

(2) AGE.—A person accepted for original enlistment shall be not less than seventeen years of age. However, no person under eighteen years of age may be originally enlisted without the written consent of the person’s parent or guardian, if the person has a parent or guardian entitled to the person’s custody and control.

(b) GRADE.—A person is enlisted in the Space Force in the grade prescribed by the Secretary of the Air Force.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

§ 20302. Enlisted members: term of enlistment

(a) TERM OF ORIGINAL ENLISTMENTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may accept original enlistments of persons for the duration of their minority or for a period of at least two but not more than eight years in the Space Force.

(b) TERM OF REENLISTMENTS.—The Secretary of the Air Force may accept a reenlistment in the Space Force for a period determined in accordance with paragraphs (2), (3), and (4) of section 505(d) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

§ 20303. Reference to chapter 31

For other provisions of this title applicable to enlistments in the Space Force, see chapter 31 of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. A, title XVII, §1717(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 654.)

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AMENDMENTS

2024—Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVII, §1701(a)(49), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2206, renumbered item 20404 “Force shaping authority” as 20405.