

2001—Pub. L. 107-107 renumbered section 2582 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1883(b)(2) of Pub. L. 116-283 effective Jan. 1, 2022, with additional provisions for delayed implementation and applicability of existing law, see section 1801(d) of Pub. L. 116-283, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title X, §1091(b), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 876, provided in part that the amendment made by section 1091(b)(2) is effective as of Jan. 2, 2013, and as if included in Pub. L. 112-239 as enacted.

CHAPTER 155—ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS AND SERVICES

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2612. National Defense University: acceptance of gifts.
2613. Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families.
2614. Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters.
2615. Military museums and military education programs: cooperative agreement authority.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. B, title XXVIII, §2852(b)(2), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2161, added item 2615.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, §576(d)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1429, substituted "Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families" for "Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, and tickets; use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families" in item 2613.

Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, §591(b), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4232, added item 2601a.

2006—Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(19)(B), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399, renumbered item 2613 "Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters" as 2614.

Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title IX, §903(a)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3399, substituted "Regional centers for security studies" for "Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies" in item 2611.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title V, §585(a)(2), title X, §1051(b), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1931, 2054, added two items 2613.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title IX, §931(c), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1581, struck out "foreign" before "gifts" in item 2611.

2002—Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title IX, §931(b), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2625, added item 2612.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title IX, §915(b), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 722, added item 2611.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title X, §1074(a)(15), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2659, struck out item 2609 "Theater Missile Defense: acceptance of contributions from allies; Theater Missile Defense Cooperation Account".

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, §377(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 284, added item 2610.

1994—Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, §353(c)(2), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2732, substituted "schools" for "education system" in item 2605.

1993—Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title II, §242(f)(2), title XI, §1105(b)(3), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1605, 1750, inserted "Defense Cooperation Account" in item 2608 and added item 2609.

1991—Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title X, §1061(a)(15), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1473, struck out "and services" after "contributions" in item 2608.

1990—Pub. L. 101-403, title II, §202(a)(2), Oct. 1, 1990, 104 Stat. 874, added item 2608.

1989—Pub. L. 101-193, title V, §502(b), Nov. 30, 1989, 103 Stat. 1708, added item 2607.

1988—Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title III, §323(b), Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1953, added item 2606.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title III, §314(b), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3854, added item 2605.

1970—Pub. L. 91-603, §3(2), Dec. 31, 1970, 84 Stat. 1675, added item 2604.

1962—Pub. L. 87-555, §1(2), July 27, 1962, 76 Stat. 244, added item 2603.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REGULATIONS TO CLARIFY GIFT ACCEPTANCE POLICY FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Pub. L. 109-148, div. A, title VIII, §8127, Dec. 30, 2005, 119 Stat. 2730, provided that:

"(a) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to provide that, subject to such limitations as may be specified in such regulations, members of the Armed Forces described in subsection (c), and the family members of such a member, may accept gifts from non-profit organizations, private parties, and other sources outside the Department of Defense, other than foreign governments and their agents. Such regulations shall apply uniformly to the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps, and, to the maximum extent feasible, to the Coast Guard, and shall apply uniformly to the active and reserve components.

"(b) AUTHORITY.—A member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (c) may accept gifts as provided in the regulations authorized in subsection (a), notwithstanding section 7353 of title 5, United States Code.

"(c) COVERED MEMBERS.—A member of the Armed Forces is described in this subsection in the case of a member who is on active duty and who on or after September 11, 2001, and while on active duty, incurred an injury or illness—

"(1) as described in section 1413a(e)(2) of title 10, United States Code; or

"(2) in an operation or area designated as a combat operation or a combat zone, respectively, by the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the regulations prescribed under subsection (a).

"(d) DEADLINE FOR REGULATIONS.—Regulations under subsection (a) shall be prescribed not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 30, 2005].

“(e) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY OF REGULATIONS.—Regulations under subsection (a) shall, to the extent provided in such regulations, also apply to the acceptance of gifts during the period beginning on September 11, 2001, and ending on the date on which such regulations go into effect.”

§ 2601. General gift funds

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.—(1) The Secretary concerned may accept, hold, administer, and spend any gift, devise, or bequest of real property, personal property, or money made on the condition that the gift, devise, or bequest be used for the benefit, or in connection with, the establishment, operation, or maintenance, of a school, hospital, library, museum, cemetery, or other institution or organization under the jurisdiction of the Secretary.

(2)(A) Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, the Secretary concerned may accept a gift of services for a military museum program from a nonprofit entity established for the purpose of supporting a military museum program. Employees or personnel of a nonprofit entity who provide a gift of services under this subparagraph may not be considered to be employees of the United States.

(B) For the use and benefit of a military museum program, the Secretary concerned may solicit from a bona fide collector a gift of books, manuscripts, works of art, historical artifacts, drawings, plans, models, or condemned or obsolete combat materiel.

(b) ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS TO BENEFIT CERTAIN MEMBERS, DEPENDENTS, AND CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.—(1) The Secretary concerned may accept, hold, administer, and spend any gift, devise, or bequest of real property, personal property, money, or services made on the condition that the gift, devise, or bequest be used for the benefit of—

(A) members of the armed forces, including members performing full-time National Guard duty under section 502(f) of title 32, who incur a wound, injury, or illness while in the line of duty;

(B) civilian employees of the Department of Defense who incur a wound, injury, or illness while in the line of duty;

(C) dependents of such members or employees; and

(D) survivors of such members or employees who are killed.

(2) The Secretary concerned may not accept a gift of services from a foreign government or international organization under this subsection. A gift of real property, personal property, or money from a foreign government or international organization may be accepted under this subsection only if the gift is not designated for a specific individual.

(3) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations specifying the conditions that may be attached to a gift, devise, or bequest accepted under this subsection.

(c) GIFT FUNDS.—Gifts and bequests of money, and the proceeds of the sale of property, received under subsection (a) or (b) shall be deposited in the Treasury in the following accounts:

(1) The Department of the Army General Gift Fund, in the case of deposits made by the Secretary of the Army.

(2) The Department of the Navy General Gift Fund, in the case of deposits made by the Secretary of the Navy.

(3) The Department of the Air Force General Gift Fund, in the case of deposits made by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(4) The Coast Guard General Gift Fund, in the case of deposits made by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

(5) The Department of Defense General Gift Fund, in the case of deposits made by the Secretary of Defense.

(d) USE OF GIFTS; PROHIBITIONS.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), property and money accepted under subsection (a) or (b) may be used by the Secretary concerned, and services accepted under such subsections may be performed, without further specific authorization in law.

(2) Property, money, and services may not be accepted under subsection (a) or (b)—

(A) if the use of the property or money or the performance of the services in connection with any program, project, or activity would result in the violation of any prohibition or limitation otherwise applicable to such program, project, or activity;

(B) if the conditions attached to the property, money, or services are inconsistent with applicable law or regulations;

(C) if the Secretary concerned determines that the use of the property or money or the performance of the services would reflect unfavorably on the ability of the Department of Defense or the Coast Guard, any employee of the Department or Coast Guard, or any member of the armed forces to carry out any responsibility or duty in a fair and objective manner; or

(D) if the Secretary concerned determines that the use of the property or money or the performance of the services would compromise the integrity or appearance of integrity of any program of the Department of Defense or Coast Guard, or any individual involved in such a program.

(3) The Secretary concerned may disburse funds deposited in a gift fund referred to in subsection (c) for the purposes specified in subsections (a) and (b), subject to the terms of the gift, devise, or bequest.

(e) ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY GIFTS; NAMING RIGHTS.—(1) The Secretary concerned may accept a gift under subsection (a) or (b) consisting of the provision, acquisition, enhancement, or construction of real or personal property offered to an eligible entity even though the gift will be subject to the condition that the real or personal property, or a portion thereof, bear a specified name.

(2) The authority conferred by this subsection may be delegated by the Secretary concerned only to a civilian official appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate.

(3) A gift may not be accepted under paragraph (1) if—

(A) the acceptance of the gift or the imposition of the naming-rights condition would reflect unfavorably upon the United States, as provided in subsection (d)(2); or