

In subsection (b), the words "Secretary concerned . . . a member of a uniformed service, he shall . . . the member, act on it" are substituted for "any person . . . department concerned, action shall be taken thereon . . . such person". In the second sentence, the words "After the end of the 12-month period in a missing status" are substituted for "If the twelve months' absence . . . has expired". The words "the Secretary concerned, or his designee" are inserted for clarity. The words "a member" are substituted for "any person". The words "missing status" are substituted for "missing or other status" in view of the definition in revised section 551(2) of this chapter. The words "is dead" are substituted for "is no longer alive" for consistency with references in this section to "death".

In subsection (c), the words "Secretary concerned, or his designee . . . may . . . a member . . . under this chapter" are substituted for "head of the department concerned, or by such subordinate as he may designate . . . are authorized to . . . any person . . . under provisions of this Act". The words "a member" are substituted for "any person". The words "captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force" are substituted for "in the hands of a hostile force" on authority of 50 App. U.S.C. 1014.

In subsection (d), the words "Secretary concerned, or his designee" are substituted for "head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate". The words "under this chapter" are substituted for "authorized to be made by this Act".

In subsection (e), the words "a member . . . allotment paid under this chapter" are substituted for "any person . . . allotments paid pursuant to this Act". The words "the member if the Secretary concerned, or his designee . . . the payment . . . the member" are substituted for "such person's . . . in any case in which . . . the head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate . . . such person".

In subsection (f), the words "may not be collected" are substituted for "shall not be subject to collection" in two places. The word "member" is substituted for "person".

In subsection (g), the words "Secretary concerned, or his designee," are substituted for "head of the department concerned, or such subordinate as he may designate,".

In subsection (h), the first sentence is substituted for 50 App. U.S.C. 1009(b) (1st 33 words, as applicable to §1009). The words "Secretary concerned" are substituted for "head of the department concerned." The words "or his designee" are supplied on authority of 50 App. U.S.C. 1009(a) which is codified in part in revised section 556(a) of this chapter. The words "departments and agencies of the United States" are substituted for "departments of the Government" in view of the definition of "department" in 50 App. U.S.C. 1001(b). The words "This subsection does not entitle" are substituted for "Provided, That nothing in this section shall be construed as conferring . . . any right".

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(A), inserted concluding provisions.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(B), inserted ", in a case to which section 555 of this title applies," after "When the Secretary concerned".

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106, §569(c)(4)(C), substituted "determining pay" for "determining status" and inserted "in a case to which section 555 of this title applies" after "designee, under this section".

**§ 557. Settlement of accounts**

(a) The Secretary concerned, or his designee, may settle the account of—

(1) a member of a uniformed service for whose account payments have been made

under sections 552, 553, and 555 of this title; and

(2) a survivor of a casualty to a ship, station, or military installation which results in the loss or destruction of disbursing records.

That settlement is conclusive on the accounting officers of the United States in settling the accounts of disbursing officers.

(b) Payment or settlement of an account made pursuant to a report, determination, or finding of death may not be recovered or reopened because of a later report or determination which fixes a date of death. However, an account shall be reopened and settled on the basis of a date of death so fixed which is later than that used as a basis for earlier settlements.

(c) In the settlement of his accounts, a disbursing officer is entitled, if there is no fraud or criminality by him, to credit for an erroneous payment or overpayment he made in carrying out this chapter, except section 558 of this title. Unless there is fraud or criminality by him, recovery may not be made from a civilian officer or employee or a member of a uniformed service who authorizes a payment under this chapter, except section 558 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 630; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1303(b)(11), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 741.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code)               | Source (Statutes at Large)  |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|---|
| 557(a) .....    | 50 App. 1011.                    | Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §11, 56 Stat. 146.   |
| 557(b) .....    | 50 App. 1009(a) (5th sentence).  | Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §9(a) (5th and last sentences); added July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §5, 58 Stat. 680; Aug. 29, 1957, Pub. L. 85-217, §1(c), 71 Stat. 492. |
| 557(c) .....    | 50 App. 1009(a) (last sentence). |   |

Only that portion of the source law which is applicable to members of the uniformed services and their dependents is codified in this section.

In subsection (a), the words "Secretary concerned, or his designee," are substituted for "head of the department concerned, or such person as he may designate,". The words "a member of a uniformed service" are substituted for "persons". The words "United States" are substituted for "Government".

