

commences receiving compensation, on or before December 31, 1989.

(c)(1) The amount withheld from the pay, annuity, or compensation of each employee subject to insurance deductions shall be at the rate, adjusted to the nearest half-cent, of 66⅔ percent of the level cost as determined by the Office for each \$1,000 of the employee's basic insurance amount.

(2) An employee who is subject to withholdings under this section and whose pay, annuity, or compensation is insufficient to cover such withholdings may nevertheless continue insurance if the employee arranges to pay currently into the Employees' Life Insurance Fund, through the agency or retirement system that administers pay, annuity, or compensation, an amount equal to the withholdings that would otherwise be required under this section.

(d) If an agency fails to withhold the proper amount of life insurance deductions from an individual's salary, compensation, or retirement annuity, the collection of unpaid deductions may be waived by the agency if, in the judgment of the agency, the individual is without fault and recovery would be against equity and good conscience. However, if the agency so waives the collection of unpaid deductions, the agency shall submit an amount equal to the sum of the uncollected deductions and related agency contributions required under section 8708 of this title to the Office for deposit to the Employees' Life Insurance Fund.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 90-206, title IV, §402, Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 647; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(2), (3), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 96-427, §4(a), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1833; Pub. L. 105-311, §6(1), Oct. 30, 1998, 112 Stat. 2951.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2094(a) (1st par.).	Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 752, §5(a) (1st par.), 68 Stat. 738. Sept. 23, 1959, Pub. L. 86-377, §4(b), 73 Stat. 701.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

#### AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 105-311, §6(1)(A), substituted “Subject to subsection (c)(2), during” for “During”.

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 105-311, §6(1)(B), substituted “Subject to subsection (c)(2), whenever” for “Whenever”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 105-311, §6(1)(C), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-427 designated first sentence of existing section as subsec. (a) and substituted “a policy purchased” for “a policy of insurance purchased” and “the employee's pay a share of the cost” for “the pay of the employee his share of the cost”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-427 added subsec. (b).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 96-427 designated second sentence of existing section as subsec. (c) and inserted reference to pay, annuity, or compensation of each employee.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 96-427 added subsec. (d).

1978—Pub. L. 95-454 substituted “Office of Personnel Management” and “Office” for “Civil Service Commission” and “Commission”, respectively.

1967—Pub. L. 90-206 struck out reference to the Civil Service Commission's function of determining the

amount to be withheld for group insurance and substituted provisions setting a rate of 66⅔ percent of the level cost of each \$1,000 of insurance as determined by the Commission for provisions setting a limit of 25 cents biweekly for each \$1,000 of group life insurance and directing the withholding of the amount from employees paid on other than a biweekly basis at a proportional rate adjusted to the nearest cent.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-311 effective on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning on or after Oct. 30, 1998, see section 11(d) of Pub. L. 105-311, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-427 effective Oct. 10, 1980, with the amendment to have no effect in case of an employee who died, was separated, or retired before Oct. 10, 1980, see section 10(a) of Pub. L. 96-427, set out as a note under section 8701 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-206 effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after sixtieth day following Dec. 16, 1967, see section 405(a) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as a note under section 8704 of this title.

#### RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-206 to have no effect in case of an employee who died, was finally separated, or retired prior to Dec. 16, 1967, see section 405(c) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as a note under section 8704 of this title.

### § 8708. Government contributions

(a) For each period in which an employee is insured under a policy of insurance purchased by the Office of Personnel Management under section 8709 of this title, a sum equal to one-half the amount which is withheld from the pay of the employee under section 8707 of this title shall be contributed from the appropriation or fund which is used to pay him.

(b) When an employee is paid by the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer may contribute the sum required by subsection (a) of this section from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives.

(c) When the employee is an elected official, the sum required by subsection (a) of this section is contributed from an appropriation or fund available for payment of other salaries of the same office or establishment.

(d)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, for each period in which an employee continues life insurance after retirement or while in receipt of compensation under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title because of disease or injury to the employee, as provided under section 8706(b) of this title, a sum equal to one-half of the amount which is withheld from the employee's annuity or compensation under section 8707 of this title shall be contributed by the Office from annual appropriations which are authorized to be made for that purpose and which may be made available until expended.

