

(Added Pub. L. 90-235, §1(a)(1)(A), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 753; amended Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §653(a)(3), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1462.)

AMENDMENTS

1989—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “armed forces” for “Armed Forces of the United States”.

§ 672. Reference to chapter 1209

Provisions of law relating to service of members of reserve components on active duty are set forth in chapter 1209 of this title (beginning with section 12301).

(Added Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title XVI, §1662(e)(4), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2992.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 672 was renumbered section 12301 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Dec. 1, 1994, except as otherwise provided, see section 1691 of Pub. L. 103-337, set out as a note under section 10001 of this title.

§ 673. Consideration of application for permanent change of station or unit transfer for members on active duty who are the victim of a sexual assault or related offense

(a) **TIMELY CONSIDERATION AND ACTION.**—The Secretary concerned shall provide for timely determination and action on an application for consideration of a change of station or unit transfer submitted by a member of the armed forces serving on active duty who was a victim of a sexual assault or other offense covered by section 920, 920c, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) so as to reduce the possibility of retaliation against the member for reporting the sexual assault or other offense.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary concerned shall issue regulations to carry out this section, within guidelines provided by the Secretary of Defense. These guidelines shall provide that the application submitted by a member described in subsection (a) for a change of station or unit transfer must be approved or disapproved by the member’s commanding officer within five calendar days of the submission of the application. Additionally, if the application is disapproved by the commanding officer, the member shall be given the opportunity to request review by the first general officer or flag officer in the chain of command of the member, and that decision must be made within five calendar days of submission of the request for review.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §582(a), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1432; amended Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, §1091(a)(8), title XVII, §1712, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 876, 963; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1081(c)(2)(A), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1599; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title V, §531(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3601.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 673 was renumbered section 12302 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “five calendar days” for “72 hours” in two places.

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “920c, or 930” for “920a, or 920c” and “120c, or 130” for “120a, or 120c”.

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 113-66, §1091(a)(8), inserted “of the Uniform Code of Military Justice” after “120c”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 113-66, §1712, substituted “The Secretary concerned” for “The Secretaries of the military departments”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title V, §531(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3601, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 1, 2021], and shall apply to decisions on applications for permanent change of station or unit transfer made under section 673 of title 10, United States Code, on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2017 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-91 effective immediately after the amendments made by div. E (§§5001-5542) of Pub. L. 114-328 take effect as provided for in section 5542 of that Act (10 U.S.C. 801 note) [amendments effective Jan. 1, 2019], see section 1081(c)(4) of Pub. L. 115-91, set out as a note under section 801 of this title.

STANDARDIZATION OF POLICIES RELATED TO EXPEDITED TRANSFER IN CASES OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title V, §536, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1761, provided that:

“(a) **POLICIES FOR MEMBERS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall modify, in accordance with section 673 of title 10, United States Code, all policies that the Secretary determines necessary to establish a standardized expedited transfer process for a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps who is the alleged victim of—

“(1) sexual assault (regardless of whether the case is handled under the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program or Family Advocacy Program); or

“(2) physical domestic violence (as defined by the Secretary in regulations prescribed under this section) committed by the spouse or intimate partner of the member, regardless of whether the spouse or intimate partner is a member of the Armed Forces.

“(b) **POLICY FOR DEPENDENTS OF MEMBERS.**—The Secretary of Defense shall establish a policy to allow the transfer of a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps whose dependent is the victim of sexual assault perpetrated by a member of the Armed Forces who is not related to the victim.”

[§ 673a. Renumbered § 12303]

[§ 673b. Renumbered § 12304]

[§ 673c. Renumbered § 12305]

§ 674. Temporary administrative reassignment or removal of a member on active duty accused of committing a sexual assault or related offense

(a) **GUIDANCE FOR TIMELY CONSIDERATION AND ACTION.**—The Secretary concerned may provide guidance, within guidelines provided by the Secretary of Defense, for commanders regarding their authority to make a timely determination, and to take action, regarding whether a member of the armed forces serving on active duty who is alleged to have committed an offense under section 920, 920b, 920c, or 930 of this title (article 120, 120b, 120c, or 130 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice) or an attempt to commit such an offense as punishable under section 880 of this title (article 80 of the Uniform Code of Military