

(C) modifications to relevant policies of the Department of Defense, excluding such policies relating to infrastructure.

(c) COVERED PRIVACY AND CONFIGURATION STANDARD DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered privacy and configuration standard” means the minimum standards for privacy and configuration applicable to covered military unaccompanied housing described in Department of Defense Manual 4165.63 titled “DoD Housing Management” and dated October 28, 2010 (or a successor document).

(Added Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2833(b), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 755; amended Pub. L. 118–159, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2824, Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2256.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2833(b), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 755, which directed amendment of “Subchapter III of title 10” by adding this section after section 2856 of this title, was executed to subchapter III of chapter 169 of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

##### AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a)(4). Pub. L. 118–159 substituted “15 months” for “9 months”.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### REVISIONS TO RULES, GUIDANCE, OR OTHER ISSUANCES

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2833(d), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 757, provided that: “Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 2023], the Secretary of Defense and Secretaries of the military departments shall revise any rule, guidance, or other issuance of the Department of Defense and the military departments under the respective jurisdictions of such Secretaries to include the procedures for the issuance of waivers of covered privacy and configuration standards [see section 2833(f) of Pub. L. 118–31, set out as a note below] pursuant to section 2856a of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)).”

##### TERMINATION OF EXISTING WAIVERS OF COVERED PRIVACY AND CONFIGURATION STANDARDS

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2833(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 755, provided that: “Any waiver of covered privacy and configuration standards [see section 2833(f) of Pub. L. 118–31, set out as a note below] in effect on or before the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 22, 2023] shall terminate on March 1, 2024.”

##### COVERED PRIVACY AND CONFIGURATION STANDARD

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2833(f), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 757, provided that: “The term ‘covered privacy and configuration standard’ has the meaning given in section 2856a of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)).”

##### DEFINITIONS

For definition of “covered military unaccompanied housing” as used in this section, see section 2856(c) of this title.

#### § 2856b. Covered military unaccompanied housing: standards for habitability

(a) STANDARDS REQUIRED.—For the purposes of assigning a member of the armed forces to a unit of covered military unaccompanied housing,

the Secretary of Defense shall establish uniform minimum standards for covered military unaccompanied housing, that shall include minimum requirements for—

- (1) condition;
- (2) habitability, health, and environmental comfort;
- (3) safety and security; and
- (4) any other element the Secretary of Defense determines appropriate.

(b) LIMITATION ON ISSUANCE OF WAIVERS.—Any waiver of a uniform standard described in subsection (a) may only be issued by a Secretary of a military department.

(c) CERTIFICATION.—The Secretary of Defense shall include, in conjunction with the submission of the budget of the President to Congress pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, a certification from each Secretary of a military department to the congressional defense committees that the cost for all needed repairs and improvements for each occupied covered military unaccompanied housing facility under the jurisdiction of such Secretary does not exceed 20 percent of the replacement cost of such facility, as mandated by Department of Defense Manual 4165.63 titled “DoD Housing Management” and dated October 28, 2010 (or a successor document).

(Added and amended Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, §§ 2832(a), 2834, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 754, 757.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2832(a), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 754, which directed amendment of “Subchapter III of title 10” by adding this section after section 2856a of this title, was executed to subchapter III of chapter 169 of this title, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

##### AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118–31, § 2834, added subsec. (c).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### GUIDANCE

Pub. L. 118–31, div. B, title XXVIII, § 2832(b), Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 754, provided that: “Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Secretary of Defense develops the uniform standards under section 2856b of title 10, United States Code (as added by subsection (a)), the Secretary of Defense shall issue to each Secretary of a military department guidance on such uniform standards.”

##### DEFINITIONS

For definition of “covered military unaccompanied housing” as used in this section, see section 2856(c) of this title.

#### § 2857. Window fall prevention devices in military family housing units

(a) REQUIRING USE OF DEVICES ON CERTAIN WINDOWS.—

- (1) REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary concerned shall ensure that if a window in any military family housing unit is described in subsection (c), including a window designed for emergency escape or rescue, the window is equipped