

rity, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

**CHAPTER 10—PAYMENTS TO MISSING PERSONS**

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**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(8), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112-81, §631(f)(3)(B). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(3)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465, as amended by Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(8), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, struck out item 554 “Travel and transportation; dependents; household and personal effects; trailers; additional movements; motor vehicles; sale of bulky items; claims for proceeds; appropriation chargeable”.

1990—Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, §1484(f)(1), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1717, revised chapter heading so as to appear in all capital letters.

1986—Pub. L. 99-399, title VIII, §806(a)(2), Aug. 27, 1986, 100 Stat. 885, added item 559.

1972—Pub. L. 92-477, §1(1), Oct. 9, 1972, 86 Stat. 793, inserted “trailers; additional movements;” after “household and personal effects;” in item 554.

1966—Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 625, added chapter 10 and items 551 to 558.

**§ 551. Definitions**

In this chapter:

- (1) The term “dependent”, with respect to a member of a uniformed service, means—
  - (A) his spouse;
  - (B) his unmarried child (including an unmarried dependent stepchild or adopted child) under 21 years of age;
  - (C) his dependent mother or father;
  - (D) a dependent designated in official records; and
  - (E) a person determined to be dependent by the Secretary concerned, or his designee.
- (2) The term “missing status” means the status of a member of a uniformed service who is officially carried or determined to be absent in a status of—
  - (A) missing;
  - (B) missing in action;
  - (C) interned in a foreign country;
  - (D) captured, beleaguered, or besieged by a hostile force; or
  - (E) detained in a foreign country against his will.
- (3) The term “pay and allowances” means—
  - (A) basic pay;
  - (B) special pay;

- (C) incentive pay;
- (D) basic allowance for housing;
- (E) basic allowance for subsistence; and
- (F) station per diem allowances for not more than 90 days.

(Added Pub. L. 89-554, §5(b), Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 625; amended Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, §1301(g), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 737; Pub. L. 100-26, §8(e)(10), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 287; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, §603(d)(1)(D), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1782.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
551(1) .....	50 App. 1001.	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §1, 56 Stat. 143; July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §1, 58 Stat. 679; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-428, §1(1), (2), 78 Stat. 437.
551(2) .....	50 App. 1002(a) (22d through 66th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes).	Mar. 7, 1942, ch. 166, §2(a) (22d through 66th and 96th through 120th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes); added July 1, 1944, ch. 371, §2, 58 Stat. 679; Apr. 4, 1953, ch. 17, §1(a), 67 Stat. 21; Aug. 29, 1957, Pub. L. 85-217, §1(b) (1st par.), 71 Stat. 491; Aug. 14, 1964, Pub. L. 88-428, §1(3)(A), 78 Stat. 437.
551(3) .....	50 App. 1002(a) (96th through 120th words of 1st sentence, for definition purposes).	

Only that portion of the source law which is applicable to members of the uniformed services and their dependents is codified in this section.

The words “In this chapter” are substituted for “For the purpose of this Act”.

In clause (1), the words “with respect to a member of a uniformed service” are inserted for clarity. In clause (1)(A), the word “lawful” is omitted as unnecessary in view of the accepted recognition of the fact that the word “wife” means a lawful wife. In clause (1)(E), the words “Secretary concerned, or his designee” are substituted for “head of the department concerned, or subordinate designated by him” to conform to the definition in 37 U.S.C. 101(5). The definitions of “person”, “active service”, and “department”, respectively, in 50 App. U.S.C. 1001(a)(1), (b), and (d) are omitted as unnecessary in view of the definitions of “member”, “uniformed services”, “active service”, and “Secretary concerned”, in 37 U.S.C. 101(3), (5), (20), and (23).

The definitions in clauses (2) and (3), which do not appear in, but are based on, the source law are created for legislative convenience.

**Editorial Notes**

AMENDMENTS

1997—Par. (3)(D). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “housing” for “quarters”.

1987—Pub. L. 100-26 substituted “In this chapter:” for “In this chapter—”, inserted “The term” at beginning of pars. (1) to (3), and substituted period for semicolon at end of par. (1) and period for “; and” at end of par. (2).

1985—Par. (1)(A). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “spouse” for “wife”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-85 effective Jan. 1, 1998, see section 603(e) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as a note under section 5561 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.