In subsection (c), the words "in carrying out this chapter, except section 558" are substituted for "in carrying out the provisions of this Act, except sections 13, 16, 17, and 18", since sections 16 and 17 are scheduled for repeal (see Table II) and section 18 was previously repealed. The words "under this chapter, except section 558" are substituted for "under such provisions" for the reasons stated in the preceding sentence.

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AMENDMENTS

1985—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-145 inserted "of this title" after "558" in two places.

**§ 558. Income tax deferment**

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a Federal income tax return of, or the payment of a Federal income tax by, a member of a uniformed service who, at the time the return or payment would otherwise become due, is in a

missing status, does not become due until the earlier of the following dates—

(1) the fifteenth day of the third month in which he ceased (except by reason of death or incompetency) being in a missing status, unless before the end of that fifteenth day he is again in a missing status; or

(2) the fifteenth day of the third month after the month in which an executor, administrator, or conservator of the estate of the taxpayer is appointed.

That due date is prescribed subject to the power of the Secretary of the Treasury or his delegate to extend the time for filing the return or paying the tax, as in other cases, and to assess and collect the tax as provided by sections 6851, 6861, and 6871 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in cases in which the assessment or collection is jeopardized and in cases of bankruptcy or receivership.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 631; amended Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §516(16), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2939; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(c), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 285.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 558 .....       | 50 App. 1013.      | Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §13, 56 Stat. 146; Aug. 8, 1947, ch. 515, §6, 61 Stat. 918; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-428, §1(9), 78 Stat. 437. |

Only that portion of the source law which is applicable to members of the uniformed services and their dependents is codified in this section.

The words “in the case of any taxable year beginning after December 31, 1940” are omitted as unnecessary.

The words “as defined in section 101(3) and (23) of title 37, United States Code” are omitted as unnecessary since the revised section is codified in title 37. The words “in a missing status” are substituted for “absent from his duty station under the conditions specified in section 2 of the Act” to conform to the definition in revised section 551(3) of this chapter and in view of the provisions of revised section 552 establishing the entitlement of a member in a missing status to receive pay and allowances or have them credited to his account. Reference to “title 26” is substituted for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954”.

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Sections 6851, 6861, and 6871 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, referred to in text, are classified to sections 6851, 6861, and 6871, respectively, of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code.

##### AMENDMENTS

1987—Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “Internal Revenue Code of 1986” for “Internal Revenue Code of 1954” in last sentence.

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “the Internal Revenue Code of 1954” for “title 26”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### § 559. Benefits for members held as captives

(a) In this section:

(1) The term “captive status” means a missing status of a member of the uniformed services which, as determined by the President, arises because of a hostile action and is a result of membership in the uniformed services, but does not include a period of captivity of a member as a prisoner of war if Congress provides to such member, in an Act enacted after August 27, 1986, monetary payment in respect of such period of captivity.

(2) The term “former captive” means a person who, as a member of the uniformed services, was held in a captive status.

(b)(1) The Secretary of the Treasury shall establish a savings fund to which the Secretary concerned may allot all or any portion of the pay and allowances of any member of the uniformed services who is in a captive status to the extent that such pay and allowances are not subject to an allotment under section 553 of this title or any other provision of law.

(2) Amounts so allotted shall bear interest at a rate which, for any calendar quarter, shall be equal to the average rate paid on United States Treasury bills with three-month maturities issued during the preceding calendar quarter. Such interest shall be computed quarterly.

(3) Amounts in the savings fund credited to a member shall be considered as pay and allowances for purposes of section 553(c) of this title and shall otherwise be subject to withdrawal under procedures which the Secretary of the Treasury shall establish.

(4) Any interest accruing under this subsection on—

(A) any amount for which a member is indebted to the United States under section 552(c) of this title shall be deemed to be part of the amount due under such section; and

(B) any amount referred to in section 556(f) of this title shall be deemed to be part of such amount for purposes of such section.

(5) An allotment under this subsection may be made without regard to section 553(c) of this title.

(c)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (3), the President shall make a cash payment to any person who is a former captive. Such payment shall be made before the end of the one-year period beginning on the date on which the captive status of such person terminates.

(2) Except as provided in section 802 of the Victims of Terrorism Compensation Act (5 U.S.C. 5569 note), the amount of such payment shall be determined by the President under the provisions of section 5569(d)(2) of title 5.

(3)(A) The President—

(i) may defer such payment in the case of any former captive who during such one-year period is charged with an offense described in clause (ii), until final disposition of such charge; and

(ii) may deny such payment in the case of any former captive who is convicted of a captivity-related offense—

(I) referred to in subsection (b) or (c) of section 8312 of title 5; or