

§ 1873. Acceptance of travel expenses from non-Federal sources

(a) Permitting acceptance of expenses

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Architect of the Capitol may accept payment or authorize an employee of the Office of the Architect of the Capitol to accept payment on the Office's behalf from non-Federal sources for travel, subsistence, and related expenses with respect to attendance of the employee (or the spouse of such employee) at any meeting or similar function relating to the employee's official duties. Any cash payment so accepted shall be credited to the appropriation applicable to such expenses. In the case of a payment in kind so accepted, a pro rata reduction shall be made in any entitlement of the employee to payment from the Government for such expenses.

(b) Prohibiting acceptance from other sources

Except as provided in this section or section 7342 of title 5, the Office or an employee of the Office may not accept payment for expenses referred to in subsection (a). An employee who accepts any payment in violation of the preceding sentence—

(1) may be required, in addition to any penalty provided by law, to repay, for deposit in the general fund of the Treasury, an amount equal to the amount of the payment so accepted; and

(2) in the case of a repayment under paragraph (1), shall not be entitled to any payment from the Government for such expenses.

(c) Effective date

This section shall apply with respect to fiscal year 2019 and each succeeding fiscal year.

(Pub. L. 115–244, div. B, title I, § 135, Sept. 21, 2018, 132 Stat. 2937.)

SUBCHAPTER V—CAPITOL-FLOWN FLAGS FOR FAMILIES OF FALLEN HEROES

§ 1881. Definitions

In this subchapter—

(1) the term “Capitol-flown flag” means a flag of the United States flown over the Capitol in honor of the deceased individual for whom the flag is requested;

(2) the terms “chaplain”, “firefighter”, “law enforcement officer”, “member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew”, and “public agency” have the meanings given such terms in section 10284 of title 34;

(3) the term “immediate family member”, with respect to an individual, means—

(A) the spouse, parent, brother, sister, or child of the individual or a person to whom the individual stands in loco parentis; or

(B) any other person related to the individual by blood or marriage;

(4) the term “public safety officer” means an individual serving a public agency in an official capacity, with or without compensation, as a law enforcement officer, as a firefighter, or as a chaplain; and

(5) the term “Representative” includes a Delegate or Resident Commissioner to the Congress.

(Pub. L. 114–156, § 2, May 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 391.)

§ 1881a. Providing Capitol-flown flags for families of fallen heroes

(a) In general

At the request of an immediate family member of a firefighter, law enforcement officer, member of a rescue squad or ambulance crew, or public safety officer who died in the line of duty, the Representative or Senator of the family may provide to the family a Capitol-flown flag, together with the certificate described in subsection (c).

(b) No cost to family

A Capitol-flown flag provided under this section shall be provided at no cost to the family.

(c) Certificate

The certificate described in this subsection is a certificate which is signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the Representative, or the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Senator, providing the Capitol-flown flag, as applicable, and which contains an expression of sympathy for the family involved from the House of Representatives or the Senate, as applicable.

(Pub. L. 114–156, § 3, May 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 391.)

§ 1881b. Regulations and procedures

(a) In general

Not later than 30 days after May 16, 2016, the Architect of the Capitol shall issue regulations for carrying out this subchapter, including regulations to establish procedures (including any appropriate forms, guidelines, and accompanying certificates) for requesting a Capitol-flown flag.

(b) Review

The regulations issued under subsection (a) shall take effect upon approval by the Committee on House Administration of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate.

(Pub. L. 114–156, § 4, May 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 392.)

§ 1881c. Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated for each of fiscal years 2017 through 2028 such sums as may be necessary to carry out this subchapter, to be derived from amounts appropriated in each such fiscal year for the operation of the Architect of the Capitol, except that the aggregate amount appropriated to carry out this subchapter for all such fiscal years may not exceed \$40,000.

(Pub. L. 114–156, § 5, May 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 392; Pub. L. 117–328, div. I, title I, § 131, Dec. 29, 2022, 136 Stat. 4929.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2022—Pub. L. 117–328 substituted “through 2028” for “through 2022”.

§ 1881d. Effective date

This subchapter shall take effect on May 16, 2016, except that a Capitol-flown flag may not be