

Public Law 96-23
96th Congress

An Act

June 13, 1979
[S. 709]

To authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard for fiscal years 1980 and 1981, and for other purposes.

U.S. Coast
Guard.
Appropriation
authorization.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That funds are hereby authorized to be appropriated for necessary expenses of the Coast Guard for fiscal year 1980, as follows:

(1) for the operation and maintenance of the Coast Guard, including expenses related to the Capehart housing debt reduction: \$1,058,357,000;

(2) for the acquisition, construction, rebuilding, and improvement of aids to navigation, shore facilities, vessels, and aircraft, including equipment related thereto: \$292,811,000, to remain available until expended;

(3) for the alteration or removal of bridges over navigable waters of the United States, constituting obstructions to navigation: \$14,900,000, to remain available until expended; and

(4) for research, development, test, and evaluation: \$25,525,000, to remain available until expended.

Active duty
personnel
strength,
authorization.

SEC. 2. For fiscal year 1980, the Coast Guard is authorized an end of year strength for active duty personnel of 39,578: *Provided*, That the ceiling shall not include members of the Ready Reserve called to active duty under the authority of section 764 of title 14, United States Code.

Military
training student
loads,
authorization.

SEC. 3. For fiscal year 1980, average military training student loads for the Coast Guard are authorized as follows:

(1) recruit and special training: 3,940 students;

(2) flight training: 110 students;

(3) professional training in military and civilian institutions: 438 students; and

(4) officer acquisitions: 940 students.

Number of
commissioned
officers.

SEC. 4. Subsection 42(a) of title 14, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The total number of commissioned officers, excluding commissioned warrant officers, on active duty in the Coast Guard shall not exceed 6,000."

SEC. 5. (a) Subsection 432(g) of title 14, United States Code, is amended by striking out "\$7,500" in the fourth sentence and inserting "\$15,000" in its place so that, in pertinent part, it reads as follows: ". . . In no case shall basic compensation exceed \$15,000 per annum, except. . . ."

(b) The Coast Guard may issue retroactive pay to its remaining civilian lighthouse keepers in an amount equal to the difference between what the keeper actually received and what he would have received under the General Schedule salary rates had there not been a statutory limitation of \$7,500 on his annual salary. This amount is to be calculated from the time at which his salary reached the statutory limitation to the date of enactment of this Act.

14 USC 432 note.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 96-118 accompanying H.R. 2295 (Comm. on Merchant Marine and Fisheries).

SENATE REPORT No. 96-134 (Comm. on Commerce, Science, and Transportation).
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May 31, H.R. 2295 considered and passed House; passage vacated and S. 709 passed in lieu.