

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised Section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
51510 .....	46 App.:1295c(g)(7).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XIII, §1304(g)(7), as added Pub. L. 96-453, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2006; Pub. L. 97-31, §12(145)(B), Aug. 6, 1981, 95 Stat. 166; Pub. L. 108-136, title XXXV, §3515(d)(7), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1795.

The words “affected military department” are substituted for “military department . . . which has jurisdiction over such service” for clarity and to eliminate unnecessary words.

**§ 51511. Midshipman status in the Navy Reserve**

A citizen of the United States attending a State maritime academy may be appointed by the Secretary of the Navy as a midshipman in the Navy Reserve (including the Merchant Marine Reserve, Navy Reserve).

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1582; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §515(g)(2), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3236; Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3523(a)(1), (b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 598, 600.)

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51511 .....	46 App.:1295c(h).	June 29, 1936, ch. 858, title XIII, §1304(h), as added Pub. L. 96-453, §2, Oct. 15, 1980, 94 Stat. 2006.

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AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-163, §515(g)(2). See 2006 Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(a)(1), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-163, §515(g)(2), into this section by substituting “Navy Reserve” for “Naval Reserve” wherever appearing in section catchline and text. See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, §515(g)(2), which directed the amendment of section 1295c of the former Appendix to this title from which this section was derived, was repealed by Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b). See 2008 Amendment notes and Historical and Revision notes above.

**CHAPTER 517—OTHER SUPPORT FOR MERCHANT MARINE TRAINING**

- Sec. 51701. United States Maritime Service.
- 51702. Civilian nautical schools.
- 51703. Additional training.
- 51704. Training for maritime oil pollution prevention, response, and clean-up.
- 51705. Training for use of force against piracy.
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AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, div. C, title XXXV, §§3507(b)(2), 3508(b), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4405, 4406, substituted

“Training for use of force against piracy” for “Training program for use of force against piracy” in item 51705 and added items 51706 and 51707.

2012—Pub. L. 112-213, title V, §502(c), Dec. 20, 2012, 126 Stat. 1575, added item 51705.

**§ 51701. United States Maritime Service**

(a) GENERAL AUTHORITY.—The Secretary of Transportation may establish and maintain a voluntary organization, to be known as the United States Maritime Service, for the training of citizens of the United States to serve on merchant vessels of the United States and to perform functions to assist the United States merchant marine, as determined necessary by the Secretary.

(b) SPECIFIC AUTHORITY.—The Secretary may—

(1) determine the number of individuals to be enrolled for training and reserve purposes in the Service;

(2) fix the rates of pay and allowances of the individuals without regard to chapter 51 or subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5;

(3) prescribe the course of study and the periods of training for the Service; and

(4) prescribe the uniform of the Service and the rules on providing and wearing the uniform.

(c) RANKS, GRADES, AND RATINGS.—The ranks, grades, and ratings for personnel of the Service shall be the same as those prescribed for personnel of the Coast Guard.

(d) MEDALS AND AWARDS.—The Secretary may establish and maintain a medals and awards program to recognize distinguished service, superior achievement, professional performance, and other commendable achievement by personnel of the Service.

(Pub. L. 109-304, §8(b), Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1582; Pub. L. 109-163, div. C, title XXXV, §3509, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3557; Pub. L. 109-364, div. C, title XXXV, §3510(d)(1), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2520; Pub. L. 110-181, div. C, title XXXV, §3523(a)(4), (b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 599, 600.)

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AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(b), repealed Pub. L. 109-163, §3509. See 2006 Amendment note below.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181, §3523(a)(4), incorporated the substance of the amendment by Pub. L. 109-163, §3509, into this section by substituting “of the United States and to perform functions to assist the United States merchant marine, as determined necessary by the Secretary.” for “of the United States.” See 2006 Amendment note below and section 18(a) of Pub. L. 109-304, set out as a Legislative Purpose and Construction note preceding section 101 of this title.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163, §3509, as amended by Pub. L. 109-364, §3510(d)(1), which directed the amendment of section 1295e(a) of the former Appendix to this title