

fiscal year to provide travel and transportation allowances under this chapter, the Secretary concerned may reimburse a member of the uniformed services for qualified relicensing costs of the spouse of the member when—

(A) the member is reassigned, either as a permanent change of station or permanent change of assignment, between duty stations located in separate jurisdictions with unique licensing or certification requirements and authorities; and

(B) the movement of the member's dependents is authorized at the expense of the United States under this section as part of the reassignment.

(2) Reimbursement provided to a member under this subsection may not exceed \$1000 in connection with each reassignment described in paragraph (1).

(3) No reimbursement may be provided under this subsection for qualified relicensing costs paid or incurred after December 31, 2024.

(4) In this subsection, the term “qualified relicensing costs” means costs, including exam, continuing education courses, and registration fees, incurred by the spouse of a member if—

(A) the spouse was licensed or certified in a profession during the member's previous duty assignment and requires a new license or certification to engage in that profession in a new jurisdiction because of movement described in paragraph (1)(B) in connection with the member's change in duty location pursuant to reassignment described in paragraph (1)(A); and

(B) the costs were incurred or paid to secure or maintain the license or certification from the new jurisdiction in connection with such reassignment.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1457; amended Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title VI, §621(c)(1), (h), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 783, 784; Pub. L. 114–328, div. A, title V, §522(c), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2116; Pub. L. 116–283, div. A, title VI, §622(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3676.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 116–283 added subsec. (g).

2016—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 114–328 struck out subsec. (g). Text read as follows: “A member may be reimbursed as specified in regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title for travel and related expenses incurred by the member as a result of the cancellation of previously approved leave when the leave is cancelled in conjunction with the member's participation in a contingency operation and the cancellation occurs within 48 hours of the time the leave would have commenced. The settlement for reimbursement under this subsection is final and conclusive.”

2013—Subsec. (c)(3). Pub. L. 113–66, §621(h), substituted “(including household goods in temporary storage, but excluding packing and crating)” for “(including packing, crating, and household goods in temporary storage)”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 113–66, §621(c)(1), added subsec. (g).

§ 454. Travel and transportation: pilot programs

(a) PILOT PROGRAMS.—Except as otherwise prohibited by law, the Secretary of Defense may

conduct pilot programs to evaluate alternative travel and transportation programs, policies, and processes for Department of Defense authorized travelers. Any such pilot program shall be designed to enhance cost savings or other efficiencies that accrue to the Government and be conducted so as to evaluate one or more of the following:

(1) Alternative methods for performing and reimbursing travel.

(2) Means for limiting the need for travel.

(3) Means for reducing the environmental impact of travel.

(b) LIMITATIONS.—(1) Not more than three pilot programs may be carried out under subsection (a) at any one time.

(2) The duration of a pilot program may not exceed four years.

(3) The authority to carry out a pilot program is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

(c) REPORTS.—(1) Not later than 30 days before the commencement of a pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth a description of the pilot program, including the following:

(A) The purpose of the pilot program.

(B) The duration of the pilot program.

(C) The cost savings or other efficiencies anticipated to accrue to the Government under the pilot program.

(2) Not later than 60 days after the completion of a pilot program, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on the pilot program. The report on a pilot program under this paragraph shall set forth the following:

(A) A description of results of the pilot program.

(B) Such recommendations for legislative or administrative action as the Secretary considers appropriate in light of the pilot program.

(d) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term “congressional defense committees” has the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16) of title 10.

(Added Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1458.)

§ 455. Appropriations for travel: may not be used for attendance at certain meetings

Appropriations of the Department of Defense that are available for travel may not, without the approval of the Secretary concerned or his designee, be used for expenses incident to attendance of a member of an armed force under that department at a meeting of a technical, scientific, professional, or similar organization.

(Pub. L. 87–649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 476, §412; renumbered §455, Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title VI, §631(d)(1), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460.)