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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839, redesignated chapter 443 of this title as this chapter and items 4682 to 4690 as 7682 to 7690, respectively.

2016—Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title XII, §1253(a)(2)(D), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2532, struck out item 4681 "Surplus war material: sale to States and foreign governments".

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1051(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1935, substituted "Excess non-automatic service rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes" for "Excess M-1 rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes" in item 4683.

2006—Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title III, §353(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2161, added item 4690.

2002—Pub. L. 107-217, §2(2), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1295, added item 4689.

2000—Pub. L. 106-398, §1 [[div. A], title III, §382(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-85, added item 4688.

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title III, §381(d)(2), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 583, substituted "Excess M-1 rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes" for "Obsolete or condemned rifles: loan to local units of recognized veterans' organizations" in item 4683.

1997—Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title X, §1065(a)(2), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1895, added item 4687.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

REPURPOSING AND REUSE OF SURPLUS ARMY FIREARMS

Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title III, §348, Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1365, as amended by Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title III, §354, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1731, provided that:

"(a) REQUIRED TRANSFER.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 12, 2017], and subject to subsection (c), the Secretary of the Army shall transfer to a suitable organic facility all excess firearms, related spare parts and components, small arms ammunition, and ammunition components currently stored at Defense Distribution Depot, Anniston, Alabama, that are no longer actively issued for military service and that are otherwise prohibited from commercial sale, or distribution, under Federal law.

"(b) REPURPOSING AND REUSE.—The items specified for transfer under subsection (a) shall be shredded or melted and repurposed for military use as determined by the Secretary of the Army, including—

- "(1) the reforging of new firearms or their components; and
- "(2) force protection barriers and security bollards.

"(c) ITEMS EXEMPT FROM TRANSFER.—M-1 Garand, caliber .45 M1911/M1911A1 pistols, caliber .22 rimfire rifles, and such additional items as designated by the Secretary in the annual report required under subsection (d) are not subject to the transfer requirement under subsection (a).

"(d) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than 5 days after the budget of the President for a fiscal year is submitted to

Congress under section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, the Secretary of the Army, in coordination with the Director of the Defense Logistics Agency, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report specifying additional excess firearms, related spare parts and components, small arms ammunition, and ammunition components designated as no longer actively issued for military service and that are otherwise prohibited from commercial sale, or distribution, under Federal law. The Secretary of the Army shall designate these items to either be added to the transfer list for the purposes described under subsection (b) or the list of items exempted under subsection (c). The report may not include the redesignation or change in status of items previously designated for transfer or exemption pursuant to subsections [sic] (a) or (c).

"(e) ACTIONS PURSUANT TO ANNUAL REPORT.—The Secretary of the Army may not take any action to transfer items designated in the report submitted under subsection (d) until the date of the enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act for the fiscal year following the year such report is submitted. Upon enactment of such Act, the Secretary shall transfer or exempt the items so designated."

ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR MUNITIONS DISPOSAL

Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title III, §314, Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2073, provided that: "In carrying out the disposal of munitions in the stockpile of conventional munitions awaiting demilitarization and disposal, the Secretary of the Army may use cost-competitive technologies that minimize waste generation and air emissions as alternatives to disposal by open burning, open detonation, direct contact combustion, and incineration."

§ 7682. Obsolete or excess material: sale to National Council of Boy Scouts of America

Subject to regulations under section 121 of title 40, the Secretary of the Army, under such conditions as he may prescribe, may sell obsolete or excess material to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Sales under this section shall be at fair value to the Department of the Army, including packing, handling, and transportation.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 262, §4682; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §512(19), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2930; Pub. L. 107-217, §3(b)(25), Aug. 21, 2002, 116 Stat. 1297; renumbered §7682, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §808(d), 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>
4682	10:1259.	May 15, 1937, ch. 193, 50 Stat. 167; Oct. 31, 1951, ch. 654, §2(7), 65 Stat. 707.

The words "obsolete or excess material" are substituted for the words "such obsolete material as may not be needed by the Department of the Army, and such other material as may be spared" to conform to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 471 et seq.). The words "in his discretion" are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4682 of this title as this section.

2002—Pub. L. 107-217 substituted "section 121 of title 40" for "section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)".

1980—Pub. L. 96-513 substituted “section 205 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 486)” for “section 486 of title 40”.

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.

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.

