

2004—Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “1413a” for “1413, 1413a.”

2003—Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 108-136, § 641(c)(5)(A), substituted “sections 1465(a), 1465(b)(3), 1465(c)(2), and 1465(c)(3)” for “sections 1465(a) and 1465(c)”.

Subsec. (b)(2)(D). Pub. L. 108-136, § 641(c)(5)(B), added subpar. (D).

1999—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 106-65 added subsec. (c).

1987—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-26, § 7(a)(3), inserted at end “Amounts paid into the Fund under this subsection shall be paid from funds available for the pay of members of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department.”

Subsec. (a)(1)(B), (2)(B). Pub. L. 100-26, § 4(a)(1), amended Pub. L. 99-500 and 99-591, title I, § 101(c) [title IX, § 9103(3)]. See 1986 Amendment note below.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-661 amended first sentence of subsec. (a), which after amendment by Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591 was the only sentence of subsec. (a), by substituting language which was substantially identical to that substituted by Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591.

Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591, title I, § 101(c) [§ 9131], amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Secretary of Defense shall pay into the Fund at the end of each month as the Department of Defense contribution to the Fund for that month the amount that is the product of—

“(1) the level percentage of basic pay determined under the most recent (as of the first day of the current fiscal year) actuarial valuation under section 1465(c) of this title; and

“(2) the total amount of basic pay paid that month to members of the armed forces (other than the Coast Guard) on active duty or in the Selected Reserve.

Amounts paid into the Fund under this subsection shall be paid from funds available for the pay of members of the armed forces under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of a military department.”

Subsec. (a)(1)(B), (2)(B). Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591, title I, § 101(c) [title IX, § 9103(3)], as amended by Pub. L. 100-26, § 4(a)(1), substituted “accrued for that month by” for “paid that month to” in pars. (1)(B) and (2)(B) as amended by section 661(b) of Pub. L. 99-661, see above.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, § 1063(c), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 322, provided that the amendment made by section 1063(c)(4) is effective as of Oct. 17, 2006, and as if included in the John Warner National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007, Pub. L. 109-364, as enacted.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 109-364 effective Oct. 1, 2007, see section 591(c) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out as a note under section 1465 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-136 effective Oct. 1, 2003, with Secretary of Defense to provide for certain administrative adjustments, see section 641(c)(6) of Pub. L. 108-136, set out as a note under section 1413a of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1999 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 651(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 664, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and repealing section 5532 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees] shall take effect on October 1, 1999.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1987 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 100-26, § 12(b), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 289, provided that: “The amendments made by section 4

[amending this section and provisions set out as a note under section 1014 of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services] shall apply as if included in Public Laws 99-500 and 99-591 when enacted on October 18, 1986, and October 30, 1986, respectively.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-661 applicable to payments required to be made under subsec. (a) of this section for months beginning on or after Nov. 14, 1986, see section 661(d) of Pub. L. 99-661, set out as a note under section 1465 of this title.

Amendment by section 101(c) [title IX, § 9131] of Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591 effective Oct. 18, 1986, and applicable to payments required to be made under subsec. (a) of this section for months beginning on or after that date, see section 642(c) of S. 2638, as enacted into law, set out as a note under section 1465 of this title.

Amendment by section 101(c) [title IX, § 9103(3)] of Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591 effective Sept. 1, 1987, see section 101(c) [title IX, § 9103(4)] of Pub. L. 99-500 and Pub. L. 99-591, as amended, set out as an Effective Date note under section 1014 of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 1984, see section 925(b)(2) of Pub. L. 98-94, set out as a note under section 1463 of this title.

#### § 1467. Investment of assets of Fund

The Secretary of the Treasury shall invest such portion of the Fund as is not in the judgment of the Secretary of Defense required to meet current withdrawals. Such investments shall be in public debt securities with maturities suitable to the needs of the Fund, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, and bearing interest at rates determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, taking into consideration current market yields on outstanding marketable obligations of the United States of comparable maturities. The income on such investments shall be credited to and form a part of the Fund.

(Added Pub. L. 98-94, title IX, § 925(a)(1), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 648.)

