

(b) The Secretary of the Navy may change the name of any vessel bought for the Navy.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 448, §7292; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1018(b), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1910; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title X, §1071(f)(27), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3511; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title X, §1074(a), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 996; renumbered §8662, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836; Pub. L. 118-31, div. A, title X, §1018, Dec. 22, 2023, 137 Stat. 384.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Table with 3 columns: Revised section, Source (U.S. Code), Source (Statutes at Large). Rows include 7292(a), 7292(b), and 7292(c) with their respective legal sources.

In subsection (a) the words “care shall be taken that” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b) the words “first class” are omitted as obsolete.

In subsection (c) the words “by authority of law” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8662, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 533, provided for military training, organization, and equipping of prisoners who have been sent to United States Disciplinary Barracks, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 90-377, §6(3), July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 288.

AMENDMENTS

2023—Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 118-31 redesignated subsec. (c) as (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “Each battleship shall be named for a State. However, if the names of all the States are in use, a battleship may be named for a city, place, or person.”

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7292 of this title as this section.

2015—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 114-92 struck out subsec. (d) which read as follows:

“(1) The Secretary of the Navy may not announce or implement any proposal to name a vessel of the Navy until 30 days after the date on which the Secretary submits to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a report setting forth such proposal.

“(2) Each report under this subsection shall describe the justification for the proposal covered by such report in accordance with the standards referred to in section 1018(a) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013.”

2014—Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “section 1018(a)” for “section 1024(a)”.

2013—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 112-239 added subsec. (d).

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 2013 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1018(c), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1911, provided that: “This section [amending

this section and enacting provisions set out as a note under this section] and the amendment made by this section shall go into effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Jan. 2, 2013].”

FINDINGS

Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1018(a), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1910, provided that: “Congress makes the following findings:

“(1) The Navy traces its ancestry to October 13, 1775, when an Act of the Continental Congress authorized the first vessel of a navy for the United Colonies. Vessels of the Continental Navy were named for early patriots and military heroes, Federal institutions, colonial cities, and positive character traits representative of naval and military virtues.

“(2) An Act of Congress on March 3, 1819, made the Secretary of the Navy responsible for assigning names to vessels of the Navy. Traditional sources for vessel names customarily encompassed such categories as geographic locations in the United States; historic sites, battles, and ships; naval and military heroes and leaders; and noted individuals who made distinguished contributions to United States national security.

“(3) These customs and traditions provide appropriate and necessary standards for the naming of vessels of the Navy.”

§ 8663. Number in service in time of peace

In time of peace, the President may keep in service such vessels of the Navy as are required and keep the rest in reserve.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449, §7293; renumbered §8663, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

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The words “vessels of the Navy” are substituted for the words “of the public armed vessels”. The words “actual”, “in his opinion”, and “by the nature of the service” are omitted as surplusage. The words “in reserve” are substituted for the words “to be laid up in ordinary in convenient ports” to conform to modern terminology.

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 8663, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 533, authorized Secretary of Air Force to parole or remit sentence and restore to duty offenders who are confined in the United States Disciplinary Barracks, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 90-377, §6(3), July 5, 1968, 82 Stat. 288.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7293 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.

§ 8664. Suspension of construction in case of treaty

In case of a treaty for the limitation of naval armament to which the United States is a signa-

tory, the President may suspend so much of the authorized naval construction as is necessary to bring the naval vessels of the United States within the limitations agreed upon. Such a suspension does not apply to vessels under construction at the time the suspension is made.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449, § 7294; renumbered § 8664, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 7294 | 34 U.S.C. 498h (as applicable to vessels). | May 17, 1938, ch. 243, § 9 (as applicable to vessels), 52 Stat. 403. |

The words “the United States would welcome and support an international conference for naval limitations” are omitted as a declaration of purpose without permanent or general significance. The word “further” is omitted since there is no such agreement in existence today. The word “international” is omitted as unnecessary since the word “treaty” necessarily involves an international understanding. The word “may” is substituted for the words “is hereby authorized and empowered to” for brevity.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7294 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.

§ 8667. Changing category or type: limitations

Unless they have been specifically made available for the purpose, funds appropriated for the repair or alteration of naval vessels may not be used to make repairs or alterations of any vessel that would change its category or type.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 449, § 7297; renumbered § 8667, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

| Revised section | Source (U.S. Code) | Source (Statutes at Large) |
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| 7297 | 34 U.S.C. 490. | June 12, 1948, ch. 452, § 2, 62 Stat. 382. |

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7297 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.

§ 8669. Contracts: applicability of chapter 65 of title 41

Each contract for the construction, alteration, furnishing, or equipping of a naval vessel is subject to chapter 65 of title 41 unless the President determines that this requirement is not in the interest of national defense.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VIII, § 815(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 396, § 7299; amended Pub. L. 111-350, § 5(b)(52), Jan. 4, 2011, 124 Stat. 3846; renumbered § 8669, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1836.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7299 of this title as this section.

2011—Pub. L. 111-350 substituted “chapter 65 of title 41” for “Walsh-Healey Act” in section catchline and for “the Walsh-Healey Act (41 U.S.C. 35 et seq.)” in text.

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.

§ 8669a. Construction of combatant and escort vessels and assignment of vessel projects

(a) The assignment of naval vessel conversion, alteration, and repair projects shall be based on economic and military considerations and may not be restricted by a requirement that certain parts of naval shipwork be assigned to a particular type of shipyard or geographical area or by a similar requirement.

(b) In evaluating bids or proposals for a contract for the overhaul, repair, or maintenance of a naval vessel, the Secretary of the Navy shall, in determining the cost or price of work to be performed in an area outside the area of the homeport of the vessel, consider foreseeable costs of moving the vessel and its crew from the homeport to the outside area and from the outside area back to the homeport at the completion of the contract.

(c)(1) Before issuing a solicitation for a contract for short-term work for the overhaul, repair, or maintenance of a naval vessel, the Secretary of the Navy shall determine if there is adequate competition available among firms able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel. If the Secretary determines that there is adequate competition among such firms, the Secretary—

(A) shall issue such a solicitation only to firms able to perform the work at the homeport of the vessel; and

(B) may not award such contract to a firm other than a firm that will perform the work at the homeport of the vessel.

(2) Paragraph (1) applies notwithstanding subsection (a) or any other provision of law.

(3) Paragraph (1) does not apply in the case of voyage repairs.

(4) In this subsection, the term “short-term work” means work that will be for a period of 12 months or less.