

vessel' means any vessel of the Navy that is under construction on or after the date of the enactment of this section using amounts authorized to be appropriated for the Department of Defense for shipbuilding and conversion, Navy."

Pub. L. 115-232, §1014(a)(1), redesignated subsec. (c) as (d).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2021 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 117-81 applicable as if included in the enactment of title XVIII of Pub. L. 116-283 as enacted, see section 1701(a)(2) of Pub. L. 117-81, set out in a note preceding section 3001 of this title and note below.

Amendment by 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 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 807(d)(2) of Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

##### CERTIFICATION

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title I, §121(b), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2030, provided that:

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than January 1, 2017, the Secretary of the Navy shall certify to the congressional defense committees [Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives] that the delivery dates of the following vessels have been adjusted in accordance with section 7301 [now 8671] of title 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (a):

"(A) The U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVN-79).

"(B) The U.S.S. Zumwalt (DDG-1000).

"(C) The U.S.S. Michael Monsoor (DDG-1001).

"(D) The U.S.S. Lyndon B. Johnson (DDG-1002).

"(E) Any other vessel of the Navy that is under construction on the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 23, 2016].

"(2) CONTENTS.—The certification under paragraph (1) shall include—

"(A) an identification of each vessel for which the delivery date was adjusted; and

"(B) the delivery date of each such vessel, as so adjusted."

#### § 8673. Model Basin; investigation of hull designs

The Secretary of the Navy may authorize experiments to be made at the Model Basin for private persons. The costs of experiments made for private persons shall be paid by those persons under regulations prescribed by the Secretary. The results of private experiments are confidential and may not be divulged without the consent of the persons for whom they are made. However, the data obtained from such experiments may be used by the Secretary for governmental purposes, subject to the patent laws of the United States.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 451, §7303; Pub. L. 89-718, §41, Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1120; renumbered §8673 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), title X, §1015(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836, 1949.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large)   |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|
| 7303 .....      | 5 U.S.C. 430a.     | May 6, 1936, ch. 333, 49 Stat. 1263; June 20, 1940, ch. 400, §1(a), (b), 54 Stat. 492. |

In subsection (a) the authority to purchase a site and construct the model basin is omitted as executed. The words "David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland" are inserted to designate the model basin established under this authority. The words "investigations to determine" are substituted for the words "work of investigating and determining." The phrase "vessels, including aircraft" is changed to read "vessels and aircraft", and the words "their design" are substituted for "ship design".

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, §807(d)(2), renumbered section 7303 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 115-232, §1015(a), struck out subsec. (b) designation before "The Secretary" and struck out subsec. (a) which read as follows: "An office or agency in the Department of the Navy designated by the Secretary of the Navy shall conduct at the David W. Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, investigations to determine the most suitable shapes and forms for United States vessels and aircraft and investigations of other problems of their design."

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted "An officer or agency of the Department of the Navy designated by the Secretary of the Navy" for "The Bureau of Ships".

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 807(d)(2) of Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

#### § 8674. Examination of vessels; striking of vessels from Naval Vessel Register

(a) BOARDS OF OFFICERS TO EXAMINE NAVAL VESSELS.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy shall designate boards of naval officers to examine naval vessels, including unfinished vessels, for the purpose of making a recommendation to the Secretary as to which vessels, if any, should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register. Each vessel shall be examined at least once every three years if practicable.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), any naval vessel examined under this section on or after January 1, 2020, shall be examined with minimal notice provided to the crew of the vessel.

(B) Subparagraph (A) shall not apply to a vessel undergoing necessary trials before acceptance into the fleet.

(b) ACTIONS BY BOARD.—A board designated under subsection (a) shall submit to the Secretary in writing its recommendations as to which vessels, if any, among those it examined should be stricken from the Naval Vessel Register.

(c) ACTION BY SECRETARY.—If the Secretary concurs with a recommendation by a board that a vessel should be stricken from the Naval Ves-