

(2) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations governing the use of appropriated funds under this subsection.

(Added Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §312(a), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1618, §2246; renumbered §2491a, Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §651(d), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1972.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 renumbered section 2246 of this title as this section.

**§ 2491b. Use of appropriated funds for operation of Armed Forces Recreation Center, Europe: limitation**

(a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), funds appropriated to the Department of Defense may not be used to operate the Armed Forces Recreation Center, Europe.

(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to the use of funds for the payment of utilities, the maintenance, repair, or renovation of real property, and the transportation of products made in the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, §372(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2735, §2247; amended Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title III, §375, Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1708; renumbered §2491b, Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §651(d), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1972.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 renumbered section 2247 of this title as this section.

1997—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “the maintenance, repair, or renovation of real property, and the transportation” for “real property maintenance, and transportation”.

**§ 2491c. Retention of morale, welfare, and recreation funds by military installations: limitation**

Amounts may not be retained in a nonappropriated morale, welfare, and recreation account of a military installation of an armed force in excess of the amount necessary to meet cash requirements of that installation. Amounts in excess of that amount shall be transferred to a single nonappropriated morale, welfare, and recreation account for that armed force. This section does not apply to the Coast Guard.

(Added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, §373(a), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2736, §2219; amended Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, §341, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 265; renumbered §2491c, Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §651(d), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1972.)

AMENDMENTS

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 renumbered section 2219 of this title as this section.

1996—Pub. L. 104-106, in first sentence, substituted “an armed force” for “a military department”, in second sentence, substituted “a single, nonappropriated morale, welfare, and recreation account for that armed force” for “a single, department-wide nonappropriated morale, welfare, and recreation account of the military department”, and inserted after second sentence “This section does not apply to the Coast Guard.”

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.

**§ 2492. Nonappropriated fund instrumentalities: contracts with other agencies and instrumentalities to provide and obtain goods and services**

An agency or instrumentality of the Department of Defense that supports the operation of the exchange system, or the operation of a morale, welfare, and recreation system, of the Department of Defense may enter into a contract or other agreement with another element of the Department of Defense or with another Federal department, agency, or instrumentality—

(1) to provide or obtain goods and services beneficial to the efficient management and operation of the exchange system or that morale, welfare, and recreation system; or

(2) to provide or obtain food services beneficial to the efficient management and operation of the dining facilities on military installations offering food services to members of the armed forces.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title III, §341(a)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2488, §2482a; renumbered §2492, Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §651(c)(3), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1972; amended Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, §632, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3405.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2492 was renumbered section 2489 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “Federal department, agency, or instrumentality—” for “Federal department, agency, or instrumentality to provide or obtain goods and services beneficial to the efficient management and operation of the exchange system or that morale, welfare, and recreation system.” and added pars. (1) and (2).

2004—Pub. L. 108-375 renumbered section 2482a of this title as this section.

**§ 2492a. Limitation on Department of Defense entities competing with private sector in offering personal information services**

(a) LIMITATION.—(1) Notwithstanding section 2492 of this title, the Secretary of Defense may not authorize a Department of Defense entity to offer or provide personal information services directly to users using Department resources, personnel, or equipment, or compete for contracts to provide such personal information services directly to users, if users will be charged a fee for the personal information services to recover the cost incurred to provide the services or to earn a profit.

(2) The limitation in paragraph (1) shall not be construed to prohibit or preclude the use of Department resources, personnel, or equipment to administer or facilitate personal information services contracts with private contractors.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—The limitation in subsection (a) shall not apply if the Secretary of Defense determines that—

(1) a private sector vendor is not available to provide the personal information services at specific locations;

(2) the interests of the user population would be best served by allowing the Government to provide such services; or

(3) circumstances (as specified by the Secretary for purposes of this section) are such that the provision of such services by a Department entity is in the best interest of the Government or military users in general.

(c) **PERSONAL INFORMATION SERVICES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “personal information services” means the provision of Internet, telephone, or television services to consumers.

(Added Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title VI, §651(a), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2368.)

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

Pub. L. 111–84, div. A, title VI, §651(c), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2369, provided that: “Section 2492a of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a), does not affect the validity or terms of any contract for the provision of personal information services entered into before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 28, 2009].”

#### § 2493. Fisher Houses: administration as nonappropriated fund instrumentality

(a) **FISHER HOUSES AND SUITES DEFINED.**—In this section:

(1) The term “Fisher House” means a housing facility that—

(A) is located in proximity to a health care facility of the Army, the Air Force, or the Navy;

(B) is available for residential use on a temporary basis by authorized Fisher House residents; and

(C) is constructed and donated by—

(i) the Zachary and Elizabeth M. Fisher Armed Services Foundation; or

(ii) another source, if the Secretary of the military department concerned designates the housing facility as a Fisher House.

(2) The term “Fisher House” includes the Fisher House for the Families of the Fallen and Meditation Pavilion at Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, so long as such facility is available for residential use on a temporary basis by authorized Fisher House residents.

(3) The term “Fisher Suite” means one or more rooms that—

(A) meet the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (1);

(B) are constructed, altered, or repaired and donated by a source described in subparagraph (C) of that paragraph; and

(C) are designated by the Secretary of the military department concerned as a Fisher Suite.

(4) The term “authorized Fisher House residents” means the following:

(A) With respect to a Fisher House described in paragraph (1) that is located in proximity to a health care facility of the Army, the Air Force, or the Navy, the following persons:

(i) Patients of that health care facility.

(ii) Members of the families of such patients.

(iii) Other persons providing the equivalent of familial support for such patients.

(B) With respect to the Fisher House described in paragraph (2), the following persons:

(i) The primary next of kin of a member of the armed forces who dies while located or serving overseas.

(ii) Other family members of the deceased member who are eligible for transportation under section 481f(d) of title 37.

(iii) An escort of a family member described in clause (i) or (ii).

(b) **NONAPPROPRIATED FUND INSTRUMENTALITY.**—The Secretary of each military department shall administer all Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites associated with facilities of that military department as a nonappropriated fund instrumentality of the United States.

(c) **GOVERNANCE.**—The Secretary of each military department shall establish a system for the governance of the nonappropriated fund instrumentality required by subsection (b) for that military department.

(d) **CENTRAL FUND.**—The Secretary of each military department shall establish a single fund as the source of funding for the operation, maintenance, and improvement of all Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites of the nonappropriated fund instrumentality required by subsection (b) for that military department.

(e) **ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS; IMPOSITION OF FEES.**—(1) The Secretary of a military department may—

(A) accept money, property, and services donated for the support of a Fisher House or Fisher Suite associated with facilities of that military department; and

(B) may impose fees relating to the use of such Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites.

(2) All monetary donations, and the proceeds of the disposal of any other donated property, accepted by the Secretary of a military department under this subsection shall be credited to the fund established under subsection (d) for the Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites associated with facilities of that military department and shall be available to that Secretary to support all such Fisher Houses and Fisher Suites.

(f) **BASE OPERATING SUPPORT.**—The Secretary of a military department may provide base operating support for Fisher Houses associated with facilities of that military department.

(Added Pub. L. 105–261, div. A, title IX, §906(a)(1), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2093; amended Pub. L. 106–398, §1 [[div. A], title IX, §914(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–230; Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title III, §321, Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2510; Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title X, §1061(17), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1584; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title VI, §652(a), (b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1784; Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title VI, §622(b), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 841.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (a)(4)(B)(ii). Pub. L. 114–92 substituted “section 481f(d)” for “section 481f(e)”.