

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Sept. 15, 1981, see section 701 of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

DEGREES FOR PERSONS WHO GRADUATED BEFORE ACCREDITING OF MILITARY ACADEMY

Act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, §35, 70A Stat. 634, provided in part that, under conditions prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, the Superintendent of the United States Military Academy may confer the degree of bachelor of science upon living graduates of the Academy who were graduated before the date of accrediting of the Academy and who have met the requirements of the Academy for that degree.

§ 7454. Buildings and grounds: memorial hall; buildings for religious worship

(a) The memorial hall at the Academy is a repository for statues, busts, mural tablets, portraits of distinguished and deceased officers and graduates of the Academy, paintings of battle scenes, trophies of war, and other objects that may tend to elevate the military profession. No object may be placed in this hall without the approval of two-thirds of the members of the Academic Board of the Academy by a recorded vote taken by ayes and nays.

(b) The Secretary of the Army may authorize any denomination, sect, or religious body to erect a building for religious worship on the West Point Military Reservation, if its erection will not interfere with the use of the reservation for military purposes and will be without expense to the United States. Such a building shall be removed, or its location changed, without compensation for it and without other expense to the United States, by the denomination, sect, or religious body that erected it, whenever in the opinion of the Secretary public or military necessity so requires.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 245, §4354; renumbered §7454, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, number VIII, §808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
4354(a)	10:1125.	July 23, 1892, ch. 237, §6, 27 Stat. 263.
4354(b)	10:1126.	July 8, 1898, ch. 636, 30 Stat. 722.

In subsection (a), the words “and to prevent the introduction of unworthy subjects into this hall” and “entire” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b), the words “in his discretion” and “Government of” are omitted as surplusage. The words “United States” are substituted for the word “Government”.

Editorial Notes

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2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4354 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 7455. Board of Visitors

(a) A Board of Visitors to the Academy is constituted annually of—

(1) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of such chair;

(2) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the Senate, or the designee of the ranking member;

(3) two other members of the Senate designated by the Majority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(4) two other members of the Senate designated by the Minority Leader of the Senate, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(5) the chair of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of such chair;

(6) the ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services of the House of Representatives, or the designee of the ranking member;

(7) two other members of the House of Representatives designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom is a member of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

(8) one other member of the House of Representatives designated by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and

(9) six persons designated by the President.

(b) The persons designated by the President serve for three years each except that any member whose term of office has expired shall continue to serve until his successor is appointed by the President. The President shall designate two persons each year to succeed the members whose terms expire that year.

(c) If a member of the Board dies or resigns, a successor shall be designated for the unexpired portion of the term by the official who designated the member.

(d) The Board shall visit the Academy annually. With the approval of the Secretary of the Army, the Board or its members may make other visits to the Academy in connection with the duties of the Board or to consult with the Superintendent of the Academy.

(e) The Board shall inquire into the morale and discipline, the curriculum, instruction, physical equipment, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy that the Board decides to consider.

(f) Within 60 days after its annual visit, the Board shall submit a written report to the President and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives of its action, and of its views and recommendations pertaining to the Academy. Any report of a visit, other than the annual visit, shall, if approved by a majority of the members of the Board, be submitted to the President and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives within 60 days after the approval.

(g) Upon approval by the Secretary, the Board may call in advisers for consultation.

(h) While performing his duties, each member of the Board and each adviser shall be reim-

bursed under Government travel regulations for his travel expenses.

(i)(1) A majority of the members of the Board may call an official meeting of the Board once per year.

(2) A member may attend such meeting—

(A) in person, at the Academy; or

(B) remotely, at the election of such member.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 245, § 4355; Pub. L. 96-579, § 13(a), Dec. 23, 1980, 94 Stat. 3369; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title X, § 1061(e)(2), title XV, § 1502(a)(12), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 443, 503; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, § 1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774; renumbered § 7455, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839; Pub. L. 117-81, div. A, title V, §§ 554(a), 555(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 1738; Pub. L. 118-159, div. A, title V, § 558(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 1898.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Rows include 4355(a) through 4355(h) with their respective legal sources.

In subsections (a) and (b), the word “designated” is substituted for the word “appointed” to make it clear that the positions described are not constitutional offices.

Subsection (b) is substituted for 10:1056(e) (2d sentence).

In subsection (c), the words “during the term for which such member was appointed” and “Such successor shall be appointed * * * who died or resigned” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (g), the words “as it may deem necessary or advisable effectuate the duties imposed upon it by the provisions of sections 1055-1060 of this title” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (h), the words “called for consultation by the Board in connection with the business of the Board” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

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2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118-159, § 558(a)(1), added subsec. (a) and struck out former subsec. (a) which related to membership of Board of Visitors.

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 118-159, § 558(a)(2), inserted “and the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives” after “the President” in two places.

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 117-81, § 554(a), substituted “is appointed by the President” for “is appointed”.

Subsec. (i). Pub. L. 117-81, § 555(a), added subsec. (i).

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4355 of this title as this section.

1999—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 106-65, substituted “Committee on Armed Services” for “Committee on National Security”.

1996—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1502(a)(12), substituted “National Security” for “Armed Services”.

Subsec. (h). Pub. L. 104-106, § 1061(e)(2), struck out “is entitled to not more than \$5 a day and” after “each adviser”.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-579 required member whose term of office had expired to continue service until appointment of a successor.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 7456. Use of certain gifts

Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Army, the Superintendent of the Academy may (without regard to section 2601 of this title) accept, hold, administer, invest, and spend any gift, devise, or bequest of personal property of a value of \$20,000 or less made to the United States on the condition that such gift, devise, or bequest be used for the benefit of the Academy or any entity thereof. The Secretary may pay or authorize the payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses in connection with the conveyance or transfer of a gift, devise, or bequest under this section.

(Added Pub. L. 97-295, § 1(41)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1297, § 4356; renumbered § 7456, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(c)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Row includes 4356 with source 10:4334 (note) and Sept. 8, 1982, Pub. L. 97-252, § 1133(a), 96 Stat. 761.

The word “Academy” is substituted for “United States Military Academy” for consistency in title 10.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4356 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

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APPLICABILITY OF SECTION

Pub. L. 97-252, title XI, § 1133, Sept. 8, 1982, 96 Stat. 761, provided that:

“(a) [Repealed and reenacted as section 4356 (now 7456) of this title by Pub. L. 97-295, §§ 1(41)(A), 6(b), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1297, 1315.]

“(b) This section applies with respect to any gift, devise, or bequest made on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Sept. 8, 1982] for the purpose described in subsection (a) [see text of section 7456 of this title] and applies to any such gift, devise, or bequest, or devise made before the date of the enactment of this Act with respect to which the Secretary of the Army has approved application of this section rather than section 2601 of title 10, United States Code.”

§ 7457. Acceptance of guarantees with gifts for major projects

(a) ACCEPTANCE AUTHORITY.—Subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of the Army may accept from a donor or donors a qualified guar-