

section (a) in the same manner that such subsection applies to property that is accepted under subsection (a) of that section.

(d)(1) Upon request of the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Treasury may—

(A) retain money, securities, and the proceeds of the sale of securities, in the National Defense University Gift Fund; and

(B) invest money and reinvest the proceeds of the sale of securities in that fund in securities of the United States or in securities guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States.

(2) The interest and profits accruing from those securities shall be deposited to the credit of the fund and may be disbursed as provided in subsection (b).

(e) In this section:

(1) the term “gift” includes a devise of real property or a bequest of personal property and any gift of an interest in real property.

(2) The term “National Defense University” includes any school or other component of the National Defense University specified under section 2165(b) of this title.

(f) The Secretary of Defense shall prescribe regulations to carry out this section.

(Added Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title IX, §931(a), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2624; amended Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title IX, §931(d), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1581; Pub. L. 115–91, div. A, title X, §1081(a)(44), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1596.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 115–91 substituted “section 343(f)(4)” for “section 2166(f)(4)”.

2003—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108–136 substituted “2166(f)(4)” for “2611(f)”.

#### § 2613. Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.**—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of Defense may accept from any person or government agency the donation of travel benefits for the purposes of use under subsection (d).

(b) **TRAVEL BENEFIT DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “travel benefit” means—

(1) frequent traveler miles, credits for tickets, or tickets for air or surface transportation issued by an air carrier or a surface carrier, respectively, that serves the public; and

(2) points or awards for free or reduced-cost accommodations issued by an inn, hotel, or other commercial establishment that provides lodging to transient guests.

(c) **CONDITION ON AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT DONATION.**—The Secretary may accept a donation of a travel benefit under this section only if the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the benefit consents to such donation. Any such donation shall be under such terms and conditions as the business entity may specify, and the travel benefit so donated may be used only in accordance with the rules established by the business entity.

(d) **USE OF DONATED TRAVEL BENEFITS.**—A travel benefit accepted under this section may be used only for the purpose of—

(1) facilitating the travel of a member of the armed forces who—

(A) is deployed on active duty outside the United States away from the permanent duty station of the member in support of a contingency operation; and

(B) is granted, during such deployment, rest and recuperative leave, emergency leave, convalescent leave, or another form of leave authorized for the member; or

(2) in the case of a member of the armed forces recuperating from an injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty during such a deployment, facilitating the travel of family members of the member in order to be reunited with the member.

(e) **ADMINISTRATION.**—(1) The Secretary shall designate a single office in the Department of Defense to carry out this section. That office shall develop rules and procedures to facilitate the acceptance and distribution of travel benefits under this section.

(2) For the use of travel benefits under subsection (d)(2) by family members of a member of the armed forces, the Secretary may, as the Secretary determines appropriate, limit—

(A) eligibility to family members who, by reason of affinity, degree of consanguinity, or otherwise, are sufficiently close in relationship to the member of the armed forces to justify the travel assistance;

(B) the number of family members who may travel; and

(C) the number of trips that family members may take.

(3) The Secretary of Defense may, in an exceptional case, authorize a person not described in subsection (d)(2) to use a travel benefit accepted under this subsection to visit a member of the armed forces described in subsection (d)(1) if that person has a notably close relationship with the member. The travel benefit may be used by such person only in accordance with such conditions and restrictions as the Secretary determines appropriate and the rules established by the business entity referred to in subsection (b) that is the source of the travel benefit.

(f) **SERVICES OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**—The Secretary of Defense may enter into an agreement with a nonprofit organization to use the services of the organization—

(1) to promote the donation of travel benefits under this section, except that amounts appropriated to the Department of Defense may not be expended for this purpose; and

(2) to assist in administering the collection, distribution, and use of travel benefits under this section.

(g) **FAMILY MEMBER DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “family member” has the meaning given that term in section 451(a) of title 37.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title V, §585(a)(1), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1930; amended Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title X, §1071(a)(20), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399; Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title V,

§ 576(a)–(d)(1), title VI, § 631(f)(4)(A), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1428, 1429, 1465; Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948; Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title X, § 1081(a)(25), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1985; Pub. L. 117–263, div. A, title VI, § 626(c)(8), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 2628.)

