

§ 80107. Salvors of life to share in remuneration

(a) ENTITLEMENT OF SALVORS.—A salvor of human life, who gave aid following an accident giving rise to salvage, is entitled to a fair share of the payment awarded to the salvor for salvaging the vessel or other property or preventing or minimizing damage to the environment.

(b) COMMON OWNERSHIP OF VESSELS.—The right to remuneration for aid or salvage services is not affected by common ownership of the vessels giving and receiving the aid or salvage services.

(c) TIME LIMIT ON BRINGING ACTIONS.—A civil action to recover remuneration for giving aid or salvage services must be brought within 2 years after the date the aid or salvage services were given, unless the court in which the action is brought is satisfied that during that 2-year period there had not been a reasonable opportunity to seize the aided or salvaged vessel within the jurisdiction of the court or within the territorial waters of the country of the plaintiff's residence or principal place of business.

(d) NONAPPLICATION.—This section does not apply to a vessel of war or a vessel owned by the United States Government appropriated only to a public service.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §11, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1691.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 80107(a) | 46 App.:729. | Aug. 1, 1912, ch. 268, §§1, 3-5, 37 Stat. 242; Pub. L. 102-241, §40, Dec. 19, 1991, 105 Stat. 2225. |
| 80107(b) | 46 App.:727. | |
| 80107(c) | 46 App.:730. | |
| 80107(d) | 46 App.:731. | |

In subsection (c), the words “civil action” are substituted for “suit”, the words “must be brought within 2 years after” are substituted for “shall not be maintainable if brought later than two years from”, and the word “seize” is substituted for “arresting”, for consistency in the revised title. The words “of the plaintiff's residence or principal place of business” are substituted for “in which the libelant resides or has his principal place of business” for consistency and to eliminate unnecessary words.

In subsectoin [sic] (d), the reference to section 2304 of title 46 is omitted because of the amendment to section 2304 in section 14(8) of the bill.

CHAPTER 803—ICE AND DERELICTS

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Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2014—Pub. L. 113-281, title III, §314(b), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3049, added item 80304.

§ 80301. International agreements

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The President may make agreements with interested maritime countries to—

(1) maintain in the North Atlantic Ocean a service of ice patrol, of study and observation

of ice and current conditions, and of assistance to vessels and their crews requiring assistance within the limits of the patrol;

(2) maintain a service of study and observation of ice and current conditions in the waters affecting the set and drift of ice in the North Atlantic Ocean; and

(3) take all practicable steps to ensure the destruction or removal of derelicts in the northern part of the Atlantic Ocean, east of the line drawn from Cape Sable to a point in latitude 34 degrees north, longitude 70 degrees west, if the destruction or removal is necessary.

(b) PAYMENT BETWEEN COUNTRIES.—The President may include in an agreement under subsection (a) a provision for—

(1) payment to the United States Government by other countries for their proportionate share of the expense of maintaining the services; or

(2) contribution by the Government for its proportionate share if the agreement provides for another country to maintain the services.

(c) PAYMENTS.—Payments received pursuant to subsection (b)(1) shall be credited to the appropriation for operations and support of the Coast Guard.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §11, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1692; Pub. L. 113-281, title III, §314(a)(1), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3049; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8513(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4761.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised Section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 80301 | 46 App.:738. | June 25, 1936, ch. 807, §1, 49 Stat. 1922. |

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “operations and support” for “operating expenses”.

2014—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 113-281 added subsec. (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2014 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-281, title III, §314(c), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3049, provided that: “This section [enacting section 80304 of this title and amending this section and section 80302 of this title] shall take effect on January 1, 2017.”

§ 80302. Patrol services

(a) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.—Unless the agreements made under section 80301 of this title provide otherwise, an ice patrol shall be maintained during the entire ice season in guarding the southeastern, southern, and southwestern limits of the region of icebergs in the vicinity of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The patrol shall inform trans-Atlantic and other passing vessels by radio and other available means of the ice conditions and the extent of the dangerous region. During the ice season, there shall be maintained a service of study of ice and current conditions, a service of pro-