

pressly authorized by a provision of this chapter or another statute unless expressly authorized by an Act of Congress enacted after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

(Added Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, §521(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2115.)

Editorial Notes

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, referred to in text, is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-328, which was approved Dec. 23, 2016.

§ 705. Rest and recuperation absence: qualified members extending duty at designated locations overseas

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned, a member of an armed force who—

- (1) is entitled to basic pay;
- (2) has a specialty that is designated by the Secretary concerned for the purposes of this section;
- (3) has completed a tour of duty (as defined in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary concerned) at a location outside the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia that is designated by the Secretary concerned for the purposes of this section; and
- (4) at the end of that tour of duty executes an agreement to extend that tour for a period of not less than one year;

may, in lieu of receiving special pay under section 314 or 352 of title 37 for duty performed during such extension of duty, elect to receive one of the benefits specified in subsection (b). Receipt of any such benefit is in addition to any other leave or transportation to which the member may be entitled.

(b) The benefits authorized by subsection (a) are—

- (1) a period of rest and recuperation absence for not more than 30 days; or
- (2) a period of rest and recuperation absence for not more than 15 days for members whose qualifying tour of duty is 12 months or less, or for not more than 20 days for members whose qualifying tour of duty is longer than 12 months, and round-trip transportation at Government expense from the location of the extended tour of duty to the nearest port in the 48 contiguous States and return, or to an alternative destination and return at a cost not to exceed the cost of round-trip transportation from the location of the extended tour of duty to such nearest port.

(c) The provisions of this section shall not be effective unless the Secretary concerned determines that the application of this section will not adversely affect combat or unit readiness.

(Added Pub. L. 96-579, §5(b)(1), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3366; amended Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title V, §574(a)-(b)(2)(A), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2558; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §621(b), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1505; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title V, §552, Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 115-91,

div. A, title VI, §618(d), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1426.)

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AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115-91 inserted “or 352” after “section 314” in concluding provisions.

2008—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 110-181 inserted “for members whose qualifying tour of duty is 12 months or less, or for not more than 20 days for members whose qualifying tour of duty is longer than 12 months,” after “for not more than 15 days”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, §621(b)(2), struck out “enlisted” before “members” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-136, §621(b)(1), substituted “a member” for “an enlisted member” in introductory provisions.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, §574(b)(2)(A), substituted “recuperation absence: qualified enlisted members” for “recuperative absence for qualified enlisted members” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “recuperation” for “recuperative” in pars. (1) and (2) and inserted before period at end of par. (2) “, or to an alternative destination and return at a cost not to exceed the cost of round-trip transportation from the location of the extended tour of duty to such nearest port”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 96-579, §5(c)(2), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3367, provided: “Section 705 of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (b), shall take effect upon the date of the enactment of this section [Dec. 23, 1980] and shall apply only with respect to periods of extended duty overseas beginning on or after such date of enactment.”

§ 705a. Rest and recuperation absence: certain members undergoing extended deployment to a combat zone

(a) REST AND RECUPERATION AUTHORIZED.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned may provide a member of the armed forces described in subsection (b) the benefits described in subsection (c).

(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member of the armed forces described in this subsection is any member who—

- (1) is assigned or deployed for at least 270 days in an area or location—
 - (A) that is designated by the President as a combat zone; and
 - (B) in which hardship duty pay is authorized to be paid under section 305 or 352(a) of title 37; and
- (2) meets such other criteria as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe in the regulations required by subsection (a).

(c) BENEFITS.—The benefits described in this subsection are the following:

- (1) A period of rest and recuperation absence for not more than 15 days.
- (2) Round-trip transportation at Government expense from the area or location in which the member is serving in connection with the exercise of the period of rest and recuperation.

(d) CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER LEAVE.—Any benefits provided a member under this section are in addition to any other leave or absence to which the member may be entitled.