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**CODIFICATION**

Another section 2613 was renumbered section 2614 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2022—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 117–263 substituted “section 451(a)” for “section 481h(b)”.

2018—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 115–232 substituted “481h(b)” for “481h(b)(1)”.

2013—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112–239, § 1076(a)(9), made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(f)(4)(A). See 2011 Amendment note below.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, § 576(d)(1), substituted “Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, points, and tickets: use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families” for “Acceptance of frequent traveler miles, credits, and tickets; use to facilitate rest and recuperation travel of deployed members and their families” in section catchline.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112–81, § 576(a), amended subsec. (b) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (b) defined travel benefit.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112–81, § 576(b), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air or surface carrier” and substituted “the business entity” for “the surface carrier” and for “the carrier”.

Subsec. (e)(3). Pub. L. 112–81, § 576(c), substituted “the business entity referred to in subsection (b)” for “the air carrier or surface carrier”.

Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 112–81, § 631(f)(4)(A), as amended by Pub. L. 112–239, § 1076(a)(9), substituted “481h(b)(1)” for “411h(b)(1)”.

2006—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 109–364 substituted “In this” for “In the”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

**EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2013 AMENDMENT**

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1947, provided that the amendment made by section 1076(a)(9) is effective Dec. 31, 2011, and as if included in Pub. L. 112–81 as enacted.

**§ 2614. Emergency communications equipment: acceptance from local public safety agencies for temporary use related to disasters**

(a) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT EQUIPMENT.**—(1) Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary concerned—

- (1) may accept communications equipment for use in coordinating joint response and recovery operations with public safety agencies in the event of a disaster; and
- (2) may accept services related to the operation and maintenance of such equipment.

(b) **REGULATIONS.**—The authority under subsection (a) shall be exercised under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(c) **LIMITATIONS.**—(1) Equipment may be accepted under subsection (a)(1) only to the extent that communications equipment under the control of the Secretary concerned at the potential disaster response site is inadequate to meet military requirements for communicating with public safety agencies during the period of response to the disaster.

(2) Services may be accepted under subsection (a)(2) related to the operation and maintenance of communications equipment only to the extent that the necessary capabilities are not available to the military commander having custody of the equipment.

(d) **LIABILITY.**—A person providing services accepted under this section may not be considered, by reason of the provision of such services, to be an officer, employee, or agent of the United States for any purpose.

(Added Pub. L. 108–375, div. A, title X, § 1051(a), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 2053, § 2613; renumbered § 2614 and amended Pub. L. 109–364, div. A, title X, § 1071(a)(19)(A), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2399.)

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**AMENDMENTS**

2006—Pub. L. 109–364 renumbered section 2613 of this title as this section and redesignated the second subsec. (c) as (d).

**§ 2615. Military museums and military education programs: cooperative agreement authority**

(a) **USE AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary concerned may enter into a cooperative agreement with a nonprofit entity for purposes related to—

- (1) a military museum program; or
- (2) the support of a military educational institution program.

(b) **COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT DESCRIBED.**—For purposes of subsection (a), an authorized cooperative agreement is described in section 6305 of title 31, except that the use of a cooperative agreement by the Secretary concerned is limited to nonprofit entities.

(Added Pub. L. 112–239, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2852(b)(1), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2161.)

**CHAPTER 157—TRANSPORTATION**

<p>Sec. 2631. 2631a. 2632. 2633. [2634. 2635. 2636. 2636a. 2637. 2638. 2639. 2640. 2641. 2641a.</p>	<p>Preference for United States vessels in transporting supplies by sea. Contingency planning: sealift and related intermodal transportation requirements. Transportation to and from certain places of employment and on military installations. Stevedoring and terminal services: vessels carrying cargo or passengers sponsored by military department. [Repealed.] Medical emergency helicopter transportation assistance and limitation of individual liability. Deductions from amounts due carriers. Loss or damage to personal property transported at Government expense: full replacement value; deduction from amounts due carriers. Transportation in certain areas outside the United States. Transportation of civilian clothing of enlisted members. Transportation to and from school for certain minor dependents. Charter air transportation of members of the armed forces or cargo. Transportation of certain veterans on Department of Defense aeromedical evacuation aircraft. Transportation of American Samoa veterans on Department of Defense aircraft for certain medical care in Hawaii.</p>
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