§ 7683. Excess non-automatic service rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes

(a) **AUTHORITY TO LEND OR DONATE.**—(1) The Secretary of the Army, under regulations prescribed by the Secretary, may conditionally lend or donate excess M-1 rifles (not more than 15), slings, and cartridge belts to any eligible organization for use by that organization for funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the armed forces, and for other ceremonial purposes.

(2) If the rifles to be loaned or donated under paragraph (1) are to be used by the eligible organization for funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the armed forces, the Secretary may issue and deliver the rifles, together with the necessary accoutrements and blank ammunition, without charge.

(3)(A) In order to meet the needs of an eligible organization with respect to performing funeral and other ceremonies, if the Secretary determines appropriate, the Secretary may—

- (i) loan or donate excess non-automatic service rifles to an eligible organization; or
- (ii) authorize an eligible organization to retain non-automatic service rifles other than M-1 rifles.

(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to supersede any Federal law or regulation governing the use or ownership of firearms.

(b) **RELIEF FROM LIABILITY.**—The Secretary may relieve an eligible organization to which materials are lent or donated under subsection (a), and the surety on its bond, from liability for loss or destruction of the material lent or donated, if there is conclusive evidence that the loss or destruction did not result from negligence.

(c) **CONDITIONS ON LOAN OR DONATION.**—In lending or donating rifles under subsection (a), the Secretary shall impose such conditions on the use of the rifles as may be necessary to ensure security, safety, and accountability. The Secretary may impose such other conditions as the Secretary considers appropriate.

(d) **ELIGIBLE ORGANIZATION DEFINED.**—In this section, the term “eligible organization” means—

- (1) a unit or other organization of honor guards recognized by the Secretary of the Army as honor guards for a national cemetery;
- (2) a law enforcement agency; or

(3) a local unit of any organization that, as determined by the Secretary of the Army, is a nationally recognized veterans' organization.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 262, § 4683; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, § 1621(a)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1602; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title III, § 381(a)-(d)(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 582; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1051(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1935; renumbered § 7683, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(d), 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>
4683(a)	50:62.	Feb. 10, 1920, ch. 64; re-stated June 5, 1920, ch. 240 (par. under “Rifles and Accessories for Organizations of War Veterans”); restated May 26, 1952, ch. 364, 66 Stat. 94. Dec. 15, 1926, ch. 10, 44 Stat. 922.
4683(b)	50:62b.	

In subsection (a), the words “rules, limitations” and “in suitable amounts” are omitted as surplusage. The words “(not more than 10)” are substituted for 50:62 (proviso). The words “any local unit” are substituted for the words “posts or camps”, before the words “of national”. The words “that unit” are substituted for the word “them”. The words “those units” are substituted for the words “such posts and camps”. The words “a member or former member of the armed forces” are substituted for the words “soldiers, sailors, and marines”. Clause (2) is substituted for 50:62 (words between semicolon and colon).

In subsection (b), the words “a unit to which materials are lent under subsection (a)” are substituted for the description of the posts or camps covered. The words “the material lent” are substituted for the words “obsolete or condemned Army rifles, slings, and cartridge belts loaned by the Secretary of the Army under authority of section 62 of this title”.

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 4683 of this title as this section.

2013—Pub. L. 112-239, § 1051(a)(2), substituted “Excess non-automatic service rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes” for “Excess M-1 rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 112-239, § 1051(a)(1), added par. (3).

1999—Pub. L. 106-65, § 381(d)(1), substituted “Excess M-1 rifles: loan or donation for funeral and other ceremonial purposes” for “Obsolete or condemned rifles: loan to local units of recognized veterans' organizations” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 106-65, § 381(a), amended subsec. (a) generally. Prior to amendment, subsec. (a) read as follows: “The Secretary of the Army, under regulations to be prescribed by him, may—

“(1) lend obsolete or condemned rifles (not more than 10), slings, and cartridge belts to any local unit of any national veterans' organization recognized by the Department of Veterans Affairs, for use by that unit for funeral ceremonies of a member or former member of the armed forces, and for other ceremonial purposes; and

“(2) issue and deliver to those units blank ammunition for those rifles—

“(A) without charge, if it is to be used for ceremonies at national cemeteries; and

“(B) without charge, except for packing, handling, and transportation, if it is to be used for other ceremonies.”