

otherwise, are sufficiently close in relationship to the member of the armed forces to justify the travel assistance;

(B) the number of family members who may travel; and

(C) the number of trips that family members may take.

(3) The Secretary of Defense may, in an exceptional case, authorize a person not described in subsection (d)(2) to use a travel benefit accepted under this subsection to visit a member of the armed forces described in subsection (d)(1) if that person has a notably close relationship with the member. The travel benefit may be used by such person only in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as the Secretary determines appropriate and the rules established by the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the travel benefit.

(f) SERVICES OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.—The Secretary of Defense may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to use the services of the organization—

(1) to promote the donation of travel benefits under this section, except that amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense may not be expended for this purpose; and

(2) to assist in administering the collection, distribution, and use of travel benefits under this section.

(g) FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section, the term “family member” has the meaning given that term in section 481h(b) of title 37.¹

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title V, §585(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1930; amended Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(20), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399; Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title V, §576(a)–(d)(1), title VI, §631(f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1428, 1429, 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948; Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(25), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1985.)

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 481h of title 37, referred to in subsec. (g), was repealed by Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title VI, §604(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1767.

CODIFICATION

Another section 2613 was renumbered section 2614 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115–232 substituted “481h(b)” for “481h(b)(1)”.

2013—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112–239, §1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112–81, §631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, §576(d)(1), 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 section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112–81, §576(a), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) defined travel benefit.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112–81, §576(b), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air or surface carrier” and substituted “the business entity” for “the surface carrier” and for “the carrier”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 112–81, §576(c), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air carrier or surface carrier”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112–81, §631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112–239, §1076(a)(9), substituted “481h(b)(1)” for “411h(b)(1)”.

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–364 substituted “In this” for “In the”.

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EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, §1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–81 as enacted.

§ 2614. Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters

(a) AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT.—(1) Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary concerned—

(1) may accept communications equipment for use in coordinating joint response and recovery operations with public safety agencies in the event of a disaster; and

(2) may accept services related to the operation and maintenance of such equipment.

(b) REGULATIONS.—The authority under subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(c) LIMITATIONS.—(1) Equipment may be accepted under subsection (a)(1) only to the extent that communications equipment under the control of the Secretary concerned at the potential disaster response site is inadequate to meet military requirements for communicating with public safety agencies during the period of response to the disaster.

(2) Services may be accepted under subsection (a)(2) related to the operation and maintenance of communications equipment only to the extent that the necessary capabilities are not available to the military commander having custody of the equipment.

(d) LIABILITY.—A person providing services accepted under this section may not be considered, by reason of the provision of such services, to be an officer, employee, or agent of the United States for any purpose.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, §1051(a), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2053, §2613; renumbered §2614 and amended Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(19)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399.)

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AMENDMENTS

2006—Pub. L. 109–364 renumbered section 2613 of this title as this section and redesignated the second subsec. (c) as (d).

§ 2615. Military museums and military education programs: cooperative agreement authority

(a) USE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may enter into a cooperative agreement with a nonprofit entity for purposes related to—

(1) a military museum program; or

¹ See References in Text note below.

(2) the support of a military educational institution program.

(b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED.—For purposes of subsection (a), an authorized cooperative agreement is described in section 6305 of title 31, except that the use of a cooperative agreement by the Secretary concerned is limited to nonprofit entities.

(Added Pub. L. 112-239, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2852(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2161.)

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2021—Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, § 1083(d)(2), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1923, substituted “Charter air transportation of members of the armed forces or cargo” for “Charter air transportation of members of the armed forces” in item 2640.

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title X, § 1024(a)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3842, substituted “Preference for United States vessels in transporting supplies by sea” for “Supplies: preference to United States vessels” in item 2631.

2017—Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, § 1044(b), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1555, added item 2652.

2014—Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, § 1071(f)(21), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3511, which directed substitution of “rate” for “rates” in item 2642, could not be executed because the word “rates” did not appear after the amendment by Pub. L. 113-291, § 1044(c)(2). See below.

Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, § 1044(c)(2), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3494, amended item 2642 generally, substituting “Transportation services provided to certain non-Department of Defense agencies and entities: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate” for “Transportation services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rates”.

2013—Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, § 621(g)(2), title X, § 1073(c), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 784, 870, struck out item 2634 “Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment”, added item 2642, and struck out former item 2642 “Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate”.

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, § 622(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1781, substituted in item 2641b “Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: program authorized and eligible recipients.” for “Space-available travel on Department of Defense aircraft: retired members residing in Commonwealths and possessions of the United States for certain health care services.”

2011—Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title III, § 352(f), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4194, added items 2648 and 2649 and struck out former items 2648 “Persons and supplies: sea transportation” and 2649 “Civilian passengers and commercial cargoes: transportation on Department of Defense vessels”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title III, § 374(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 83, added item 2641b.

2004—Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title X, § 1072(d)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2058, added items 2648 to 2651.

2003—Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 634(b), title X, § 1006(b)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1510, 1585, added item 2636a and amended item 2642 generally, substituting “Airlift services provided to certain other agencies: use of Department of Defense reimbursement rate” for “Reimbursement rate for airlift services provided to Central Intelligence Agency”.

2001—Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title V, § 574(b), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1122, added item 2647.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title X, § 1009(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-251, substituted “Deductions from amounts due carriers” for “Deductions from carriers because of loss or damage to material in transit” in item 2636.

1998—Pub. L. 105-262, title VIII, § 8121(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2332, added item 2641a.

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VIII, § 813(b), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2087, added item 2646.

1996—Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title III, § 368(a)(2)(B), title IX, § 906(d)(1), title X, § 1079(b)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2498, 2620, 2670, substituted “Motor vehicles: transportation or storage for members on change of permanent station or extended deployment” for “Motor vehicles: for members on change of permanent station” in item 2634 and added items 2644 and 2645.

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title III, § 334(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 262, added item 2643.