of a merchant mariner’s document.

(b) MERCHANT MARINER DOCUMENTS.—Notwithstanding section 7302(g), the Secretary may—

- (1) extend for not more than one year an expiring merchant mariner’s document issued for an individual under chapter 73 if the Secretary determines that the extension is required to enable the Coast Guard to eliminate a backlog in processing applications for those merchant mariner documents or in response to a national emergency or natural disaster, as deemed necessary by the Secretary; or

- (2) issue for not more than five years an expiring merchant mariner’s document issued for an individual under chapter 73 for the exclusive purpose of aligning the expiration date of such merchant mariner’s document with the expiration date of a license or certificate of registry.

(c) MANNER OF EXTENSION.—Any extensions granted under this section may be granted to individual seamen or a specifically identified group of seamen.

(Added Pub. L. 111-281, title VI, §615(a), Oct. 15, 2010, 124 Stat. 2971; amended Pub. L. 112-213, title III, §311, Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1569; Pub. L. 115-282, title V, §510(3), (4), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4274.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 115-282, §510(3), substituted “merchant mariner documents” for “licenses or certificates of registry”.

Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 115-282, §510(4), substituted “license or certificate of registry.” for “merchant mariner’s document.”

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-213 substituted “chapter 71” for “chapter 73” in pars. (1) and (2).