(2) Contributions under this subsection—

(A) shall not be made other than with respect to individuals who retire, or commence receiving compensation, after December 31, 1989;

(B) shall not be made with respect to any individual for months after the calendar month in which such individual becomes 65 years of age; and

(C) shall, in the case of any individual who elects coverage under subparagraph (B) of section 8706(b)(3) of this title, be equal to the amount which would apply under this subsection if such individual had instead elected coverage under subparagraph (A) of such section.

(3) The United States Postal Service shall pay the contributions required under this subsection with respect to any individual who—

(A) first becomes an annuitant by reason of retirement from employment with the United States Postal Service after December 31, 1989; or

(B) commences receiving compensation under subchapter I of chapter 81 of this title (because of disease or injury to the individual) after December 31, 1989, if the position last held by the individual before commencing to receive such compensation was within the United States Postal Service.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 595; Pub. L. 90-206, title IV, §403, Dec. 16, 1967, 81 Stat. 647; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(2), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 101-303, §2, May 29, 1990, 104 Stat. 250; Pub. L. 104-186, title II, §215(18), Aug. 20, 1996, 110 Stat. 1746.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
(a), (c) .....	5 U.S.C. 2094(b).	Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 752, §5(b), 68 Stat. 738.
(b) .....	2 U.S.C. 128.	Aug. 5, 1955, ch. 568, §101 (4th par. under "Administrative Provisions"), 69 Stat. 513.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-186 substituted "Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives, the Chief Administrative Officer may contribute the sum required by subsection (a) of this section from the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives." for "Clerk of the House of Representatives, the Clerk may contribute the sum required by subsection (a) of this section from the contingent fund of the House."

1990—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 101-303 added subsec. (d).

1978—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-454 substituted "Office of Personnel Management" for "Civil Service Commission".

1967—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-206 substituted provisions setting the sum to be withheld at one-half the amount withheld from the pay of the employee under section 8707 of this title for provisions setting the sum to be withheld at a rate to be determined by the Commission not to exceed one-half of the amount withheld under section 8707 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-454 effective 90 days after Oct. 13, 1978, see section 907 of Pub. L. 95-454, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-206 effective on first day of first pay period which begins on or after sixtieth day following December 16, 1967, see section 405(a) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as a note under section 8704 of this title.

RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-206 to have no effect in case of an employee who died, was finally separated, or retired prior to Dec. 16, 1967, see section 405(c) of Pub. L. 90-206, set out as a note under section 8704 of this title.

§ 8709. Insurance policies

(a) The Office of Personnel Management, without regard to section 6101(b) to (d) of title 41, may purchase from one or more life insurance companies a policy or policies of group life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance to provide the benefits specified by this chapter. A company must meet the following requirements:

(1) It must be licensed to transact life and accidental death and dismemberment insurance under the laws of 48 of the States and the District of Columbia.

(2) It must have in effect, on the most recent December 31 for which information is available to the Office, an amount of employee group life insurance equal to at least 1 percent of the total amount of employee group life insurance in the United States in all life insurance companies.

(b) A company issuing a policy under subsection (a) of this section shall establish an administrative office under a name approved by the Office.

(c) The Office at any time may discontinue a policy purchased from a company under subsection (a) of this section.

(d)(1) The provisions of any contract under this chapter which relate to the nature or extent of coverage or benefits (including payments with respect to benefits) shall supersede and preempt any law of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any regulation issued thereunder, which relates to group life insurance to the extent that the law or regulation is inconsistent with the contractual provisions.

(2) For the purpose of this section, "State" means a State of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and a territory or possession of the United States.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 596; Pub. L. 95-454, title IX, §906(a)(2), (3), Oct. 13, 1978, 92 Stat. 1224; Pub. L. 96-427, §5(a), Oct. 10, 1980, 94 Stat. 1834; Pub. L. 111-350, §5(a)(11), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3841.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Derivation</i>	<i>U.S. Code</i>	<i>Revised Statutes and Statutes at Large</i>
.....	5 U.S.C. 2096 (less (c)-(e)).	Aug. 17, 1954, ch. 752, §7 (less (c)-(e)), 68 Stat. 739.

In subsection (a), the words "as determined by it" are omitted as unnecessary.

Standard changes are made to conform with the definitions applicable and the style of this title as outlined in the preface to the report.