

private salvage companies such funds as the Secretary considers necessary to provide for the immediate financing of salvage operations. Advances under this subsection shall be made on terms that the Secretary considers adequate for the protection of the United States.” for “For authority for the Secretary of the Navy to advance to private salvage companies such funds as the Secretary considers necessary to provide for the immediate financing of salvage operations, see section 2307(g)(2) of this title.”

Pub. L. 116–283, §1876(c)(1), struck out “Reference to” before “Authority” in heading.

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7362 of this title as this section.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 116–283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116–283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115–232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115–232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

### § 8703. Settlement of claims

(a) **AUTHORITY TO SETTLE CLAIM.**—The Secretary of the Navy may settle any claim by the United States for salvage services rendered by the Department of the Navy and may receive payment of any such claim.

(b) **SALVAGE SERVICES DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “salvage services” includes services performed in connection with a marine salvage operation that are intended to prevent, abate, or minimize damage to the environment. (Added Pub. L. 104–106, div. A, title X, §1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 425, §7363; amended Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title III, §315(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1431; renumbered §8703, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7363 of this title as this section.

2003—Pub. L. 108–136 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

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### § 8704. Disposition of receipts

Amounts received under this chapter shall be credited to appropriations for maintaining naval salvage facilities. However, any amount received under this chapter in any fiscal year in excess of naval salvage costs incurred by the Navy during that fiscal year shall be deposited into the general fund of the Treasury.

(Added Pub. L. 104–106, div. A, title X, §1015, Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 425, §7364; renumbered §8704, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(3), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7364 of this title as this section.

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## CHAPTER 867—UNITED STATES NAVAL OBSERVATORY

Sec.

8715. Naval Observatory: administration.

8716. Naval Observatory: exchange of information with foreign offices.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior chapter 867, consisting of sections 8911 to 8929, related to retirement from the Air Force for length of service, prior to renumbering as chapter 941 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated chapter 639 of this title as this chapter and items 7395 and 7396 as 8715 and 8716, respectively.

1982—Pub. L. 97–295, §1(50)(F), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1300, struck out “NAVAL OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICE AND” from chapter heading.

Pub. L. 97–295, §1(50)(B), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1299, struck out items 7391 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: establishment and duties”, 7392 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: maps, charts and books”, 7393 “United States Naval Oceanographic Office: pilot charts”, and 7394 “Price of maps, charts, and navigational publications”.

1964—Pub. L. 88–436, §1(b), Aug. 14, 1964, 78 Stat. 436, substituted “navigational publications” for “nautical books” in item 7394.

1962—Pub. L. 87–533, §1(a)(1), (b), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 154, 155, substituted “United States Naval Oceanographic” for “Hydrographic” in chapter heading and in items 7391 to 7393.

### § 8715. Naval Observatory: administration

(a) The Naval Observatory shall be attached to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

(b) The Superintendent of the Naval Observatory shall be detailed from officers in the line of the Navy serving in the grade of captain or above.

(c) The Secretary of the Navy may detail any officer of the Navy, competent for that duty, to supervise the Nautical Almanac.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 457, §7395; renumbered §8715, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(4), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code)       | Source (Statutes at Large)  |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---|
| 7395 .....      | 5 U.S.C. 133y–16 (note). | Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1946, Part III, §301, 60 Stat. 1099. |
|                 | 5 U.S.C. 461.            | Mar. 3, 1901, ch. 852, 31 Stat. 1122 (2d par., last sentence).    |
|                 | 5 U.S.C. 463.            | R.S. 436; June 29, 1949, ch. 278, 63 Stat. 300 (2d par.).         |

In subsection (a) the words “together with their respective functions, are hereby transferred from the Bureau of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy” are omitted as executed. The words “attached to” are substituted for the words “and shall be administered, subject to the direction and control of the Secretary of the Navy, under the Chief of Naval Operations” for brevity.