#### CHAPTER 75—DECEASED PERSONNEL

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1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VII, § 721(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 692, substituted “DECEASED PERSONNEL” for “DEATH BENEFITS” as chapter heading and added subchapter analysis.

##### SUBCHAPTER I—DEATH INVESTIGATIONS

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1471.	Forensic pathology investigations.

##### Editorial Notes

###### AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VII, § 721(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 692, added subchapter I heading and item 1471.

#### § 1471. Forensic pathology investigations

(a) AUTHORITY.—Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Armed Forces

Medical Examiner may conduct a forensic pathology investigation to determine the cause or manner of death of a deceased person if such an investigation is determined to be justified under circumstances described in subsection (b). The investigation may include an autopsy of the decedent's remains.

(b) BASIS FOR INVESTIGATION.—(1) A forensic pathology investigation of a death under this section is justified if at least one of the circumstances in paragraph (2) and one of the circumstances in paragraph (3) exist.

(2) A circumstance under this paragraph is a circumstance under which—

(A) it appears that the decedent was killed or that, whatever the cause of the decedent's death, the cause was unnatural;

(B) the cause or manner of death is unknown;

(C) there is reasonable suspicion that the death was by unlawful means;

(D) it appears that the death resulted from an infectious disease or from the effects of a hazardous material that may have an adverse effect on the military installation or community involved; or

(E) the identity of the decedent is unknown.

(3) A circumstance under this paragraph is a circumstance under which—

(A) the decedent—

(i) was found dead or died at an installation garrisoned by units of the armed forces that is under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States;

(ii) was a member of the armed forces on active duty or inactive duty for training;

(iii) was recently retired under chapter 61 of this title as a result of an injury or illness incurred while a member on active duty or inactive duty for training; or

(iv) was a civilian dependent of a member of the armed forces and was found dead or died outside the United States;

(B) in any other authorized Department of Defense investigation of matters which involves the death, a factual determination of the cause or manner of the death is necessary; or

(C) in any other authorized investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the National Transportation Safety Board, or any other Federal agency, an authorized official of such agency with authority to direct a forensic pathology investigation requests that the Armed Forces Medical Examiner conduct such an investigation.

(c) DETERMINATION OF JUSTIFICATION.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the determination that a circumstance exists under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) shall be made by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.

(2) A commander may make the determination that a circumstance exists under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) and require a forensic pathology investigation under this section without regard to a determination made by the Armed Forces Medical Examiner if—

(A) in a case involving circumstances described in paragraph (3)(A)(i) of that subsection, the commander is the commander of

the installation where the decedent was found dead or died; or

(B) in a case involving circumstances described in paragraph (3)(A)(ii) of that subsection, the commander is the commander of the decedent's unit at a level in the chain of command designated for such purpose in the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(d) LIMITATION IN CONCURRENT JURISDICTION CASES.—(1) The exercise of authority under this section is subject to the exercise of primary jurisdiction for the investigation of a death—

(A) in the case of a death in a State, by the State or a local government of the State; or

(B) in the case of a death in a foreign country, by that foreign country under any applicable treaty, status of forces agreement, or other international agreement between the United States and that foreign country.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not limit the authority of the Armed Forces Medical Examiner to conduct a forensic pathology investigation of a death that is subject to the exercise of primary jurisdiction by another sovereign if the investigation by the other sovereign is concluded without a forensic pathology investigation that the Armed Forces Medical Examiner considers complete. For the purposes of the preceding sentence a forensic pathology investigation is incomplete if the investigation does not include an autopsy of the decedent.

(e) PROCEDURES.—For a forensic pathology investigation under this section, the Armed Forces Medical Examiner shall—

(1) designate one or more qualified pathologists to conduct the investigation;

(2) to the extent practicable and consistent with responsibilities under this section, give due regard to any applicable law protecting religious beliefs;

(3) as soon as practicable, notify the decedent's family, if known, that the forensic pathology investigation is being conducted;

(4) as soon as practicable after the completion of the investigation, authorize release of the decedent's remains to the family, if known; and

(5) promptly report the results of the forensic pathology investigation to the official responsible for the overall investigation of the death.

(f) DEFINITION OF STATE.—In this section, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and Guam.

(Added Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VII, §721(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 692.)

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