

pointed by the Secretary of the Air Force upon the recommendation of the Surgeon General from officers of the Air Force above the grade of lieutenant colonel who are designated as dental officers under section 9067(b) of this title. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 805(c)(1), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1622, § 8081; amended Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title V, § 506, Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2004; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 504(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title V, § 502(o), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2106; renumbered § 9081 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 806(c), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1833, 1840; renumbered § 9067, Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, § 952(b)(1), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1561.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9067 was renumbered section 9063 of this title.

A prior section 9068 of this title resulted from the redesignation of section 9084 of this title as section 9068 of this title by section 952(b)(1) of Pub. L. 116-92. Such section 9068 was renumbered section 9083 of this title by section 952(e) of Pub. L. 116-92.

A prior section 9069 was renumbered section 9064 of this title.

A prior section 9074 was renumbered section 9065 of this title.

A prior section 9075 was renumbered section 9066 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2019—Pub. L. 116-92 renumbered section 9081 of this title as this section.

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 8081 of this title as section 9081 of this title and substituted “section 9067(b)” for “section 8067(b)”.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328 struck out second sentence which read as follows: “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of major general.”

2006—Pub. L. 109-364 substituted “major general” for “brigadier general”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “lieutenant colonel” for “major” and “An appointee who holds a lower regular grade shall be appointed in the regular grade of brigadier general. The Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services serves at the pleasure of the Secretary.” for “The term of office of the Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services is four years but may be increased or decreased by the Secretary of the Air Force.”

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by 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.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title V, § 504(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2179, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the date of the occurrence of the next vacancy in the position of Assistant Surgeon General for Dental Services in the Air Force that occurs after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 2006] or, if earlier, on the date of the appointment to the grade of major

general of the officer who is the incumbent in that position on the date of the enactment of the Act.”

CHAPTER 908—THE SPACE FORCE

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title X, § 1081(a)(33), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1921, redesignated item 9084 “Space Development Agency” as 9086 and transferred it to appear after item 9085.

Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §§ 921(b), 922(e), title XVI, § 1601(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3805, 3807, 4042, added items 9083, 9084 “Space Development Agency”, 9084 “Office of the Chief of Space Operations: general duties”, and 9085 and struck out former item 9083 “Officer career field for space”.

§ 9081. The United States Space Force

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established a United States Space Force as an armed force within the Department of the Air Force.

(b) COMPOSITION.—The Space Force consists of—

- (1) the Regular Space Force;
- (2) all persons appointed or enlisted in, or conscripted into, the Space Force, including those not assigned to units, necessary to form the basis for a complete and immediate mobilization for the national defense in the event of a national emergency; and
- (3) all Space Force units and other Space Force organizations, including installations and supporting and auxiliary combat, training, administrative, and logistic elements.

(c) FUNCTIONS.—The Space Force shall be organized, trained, and equipped to—

- (1) provide freedom of operation for the United States in, from, and to space;
- (2) conduct space operations; and
- (3) protect the interests of the United States in space.

(Added Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title XVI, § 1601(a)(1), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1718, § 2279c; amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title X, § 1081(a)(17), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1984; renumbered § 9081 and amended Pub. L. 116-92, div. A, title IX, § 952(b)(3), (4), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1562; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 922(a), (b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3806.)

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PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 9081 was renumbered section 9067 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283, § 922(a), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b). Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “The Space Force shall be composed of the following: