

This section was enlarged to provide that the Coast Guard, as well as personnel thereof, may furnish clothing and subsistence to destitute shipwrecked persons.

Changes were made in phraseology. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons” in section catchline and in two places in text.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 486 of this title as this section.

#### § 2778. Advancement of public funds to personnel

The Commandant, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, may advance public funds to personnel when required to meet expenses of members detailed on emergency shore duty. Funds so advanced shall not exceed a reasonable estimate of the actual expenditures to be made and for which reimbursement is authorized by law.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 534, § 488; Pub. L. 98-557, § 15(a)(3)(I), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2865; renumbered § 2778, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

##### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derived from title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 885, and title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 3a (May 22, 1928, ch. 688, 45 Stat. 712; Oct. 26, 1942, ch. 623, 56 Stat. 987).

Said section 885 was made applicable to the Coast Guard by title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 3a whenever the Coast Guard is operating with the Navy. Experience has shown the advantage of having such a provision applicable to the Coast Guard at all times.

Said section would in no way be affected. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 488 of this title as this section.

1984—Pub. L. 98-557 substituted reference to members for reference to officers and men.

#### § 2779. Transportation to and from certain places of employment

(a) Whenever the Secretary determines that it is necessary for the effective conduct of the affairs of the Coast Guard, he may, at reasonable rates of fare fixed under regulations to be prescribed by him, provide assured and adequate transportation by motor vehicle or water carrier to and from their places of employment for individuals attached to, or employed by, the Coast Guard; and during a war or during a national emergency declared by Congress or the President, for individuals attached to, or employed in, a private plant that is manufacturing material for the Coast Guard.

(b) Transportation may not be provided under subsection (a) unless the Secretary or an officer designated by the Secretary, determines that—

(1) other transportation facilities are inadequate and cannot be made adequate;

(2) a reasonable effort has been made to induce operators of private facilities to provide the necessary transportation; and

(3) the service to be furnished will make proper use of transportation facilities and will

supply the most efficient transportation to the individuals concerned.

(c) To provide transportation under subsection (a), the Secretary may—

(1) buy, lease, or charter motor vehicles or water carriers having a seating capacity of 12 or more passengers;

(2) maintain and operate that equipment by enlisted members or employees of the Coast Guard, or by private individuals under contract; and

(3) lease or charter the equipment to private or public carriers for operation under terms that are considered necessary by the Secretary or by an officer designated by the Secretary, and that may provide for the pooling of government-owned and privately owned equipment and facilities and for the reciprocal use of that equipment.

(d) Fares received under subsection (a), and proceeds of the leasing or chartering of equipment under subsection (c)(3), shall be covered into the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

(Added Pub. L. 96-376, § 10(a), Oct. 3, 1980, 94 Stat. 1510, § 660; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XVI, § 1623, Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 99-550, § 2(e), Oct. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 3070; renumbered § 2779, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8505(a)(46), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsecs. (a), (b)(3), (c)(2). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons” wherever appearing.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 660 of this title as this section.

1986—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-550 struck out subsec. (e) which provided that passenger motor vehicles of the United States could be used to provide transportation between the residence and place of work of the Commandant. See section 1344 of Title 31, Money and Finance.

1985—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 99-145 added subsec. (e).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 99-145, title XVI, § 1623, Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 778, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Oct. 1, 1985.

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#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior analysis for chapter 29 “REPORTS” consisted of items 2901 “Transmission of annual Coast Guard authorization request”, 2902 “Capital investment plan”, 2903 “Major acquisitions”, 2904 “Manpower requirements plan”, 2905 “Annual performance report”, and 2906 “Major acquisition program risk assessment”, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4229.

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], §8237(b)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4665, which directed amendment of the analysis for this chapter by adding item 2926 “at the end”, was executed by adding the item after item 2925, which item was at the end of the items for subchapter II of this chapter, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(a), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230, inserted chapter 29 designation and heading and added items 2901 to 2947.

#### SUBCHAPTER I—COAST GUARD FAMILIES

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(c)(1), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4231, inserted subchapter I designation and heading.

#### § 2901. Work-life policies and programs

The Commandant is authorized—

(1) to establish an office for the purpose of developing, promulgating, and coordinating policies, programs, and activities related to the families of Coast Guard members;

(2) to implement and oversee policies, programs, and activities described in paragraph (1) as the Commandant considers necessary; and

(3) to perform such other duties as the Commandant considers necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029, § 531; renumbered §2901, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2901 was renumbered section 5101 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 531 of this title as this section.

#### § 2902. Surveys of Coast Guard families

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—The Commandant, in order to determine the effectiveness of Federal policies, programs, and activities related to the families of Coast Guard members, may survey—

(1) any Coast Guard member;

(2) any retired Coast Guard member;

(3) the immediate family of any Coast Guard member or retired Coast Guard member; and

(4) any survivor of a deceased Coast Guard member.

(b) **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION.**—Participation in any survey conducted under subsection (a) shall be voluntary.

(c) **FEDERAL RECORDKEEPING.**—Each individual surveyed under subsection (a) shall be considered an employee of the United States for purposes of section 3502(3)(A)(i) of title 44.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §214(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029, §532; renumbered §2902, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §117(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4230; amended Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §8505(a)(47), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2902 was renumbered section 5102 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 532 of this title as this section.

#### § 2903. Reimbursement for adoption expenses

(a) **AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE.**—The Secretary shall carry out a program under which a member of the Coast Guard may be reimbursed, as provided in this section, for qualifying adoption expenses incurred by the member in the adoption of a child under 18 years of age.

(b) **ADOPTIONS COVERED.**—An adoption for which expenses may be reimbursed under this section includes an adoption by a single individual, an infant adoption, an intercountry adoption, and an adoption of a child with special needs (as defined in section 473(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 673(c))).

(c) **BENEFITS PAID AFTER ADOPTION IS FINAL.**—Benefits paid under this section in the case of an adoption may be paid only after the adoption is final.

(d) **TREATMENT OF OTHER BENEFITS.**—A benefit may not be paid under this section for any expense paid to or for a member of the Coast Guard under any other adoption benefits program administered by the Federal Government or under any such program administered by a State or local government.

(e) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) Not more than \$2,000 may be paid under this section to a member of the Coast Guard, or to two such members who are spouses of each other, for expenses incurred in the adoption of a child.

(2) Not more than \$5,000 may be paid under this section to a member of the Coast Guard, or to two such members who are spouses of each