

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2024—Subsec. (a)(2)(A). Pub. L. 118–159 inserted “or a professional military education institution” after “museum program” in two places.

2021—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 116–283, § 2821(a)(1), struck out “Real” before “Property” in heading.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 116–283, § 2821(b)(1), substituted “an eligible entity” for “the United States Military Academy, the Naval Academy, the Air Force Academy, or the Coast Guard Academy”.

Pub. L. 116–283, § 2821(a)(2), inserted “or personal” after “real” in two places.

Subsec. (e)(3)(B). Pub. L. 116–283, § 2821(a)(3), inserted “or personal” after “real”.

Subsec. (e)(5). Pub. L. 116–283, § 2821(b)(2), added par. (5).

2015—Subsecs. (e) to (j). Pub. L. 114–92 added subsec. (e) and redesignated former subsecs. (e) to (i) as (f) to (j), respectively.

2013—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112–239, § 2852(a)(1), designated existing provisions as par. (1), substituted “The” for “Subject to subsection (d)(2), the”, and added par. (2).

Subsec. (b)(1). Pub. L. 112–239, § 2852(a)(2)(A), substituted “The” for “Subject to subsection (d)(2), the” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 112–239, § 2852(a)(2)(B)(i), substituted “such subsections” for “subsection (b)”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 112–239, § 2852(a)(2)(B)(ii), substituted “, money, and services may not be accepted under subsection (a) or” for “and money may not be accepted under subsection (a) and property, money, and services may not be accepted under subsection” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 112–239, § 2852(a)(2)(C), substituted “, money, or services accepted under subsection (a) or” for “or money accepted under subsection (a) and any property, money, or services accepted under subsection”.

Subsec. (i)(2). Pub. L. 112–239, § 587(a), inserted “education,” before “morale.”

2008—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 110–181 struck out par. (4) which read as follows: “The authority to accept gifts, devise, or bequests under this subsection expires on December 31, 2007.”

2006—Pub. L. 109–163 reenacted section catchline without change and amended text generally. Prior to amendment, section consisted of subsecs. (a) to (d) relating to general gift funds.

2002—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 107–296 substituted “Secretary of Homeland Security” for “Secretary of Transportation”.

1980—Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 96–513 substituted “Secretary of Transportation” for “Secretary of the Treasury”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT**

Amendment by Pub. L. 107–296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107–296, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96–513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96–513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

LIMITATION ON SOLICITATION OF GIFTS

Pub. L. 110–181, div. A, title V, § 593(b), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 138, provided that: “The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations implementing sections 2601 and 2608 of title 10, United States Code, that prohibit the solicitation of any gift under such sections by any employee of the Department of Defense if the nature or circumstances of such solicitation would compromise

the integrity or the appearance of integrity of any program of the Department of Defense or of any individual involved in such program.”

§ 2601a. Direct acceptance of gifts by members of the armed forces and Department of Defense and Coast Guard employees and their families

(a) REGULATIONS GOVERNING ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS.—(1) The Secretary of Defense (and the Secretary of Homeland Security in the case of the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy) shall prescribe regulations to provide that, subject to such limitations as may be specified in such regulations, the following individuals may accept gifts from non-profit organizations, private parties, and other sources outside the Department of Defense or the Department of Homeland Security:

(A) A member of the armed forces described in subsection (b).

(B) A civilian employee of the Department of Defense or Coast Guard described in subsection (c).

(C) The family members of such a member or employee.

(D) Survivors of such a member or employee who is killed.

(2) The regulations required by this subsection shall—

(A) apply uniformly to all elements of the Department of Defense and, to the maximum extent feasible, to the Coast Guard; and

(B) require review and approval by a designated agency ethics official before acceptance of a gift to ensure that acceptance of the gift complies with the Joint Ethics Regulation.

(b) COVERED MEMBERS.—This section applies to a member of the armed forces who, while performing active duty, full-time National Guard duty, or inactive-duty training on or after September 11, 2001, incurred an injury or illness—

(1) as described in section 1413a(e)(2) of this title;

(2) in an operation or area designated as a combat operation or a combat zone, respectively, by the Secretary of Defense in accordance with the regulations prescribed under subsection (a);

(3) that results in enrollment in a Warriors in Transition program, as defined in section 738(e) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (Public Law 112–239; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note); or

(4) under other circumstances determined by the Secretary concerned to warrant treatment analogous to members covered by paragraph (1).

(c) COVERED EMPLOYEES.—This section applies to a civilian employee of the Department of Defense or Coast Guard who, while an employee on or after September 11, 2001, incurred an injury or illness under a circumstance described in subsection (b).

(d) GIFTS FROM CERTAIN SOURCES PROHIBITED.—The regulations prescribed under subsection (a) may not authorize the acceptance of a gift from a foreign government or international organization or their agents.

