

“(2) UPDATE.—The Secretary shall regularly update the training materials required under paragraph (1).” [For definition of “facility of the Department” as used in section 303 of Pub. L. 113-146, set out above, see section 2 of Pub. L. 113-146, set out as a note under section 1701 of this title.]

**LIMITATION ON AWARDS AND BONUSES PAID TO EMPLOYEES OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

Pub. L. 113-146, title VII, § 705, Aug. 7, 2014, 128 Stat. 1798, as amended by Pub. L. 114-198, title IX, § 951, July 22, 2016, 130 Stat. 778; Pub. L. 115-182, title III, § 305, June 6, 2018, 132 Stat. 1469, provided that:

“(a) LIMITATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall ensure that the aggregate amount of awards and bonuses paid by the Secretary in a fiscal year under chapter 45 or 53 of title 5, United States Code, or any other awards or bonuses authorized under such title or title 38, United States Code, does not exceed the following amounts:

“(1) With respect to each of fiscal years 2017 through 2018, \$250,000,000, of which not less than \$20,000,000 shall be for recruitment, relocation, and retention bonuses.

“(2) With respect to each of fiscal years 2019 through 2021, \$290,000,000, of which not less than \$20,000,000 shall be for recruitment, relocation, and retention bonuses.

“(3) With respect to each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024, \$360,000,000.

“(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the limitation under subsection (a) should not disproportionately impact lower-wage employees and that the Department of Veterans Affairs is encouraged to use bonuses to incentivize high-performing employees in areas in which retention is challenging.”

**§ 705. Telephone service for medical officers and facility directors**

The Secretary may pay for official telephone service and rental in the field whenever incurred in case of official telephones for directors of centers, hospitals, independent clinics, domiciliaries, and medical officers of the Department where such telephones are installed in private residences or private apartments or quarters, when authorized under regulations prescribed by the Secretary.

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 395.)

**Editorial Notes**

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Prior sections 705 and 706 were renumbered sections 1905 and 1906 of this title, respectively.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 234 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a).

**§ 707. Benefits for employees at overseas offices who are United States citizens**

(a) The Secretary may, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the President or the President's designee, provide to personnel of the Department who are United States citizens and are assigned by the Secretary to the Department offices in the Republic of the Philippines allowances and benefits similar to those provided by the following provisions of law:

(1) Section 905 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (relating to allowances to provide for the proper representation of the United States).

(2) Sections 901(1), (2), (3), (4), (7), (8), (9), (11), and (12) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (relating to travel expenses).

(3) Section 901(13) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (relating to transportation of automobiles).

(4) Section 903 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (relating to the return of personnel to the United States on leave of absence).

(5) Section 904(d) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (relating to payments by the United States of expenses for treating illness or injury of officers or employees and dependents requiring hospitalization).

(6) Section 5724a(c) of title 5 (relating to subsistence expenses for 60 days in connection with the return to the United States of the employee and such employee's immediate family).

(7) Section 5724a(d) of title 5 (relating to the sale and purchase of the residence or settlement of an unexpired lease of the employee when transferred from one station to another station and both stations are in the United States, its territories or possessions, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico).

(b) The authority in subsection (a) supplements, but is not in lieu of, other allowances and benefits for overseas employees of the Department provided by title 5 and the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.).

(Added Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 395; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title XVII, § 1723(a)(2), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2759.)

**Editorial Notes**

**REFERENCES IN TEXT**

The Foreign Service Act of 1980, referred to in subsecs. (a)(1)–(5) and (b), is Pub. L. 96-465, Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2071, as amended, which is classified principally to chapter 52 (§ 3901 et seq.) of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse. Sections 901, 903, 904(d), and 905 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 are classified to sections 4081, 4083, 4084(d), and 4085, respectively of Title 22. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 3901 of Title 22 and Tables.

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Prior sections 707 and 708 were renumbered sections 1907 and 1908 of this title, respectively.

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 235 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 102-83, § 2(a).

**AMENDMENTS**

1996—Subsec. (a)(6). Pub. L. 104-201, § 1723(a)(2)(A), substituted “Section 5724a(c)” for “Section 5724a(a)(3)”.

Subsec. (a)(7). Pub. L. 104-201, § 1723(a)(2)(B), substituted “Section 5724a(d)” for “Section 5724a(a)(4)”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 104-201 effective 180 days after Sept. 23, 1996, see section 1725(a) of Pub. L. 104-201, set out as a note under section 5722 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

**Executive Documents**

EX. ORD. NO. 12228. ALLOWANCES FOR PERSONNEL ON FOREIGN DUTY

Ex. Ord. No. 12228, July 24, 1980, 45 F.R. 49903, as amended by Ex. Ord. No. 12292, Feb. 23, 1981, 46 F.R. 13967, provided: