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## AMENDMENTS

1999—Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “a lessor” for “a private lessor”.

**§ 2878. Conveyance or lease of existing property and facilities**

(a) CONVEYANCE OR LEASE AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary concerned may convey or lease property or facilities (including ancillary supporting facilities) to eligible entities for purposes of using the proceeds of such conveyance or lease to carry out activities under this subchapter.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY TO PROPERTY AT INSTALLATION APPROVED FOR CLOSURE.—The authority of this section does not apply to property or facilities located on or near a military installation approved for closure under a base closure law.

(c) COMPETITIVE PROCESS.—The Secretary concerned shall ensure that the time, method, and terms and conditions of the reconveyance or lease of property or facilities under this section from the eligible entity permit full and free competition consistent with the value and nature of the property or facilities involved.

(d) TERMS AND CONDITIONS.—(1) The conveyance or lease of property or facilities under this section shall be for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as the Secretary concerned considers appropriate for the purposes of this subchapter and to protect the interests of the United States.

(2) As part or all of the consideration for a conveyance or lease under this section, the purchaser or lessor (as the case may be) shall enter into an agreement with the Secretary to ensure that a suitable preference will be afforded members of the armed forces and their dependents in the lease or sublease of a reasonable number of the housing units covered by the conveyance or lease, as the case may be, or in the lease of other suitable housing units made available by the purchaser or lessee.

(e) INAPPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LAWS.—The conveyance or lease of property or facilities under this section shall not be subject to the following provisions of law:

(1) Section 2667 of this title.

(2) Subtitle I of title 40 and division C (except sections 3302, 3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41.

(3) Section 1302 of title 40.

(4) Section 501 of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411).

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. B, title XXVIII, §2801(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 547; amended Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1073(a)(60), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1903; Pub. L. 106-65, div. B, title XXVIII, §2803(g), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title X, §1048(d)(1), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1227; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(23), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297; Pub. L. 110-417, div. B, title XXVIII, §2805(d), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4723; Pub. L. 111-350, §5(b)(50), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3846.)

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2011—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 111-350, which directed substitution of “division C (except sections 3302,

3501(b), 3509, 3906, 4710, and 4711) of subtitle I of title 41” for “title III of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” in subsec. (d)(2), was executed by making the substitution in subsec. (e)(2) to reflect the probable intent of Congress and the amendment by Pub. L. 110-417. See 2008 Amendment note below.

2008—Subsecs. (c) to (e). Pub. L. 110-417 added subsec. (c) and redesignated former subsecs. (c) and (d) as (d) and (e), respectively.

2002—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(23)(A), substituted “Subtitle I of title 40 and title III of the” for “The” and “(41 U.S.C. 251 et seq.)” for “(40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.)”.

Subsec. (d)(3). Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(23)(B), substituted “Section 1302 of title 40” for “Section 321 of the Act of June 30, 1932 (commonly known as the Economy Act) (40 U.S.C. 303b)”.

2001—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act” for “Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act”.

1999—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “eligible entities” for “private persons”.

1997—Subsec. (d)(4). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “11411” for “11401”.

**[§ 2879. Renumbered § 2857]****Editorial Notes**

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2879, added Pub. L. 104-106, div. B, title XXVIII, §2801(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 547, related to interim leases of completed units pending completion of a project to acquire or construct military family housing units or military unaccompanied housing units, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 107-314, div. B, title XXVIII, §2802(c)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2703.

**§ 2880. Unit size and type**

(a) CONFORMITY WITH SIMILAR HOUSING UNITS IN LOCALE.—The Secretary concerned shall ensure that the room patterns and floor areas of military family housing units and military unaccompanied housing units acquired or constructed under this subchapter are generally comparable to the room patterns and floor areas of similar housing units in the locality concerned.

(b) INAPPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS ON SPACE BY PAY GRADE.—Sections 2826 and 2856 of this title shall not apply to military family housing or military unaccompanied housing units acquired or constructed under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. B, title XXVIII, §2801(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 548; amended Pub. L. 108-136, div. B, title XXVIII, §2806, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1722; Pub. L. 109-364, div. B, title XXVIII, §2807(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2469.)

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2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “Sections 2826 and 2856” for “(1) Section 2826”, inserted “or military unaccompanied housing” after “military family housing”, and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: “The regulations prescribed under section 2856 of this title shall not apply to any military unaccompanied housing unit acquired or constructed under this subchapter.”

2003—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 108-136 struck out “unless the unit is located on a military installation” before period at end.

