

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
412	5:174a.	Aug. 1, 1953, ch. 305, §605, 67 Stat. 349.

The words “may not . . . be used” are substituted for the words “shall not be available”. The words “on and after August 1, 1953” are omitted as executed. The words “Secretary concerned” are substituted for the words “Secretary of the department concerned” to conform to other sections of this revised title and to the definition in section 101(5) of this revised title. So much of the source statute as relates to civilian employees is omitted as superseded by the Act of July 7, 1958, Pub. L. 85-507, 72 Stat. 327.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Act Aug. 1, 1953, cited as the source of this section in the Historical and Revision Notes above, is known as the Department of Defense Appropriation Act, 1954. Similar provisions were contained in the following prior appropriation acts:

July 10, 1952, ch. 630, title VI, §606, 66 Stat. 531.
 Oct. 18, 1951, ch. 512, title VI, §606, 65 Stat. 445.
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, ch. X, title VI, §607, 64 Stat. 752.
 Oct. 29, 1949, ch. 787, title VI, §607, 63 Stat. 1018.
 June 24, 1948, ch. 632, 62 Stat. 652.
 July 30, 1947, ch. 357, title I, 61 Stat. 554.
 July 16, 1946, ch. 583, 60 Stat. 545.
 July 3, 1945, ch. 265, 59 Stat. 388.
 June 28, 1944, ch. 303, 58 Stat. 577.

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81 renumbered section 412 of this title as this section.

§ 456. Managed travel program refunds

(a) CREDIT OF REFUNDS.—The Secretary of Defense may credit refunds attributable to Department of Defense managed travel programs as a direct result of official travel to such operation and maintenance or research, development, test, and evaluation accounts of the Department as designated by the Secretary that are available for obligation for the fiscal year in which the refund or amount is collected.

(b) USE OF REFUNDS.—Refunds credited under subsection (a) may only be used for official travel or operations and efficiency improvements for improved financial management of official travel.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) MANAGED TRAVEL PROGRAM.—The term “managed travel program” includes air, rental car, train, bus, dining, lodging, and travel management, but does not include rebates or refunds attributable to the use of the Government travel card, the Government Purchase Card, or Government travel arranged by Government Contracted Travel Management Centers.

(2) REFUND.—The term “refund” includes miscellaneous receipts credited to the Department identified as a refund, rebate, repayment, or other similar amounts collected.

(Added Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title VI, §606(a), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1424.)

SUBCHAPTER II—ADMINISTRATIVE
PROVISIONS

§ 461. Relationship to other travel and transportation authorities

An authorized traveler may not be paid travel and transportation allowances or receive travel-in-kind and transportation-in-kind, or a combination thereof, under both subchapter I and subchapter III for official travel performed under a single or related travel and transportation order or authorization by the administering Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

§ 462. Travel and transportation allowances paid to members that are unauthorized or in excess of authorized amounts: requirement for repayment

(a) REPAYMENT REQUIRED.—Except as provided in subsection (b), a member of the uniformed services or other person who is paid travel and transportation allowances under subchapter I shall repay to the United States any amount of such payment that is determined to be unauthorized or in excess of the applicable authorized amount.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The regulations prescribed under section 464 of this title shall specify procedures for determining the circumstances under which an exception to repayment otherwise required by subsection (a) may be granted.

(c) EFFECT OF BANKRUPTCY.—An obligation to repay the United States under this section is, for all purposes, a debt owed the United States. A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 does not discharge a person from such debt if the discharge order is entered less than five years after the date on which the debt was incurred.

(Added Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(b), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1459.)

§ 463. Programs of compliance; electronic processing of travel claims

(a) PROGRAMS OF COMPLIANCE.—The administering Secretaries shall provide for compliance with the requirements of this chapter through programs of compliance established and maintained for that purpose.

(b) ELEMENTS.—The programs of compliance under subsection (a) shall—

(1) minimize the provision of benefits under this chapter based on inaccurate claims, unauthorized claims, overstated or inflated claims, and multiple claims for the same benefits through the electronic verification of travel claims on a near-time basis and such other means as the administering Secretaries may establish for purposes of the programs of compliance; and

(2) ensure that benefits provided under this chapter do not exceed reasonable or actual and necessary expenses of travel claimed or reasonable allowances based on commercial travel rates.

(c) ELECTRONIC PROCESSING OF TRAVEL CLAIMS.—(1) By not later than the date that is