profit corporation incorporated in Pennsylvania, is a federally chartered corporation.

(b) EXPIRATION OF CHARTER.—If the corporation does not comply with any provision of this chapter, the charter granted by this chapter expires.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1347; Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title X, §1087(g)(4)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-294.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70102(a)	36:5601.	Sept. 23, 1996, Pub. L. 104-201, title XVIII, §§ 1801, 1814 (related to termi- nation of charter), 1815, 110 Stat. 2760, 2762.
70102(b)	36:5613 (related to termination of charter). 36:5614.	10 2000 100, 102.

This section is substituted for the source provisions for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

### Amendments

2000—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted "Penn-sylvania" for "Delaware".

## §70103. Purposes

(a) GENERAL.—The purposes of the corporation are as provided in its articles of incorporation and bylaws and include—

(1) upholding and defending the Constitution of the United States;

(2) aiding and maintaining an adequate naval defense for the United States;

(3) assisting the recruitment of the best personnel available for the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(4) providing for the welfare of the personnel who serve in the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(5) continuing to loyally serve the United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, and United States Coast Guard;

(6) preserving the spirit of shipmanship by providing assistance to shipmates and their families; and

(7) instilling love of the United States and its flag, and promoting soundness of mind and body, in the youth of the United States.

(b) CORPORATE FUNCTION.—The corporation shall function as an educational, patriotic, civic, historical, and research organization under the laws of Delaware.

(Pub. L. 105–225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1347; Pub. L. 105–354, §1(7), Nov. 3, 1998, 112 Stat. 3244.)

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Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70103(a)	36:5603.	Sept. 23, 1996, Pub. L. 104-201, title XVIII, §§1803, 1808(f), 110 Stat. 2760, 2761.
70103(b)	36:5608(f).	

PUB. L. 105-354

This amends section 70103(b) of title 36 to correct an inconsistency in the revised title.

#### Amendments

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105–354 struck out "the State of" before "Delaware".

#### 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.

# §70104. Membership

(a) ELIGIBILITY.—Except as provided in this chapter, eligibility for membership in the corporation and the rights and privileges of members are as provided in the articles of incorporation and bylaws.

(b) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The terms of membership may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1348.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70104(a)	36:5605.	Sept. 23, 1996, Pub. L. 104-201, title XVIII, §§1805, 1808(g) (related to mem- bership), 110 Stat. 2761.
70104(b)	36:5608(g) (related to membership).	

In subsection (a), the words "Except as provided in this chapter" are substituted for "Except as provided in section 5608(g) of this title" for consistency in the revised title.

In subsection (b), the words "The terms of membership" are substituted for "In establishing the conditions of membership in the association" for consistency in the revised title and to eliminate unnecessary words.

## §70105. Governing body

(a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS.—The board of directors and the responsibilities of the board are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(b) OFFICERS.—The officers and the election of officers are as provided in the bylaws and articles of incorporation.

(c) NONDISCRIMINATION.—The requirements for serving as a director or officer may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, age, or national origin.

(Pub. L. 105-225, Aug. 12, 1998, 112 Stat. 1348.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
70105(a)	36:5606.	Sept. 23, 1996, Pub. L. 104-201, title XVIII, §§1806, 1807, 1808(g) (related to di- rectors and officers), 110 Stat. 2761.
70105(b)	36:5607.	