**§ 2881. Ancillary supporting facilities**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE OR CONSTRUCT.**—Any project for the acquisition or construction of military family housing units or military unaccompanied housing units under this subchapter may include the acquisition or construction of ancillary supporting facilities for the housing units concerned.

(b) **RESTRICTION.**—A project referred to in subsection (a) may not include the acquisition or construction of an ancillary supporting facility (other than a child development center) if, as determined by the Secretary concerned, the facility is to be used for providing merchandise or services in direct competition with—

- (1) the Army and Air Force Exchange Service;
- (2) the Navy Exchange Service Command;
- (3) a Marine Corps exchange;
- (4) the Defense Commissary Agency; or
- (5) any nonappropriated fund activity of the Department of Defense for the morale, welfare, and recreation of members of the armed forces.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. B, title XXVIII, §2801(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 548; amended Pub. L. 106-65, div. B, title XXVIII, §2804, Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 849; Pub. L. 109-163, div. B, title XXVIII, §2805(a), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3507.)

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2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109-163 inserted “(other than a child development center)” after “ancillary supporting facility” in introductory provisions.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), inserted heading, and added subsec. (b).

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****CONSTRUCTION OF 2006 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 109-163, div. B, title XXVIII, §2805(c), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3507, provided that: “Nothing in the amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] may be construed to alter any law and regulation applicable to the operation of a child development center, as defined in section 2871(2) of title 10, United States Code.”

**§ 2881a. Pilot projects for acquisition or construction of military unaccompanied housing**

(a) **PILOT PROJECTS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary of the Navy may carry out not more than three pilot projects under the authority of this section or another provision of this subchapter to use the private sector for the acquisition or construction of military unaccompanied housing in the United States, including any territory or possession of the United States.

(b) **TREATMENT OF HOUSING; ASSIGNMENT OF MEMBERS.**—The Secretary of the Navy may assign members of the armed forces without dependents to housing units acquired or constructed under the pilot projects, and such housing units shall be considered as quarters of the United States or a housing facility under the jurisdiction of the Secretary for purposes of section 403 of title 37.

(c) **BASIC ALLOWANCE FOR HOUSING.**—(1) The Secretary of Defense may prescribe and, under

section 403(n) of title 37, pay for members of the armed forces without dependents in privatized housing acquired or constructed under the pilot projects higher rates of partial basic allowance for housing than the rates authorized under paragraph (2) of such section.

(2) The partial basic allowance for housing paid for a member at a higher rate under this subsection may be paid directly to the private sector source of the housing to whom the member is obligated to pay rent or other charge for residing in such housing if the private sector source credits the amount so paid against the amount owed by the member for the rent or other charge.

(d) **FUNDING.**—(1) The Secretary of the Navy shall use the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund to carry out activities under the pilot projects.

(2) Subject to 30 days prior notification to the appropriate committees of Congress in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title, such additional amounts as the Secretary of Defense considers necessary may be transferred to the Department of Defense Military Unaccompanied Housing Improvement Fund from amounts appropriated for construction of military unaccompanied housing in military construction accounts. The amounts so transferred shall be merged with and be available for the same purposes and for the same period of time as amounts appropriated directly to the Fund.

[(e) Repealed. Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1051(a)(25), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1562.]

(f) **EXPIRATION.**—The authority of the Secretary of the Navy to enter into a contract under the pilot programs shall expire September 30, 2009.

(Added Pub. L. 107-314, div. B, title XXVIII, §2803(a)(1), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2703; amended Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title X, §1056(c)(10), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3440; Pub. L. 109-364, div. B, title XXVIII, §2812, Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2473; Pub. L. 111-383, div. B, title XXVIII, §2803(f), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4459; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title X, §1051(a)(25), div. B, title XXVIII, §2801(d)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1562, 1844.)

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2017—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 115-91, §2801(d)(1), inserted “in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title” after “Congress”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-91, §1051(a)(25), struck out subsec. (e) which required reports describing certain proposed contracts, conveyances, or leases.

2011—Subsec. (e)(2). Pub. L. 111-383 inserted before period at end “or, if earlier, a period of 20 days has elapsed from the date on which a copy of the report is provided in an electronic medium pursuant to section 480 of this title”.

2006—Subsecs. (d)(2), (e)(2). Pub. L. 109-364, §2812(a), substituted “30 days” for “90 days”.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109-364, §2812(b), substituted “2009” for “2007”.

Pub. L. 109-163 substituted “The” for “Notwithstanding section 2885 of this title, the”.