(e) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN REGULATIONS.—To the extent provided in the regulations issued under subsection (a) to implement subsection (b)(2), the regulations shall apply to the acceptance of gifts received after December 31, 2011, for injuries or illnesses incurred on or after September 11, 2001.

(Added Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title V, § 591(a), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4231; amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title V, § 543, Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1411; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1076(f)(32), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1954; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, § 1071(e)(4), (f)(19), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3510, 3511; Pub. L. 117-263, div. A, title V, § 522, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2570.)

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2022—Subsec. (b)(3), (4). Pub. L. 117-263, § 522(1), added par. (3) and redesignated former par. (3) as (4).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 117-263, § 522(2), struck out “paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of” before “subsection (b)”.

2014—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 113-291, § 1071(f)(19)(A), substituted “prescribe” for “issue”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 113-291, § 1071(f)(19)(B), substituted “prescribed” for “issued”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-291, § 1071(e)(4), substituted “after December 31, 2011,” for “after the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012”.

2013—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 112-239 inserted “when it is not operating as a service in the Navy” after “Coast Guard” in introductory provisions.

2011—Subsec. (b)(2), (3). Pub. L. 112-81, § 543(1), added par. (2) and redesignated former par. (2) as (3).

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, § 543(2), substituted “paragraph (1), (2) or (3) of subsection (b)” for “paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (c)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112-81, § 543(3), added subsec. (e).

§ 2602. American National Red Cross: cooperation and assistance

(a) Whenever the President finds it necessary, he may accept the cooperation and assistance of the American National Red Cross, and employ it under the armed forces under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(b) Personnel of the American National Red Cross who are performing duties in connection with its cooperation and assistance under subsection (a) may be furnished—

(1) transportation, at the expense of the United States, while traveling to and from, and while performing, those duties, in the same manner as civilian employees of the armed forces;

(2) meals and quarters, at their expense or at the expense of the American National Red Cross, except that where civilian employees of the armed forces are quartered without charge, employees of the American National Red Cross may also be quartered without charge; and

(3) available office space, warehousing, wharfage, and means of communication, without charge.

(c) No fee may be charged for a passport issued to an employee of the American National Red Cross for travel outside the United States to assume or perform duties under this section.

(d) Supplies of the American National Red Cross, including gifts for the use of the armed

forces, may be transported at the expense of the United States, if it is determined under regulations prescribed under subsection (a) that they are necessary to the cooperation and assistance accepted under this section.

(e) For the purposes of this section, employees of the American National Red Cross may not be considered as employees of the United States.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 145.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
2602(a)	36:17.	July 17, 1953, ch. 222, §§1, 2, 7, 67 Stat. 178, 179.
2602(b)	36:17a (less provisos).	
2602(c)	36:17a (1st proviso).	
2602(d)	36:17a (last proviso).	
2602(e)	36:17b.	

In subsection (a), the words “finds it necessary” are substituted for the words “shall find the * * * to be necessary”. The words “cooperation and assistance” are substituted for the words “cooperation and use * * * assistance * * * the same”. The words “under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense” are substituted for 36:17 (last sentence). The words “tendered by the said Red Cross” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the introductory clause is substituted for 36:17a (1st 33 words). In clause (1), the word “expense” is substituted for the words “cost and charge”. The words “traveling to and from, and while performing, those duties” are substituted for the words “proceeding to their place of duty, while serving thereat, and while returning therefrom”. In clause (2), the words “at their expense or at the expense of” are substituted for the words “providing the cost thereof is borne by such personnel or by”. The words “quartered without charge” are substituted for the words “furnished quarters on the same basis without cost”. In clause (3), the words “when such facilities are” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (c), the words “for travel outside the United States to assume or perform” are substituted for the words “so serving or proceeding abroad to enter upon such service”.

In subsection (d), the word “equipment” is omitted as covered by the word “supplies”. The words “gifts for the use of” are substituted for the words “Red Cross supplies that may be tendered as a gift and accepted for use by”. The word “expense” is substituted for the words “cost and charge”. The words “rules and” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (e), the words “Federal Government of” are omitted as surplusage.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REPORT ON ASSISTANCE TO RED CROSS FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES AND FAMILIES

Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, § 383(b), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2740, provided that, not later than Nov. 30 in each of 1994, 1995, and 1996, the Secretary of Defense was to submit to Congress a report on whether it was necessary for the Department of Defense to support the emergency communications services of the American National Red Cross in order to provide such services for members of the Armed Forces and their families.

§ 2603. Acceptance of fellowships, scholarships, or grants

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a fellowship, scholarship, or grant may, under regulations to be prescribed by the President (or an individual designated by the President), be made by a corporation, fund, founda-