

**§ 3075. Authority to use appropriated funds for transportation and reimbursement of certain items**

**(a) Transportation of effects of deceased officers**

In the case of an officer who dies on active duty, the Secretary may provide, from appropriations made available to the Administration, transportation (including packing, unpacking, crating, and uncrating) of personal and household effects of that officer to the official residence of record of that officer. However, upon application by the dependents of such an officer, such transportation may be provided to such other location as may be determined by the Secretary.

**(b) Reimbursement for supplies furnished by officers to distressed and shipwrecked persons**

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, appropriations made available to the Administration may be used to reimburse an officer for food, clothing, medicines, and other supplies furnished by the officer—

- (1) for the temporary relief of distressed persons in remote localities; or
- (2) to shipwrecked persons who are temporarily provided for by the officer.

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**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 874 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3076. Presentation of United States flag upon retirement**

**(a) Presentation of flag upon retirement**

Upon the release of a commissioned officer from active commissioned service for retirement, the Secretary shall present a United States flag to the officer.

**(b) Multiple presentations not authorized**

An officer is not eligible for presentation of a flag under subsection (a) if the officer has previously been presented a flag under this section or any other provision of law providing for the presentation of a United States flag incident to release from active service for retirement.

**(c) No cost to recipient**

The presentation of a flag under this section shall be at no cost to the recipient.

(Pub. L. 107-372, title II, §266, Dec. 19, 2002, 116 Stat. 3093.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 853v of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-372.

**§ 3077. Education loan repayment program**

**(a) Authority to repay education loans**

For the purpose of maintaining adequate numbers of officers of the commissioned officer corps

of the Administration on active duty who have skills required by the commissioned officer corps, the Secretary may repay, in the case of a person described in subsection (b), a loan that—

- (1) was used by the person to finance education; and
- (2) was obtained from a governmental entity, private financial institution, educational institution, or other authorized entity.

**(b) Eligible persons**

To be eligible to obtain a loan repayment under this section, a person must—

- (1) satisfy one of the requirements specified in subsection (c);
- (2) be fully qualified for, or hold, an appointment as a commissioned officer in the commissioned officer corps of the Administration; and
- (3) sign a written agreement to serve on active duty, or, if on active duty, to remain on active duty for a period in addition to any other incurred active duty obligation.

**(c) Academic and professional requirements**

One of the following academic requirements must be satisfied for purposes of determining the eligibility of an individual for a loan repayment under this section:

- (1) The person is fully qualified in a profession that the Secretary has determined to be necessary to meet identified skill shortages in the commissioned officer corps of the Administration.
- (2) The person is enrolled as a full-time student in the final year of a course of study at an accredited educational institution (as determined by the Secretary of Education) leading to a degree in a profession that will meet identified skill shortages in the commissioned officer corps of the Administration.

**(d) Loan repayments**

**(1) In general**

Subject to the limits established under paragraph (2), a loan repayment under this section may consist of the payment of the principal, interest, and related expenses of a loan obtained by a person described in subsection (b).

**(2) Limitation on amount**

For each year of obligated service that a person agrees to serve in an agreement described in subsection (b)(3), the Secretary may pay not more than the amount specified in section 2173(e)(2) of title 10.

**(e) Active duty service obligation**

**(1) In general**

A person entering into an agreement described in subsection (b)(3) incurs an active duty service obligation.

**(2) Length of obligation determined under regulations**

**(A) In general**

Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the length of the obligation under paragraph (1) shall be determined under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

**(B) Minimum obligation**

The regulations prescribed under subparagraph (A) may not provide for a period of ob-