

Pub. L. 88-39, title I, June 13, 1963, 77 Stat. 59.  
 Pub. L. 87-575, title I, Aug. 6, 1962, 76 Stat. 311.  
 Pub. L. 87-159, title I, Aug. 21, 1961, 75 Stat. 395.  
 Pub. L. 86-561, title I, June 30, 1960, 74 Stat. 285.  
 Pub. L. 86-39, title I, June 11, 1959, 73 Stat. 67.  
 Pub. L. 85-354, title I, Mar. 28, 1958, 72 Stat. 62.  
 Pub. L. 85-37, title I, May 27, 1957, 71 Stat. 37.  
 Apr. 2, 1956, ch. 161, title I, 70 Stat. 93.  
 June 1, 1955, ch. 113, title I, 69 Stat. 74.  
 May 28, 1954, ch. 242, title I, 68 Stat. 146.  
 June 18, 1953, ch. 132, title I, 67 Stat. 69.  
 June 30, 1952, ch. 523, title I, 66 Stat. 291.  
 Aug. 11, 1951, ch. 301, title I, 65 Stat. 185.  
 Sept. 6, 1950, ch. 896, Ch. IV, title I, 64 Stat. 639.  
 June 30, 1949, ch. 286, title I, 63 Stat. 367.  
 June 19, 1948, ch. 558, title I, 62 Stat. 563.  
 July 1, 1947, ch. 186, title I, 61 Stat. 227.  
 July 12, 1946, ch. 569, § 1, 60 Stat. 531.

### § 502. Delegation of powers by the Secretary

The Secretary is authorized to confer or impose upon the Commandant any of the rights, privileges, powers, or duties, in respect to the administration of the Coast Guard, vested in or imposed upon the Secretary by this title or other provisions of law.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 544, § 631; Pub. L. 94-546, § 1(33), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2521; renumbered § 502, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 105(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4200.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section authorizes the Secretary to delegate to the Commandant any of the authority granted to him in respect to the administration of the Coast Guard. Such power to delegate is granted by other statutes to the heads of many of the executive departments. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 502 was renumbered section 2746 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 631 of this title as this section.

1976—Pub. L. 94-546 substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary of the Treasury” wherever appearing and substituted “Commandant” for “Commandant of the Coast Guard”.

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEES; SOLICITATION OF NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP; PUBLICATION IN FEDERAL REGISTER; DISCLOSURES TO CONGRESS; COMPENSATION AND TRAVEL EXPENSES

Pub. L. 97-322, title I, § 118(e), Oct. 15, 1982, 96 Stat. 1587, provided that:

“(1) The Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall, not less often than once a year, publish notice in the Federal Register for solicitation of nominations for membership on any advisory committee established administratively for the purpose of giving advice and recommendations to such Secretary or the Commandant of the Coast Guard with respect to functions of the Coast Guard.

“(2) Any advisory committee described in paragraph (1) of this subsection is authorized to make available to Congress any information, advice, and recommendations which the committee is authorized to give to the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating or the Commandant of the Coast Guard.

“(3) Members of any advisory committee described in paragraph (1) of this subsection who are not officers or employees of the United States shall serve without pay and members of any such committee who are officers or employees of the United States shall receive no addi-

tional pay on account of their service on such committee. While away from their homes or regular places of business, members of any such committee may be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by section 5703 of title 5, United States Code.”

### § 503. Regulations

In addition to the authority conferred by other provisions of this title the Secretary may promulgate such regulations and orders as he deems appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title or any other law applicable to the Coast Guard.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 545, § 633; renumbered § 503, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 105(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4200.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §§ 92, 185e (June 20, 1874, ch. 344, § 8, 18 Stat. 127; May 26, 1906, ch. 2556, § 1, 34 Stat. 200; May 24, 1939, ch. 146, § 6, 53 Stat. 756).

This section enlarges said sections to prescribe what is generally understood in a military organization, that the promulgation of regulations is a function of the head of the Department.

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

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 503 was renumbered section 2747 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 633 of this title as this section.

### § 504. Commandant; general powers

(a) For the purpose of executing the duties and functions of the Coast Guard the Commandant may:

(1) maintain water, land, and air patrols, and ice-breaking facilities;

(2) establish and prescribe the purpose of, change the location of, consolidate, discontinue, re-establish, maintain, operate, and repair Coast Guard shore establishments;

(3) assign vessels, aircraft, vehicles, aids to navigation, equipment, appliances, and supplies to Coast Guard districts and shore establishments, and transfer any of the foregoing from one district or shore establishment to another;

(4) conduct experiments and investigate, or cause to be investigated, plans, devices, and inventions relating to the performance of any Coast Guard function, including research, development, test, or evaluation related to intelligence systems and capabilities;

(5) conduct any investigations or studies that may be of assistance to the Coast Guard in the performance of any of its powers, duties, or functions;

(6) collect, publish, and distribute information concerning Coast Guard operations;

(7) conduct or make available to personnel of the Coast Guard, and to eligible spouses as defined under section 2904, such specialized training and courses of instruction, including correspondence courses and the textbooks, manuals, and other materials required as part of such training or course of instruction, as