

that ordered the stay a new certificate stating whether the stay is then to be terminated or for what period the stay is to continue in effect. If the Secretary fails to file a new certificate, the court, upon application by the claimant or party, shall issue an order directing the Secretary to file a new certificate within a specified time.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 485, § 7726; renumbered § 8896, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7726(a) .....	46 U.S.C. 794 (2d, 3d, and 4th sentences).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (2d, 3d, and 4th sentences), 58 Stat. 724.
7726(b) .....	46 U.S.C. 794 (5th sentence).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (5th sentence), 58 Stat. 724.
7726(c) .....	46 U.S.C. 794 (6th and 7th sentences).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (6th and 7th sentences), 58 Stat. 724.

In subsection (a) the words “then in effect”, “upon which the stay is based”, and “for its identification” are omitted as surplusage.

In subsection (b) the words “with respect to whether or not a stay should be issued or maintained” are omitted as surplusage. The words “his designee” are substituted for the words “some official designated by him” for brevity.

In subsection (c) the words “that ordered the stay” are substituted for the words “in which said stay is pending or the court in which the proceeding stayed was instituted” for brevity and clarity.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7726 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.

§ 8897. Duration of stay

A stay of proceedings under this chapter remains in effect for the period specified in the certificate upon which it was based unless the Secretary of the Navy issues a new certificate under section 8895 or 8896 of this title changing the termination date. However, a stay under this chapter may not remain in force longer than six months after the cessation of hostilities.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 485, § 7727; renumbered § 8897 and amended Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, §§ 807(d)(10), 809(a), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837, 1840.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7727 .....	46 U.S.C. 791 (1st sentence as applicable to duration of stay, and proviso as applicable to duration of stay).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 1 (1st sentence as applicable to duration of stay, and proviso as applicable to duration of stay), 58 Stat. 723.

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES—CONTINUED

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
	46 U.S.C. 792 (as applicable to duration of stay).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 2 (as applicable to duration of stay), 58 Stat. 724.
	646 U.S.C. 794 (8th sentence and proviso of 9th sentence).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (8th sentence and proviso of 9th sentence), 58 Stat. 724.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7727 of this title as this section and substituted “section 8895 or 8896” for “section 7725 or 7726”.

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.

§ 8898. Restricted certificate

The Secretary of the Navy may restrict a certificate issued under this chapter so that it stays only the taking of testimony of certain witnesses or the production of evidence on certain subjects. The proceedings not stayed may continue.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 485, § 7728; renumbered § 8898, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
7728 .....	46 U.S.C. 794 (10th sentence).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (10th sentence), 58 Stat. 724.

The words “The Secretary of the Navy may restrict a certificate” are substituted for the words “Any certificate \* \* \* by the Secretary of the Navy \* \* \* may, in his discretion, be restricted.” The words “the production of” are inserted for clarity. The words “in which event” are omitted as surplusage.

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 7728 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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§ 8899. Investigation before issue of certificate

The Secretary of the Navy may not issue a certificate under this chapter until he satisfies himself by investigation that it is necessary.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 485, § 7729; renumbered § 8899, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
7729 .....	46 U.S.C. 794 (less 1st 10 sentences).	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 4 (less 1st 10 sentences), 58 Stat. 724.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7729 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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**§ 8900. Evidence admissible when witness is not available**

Whenever the court is satisfied by appropriate evidence or by agreement of counsel that the United States or the claimant is unable after reasonable efforts to secure the testimony of a witness and—

(1) the United States or the claimant has been prevented by a stay under this chapter from examining the witness; or

(2) the United States establishes that it has refrained from bringing a suit or from taking the testimony of the witness in a pending suit to avoid endangering the security of naval operations or interfering with such operations;

the court shall receive in evidence in place of the testimony of the witness—

(1) the affidavit of the witness duly sworn to before a notary public or other authorized officer; or

(2) the statement or testimony of the witness before a court-martial, a court of inquiry, or an investigation; but the use of such statement or testimony does not, in any litigation, make the remainder of the record admissible or compel the United States to produce the remainder of the record.

The court shall give such weight to the affidavit, statement, or testimony as it considers proper under the circumstances.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 485, § 7730; renumbered § 8900, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
7730 .....	46 U.S.C. 795.	July 3, 1944, ch. 399, § 5, 58 Stat. 725.

The words “naval”, “board of investigation”, and “Coast Guard investigation” are omitted as surplusage.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7730 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

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**CHAPTER 887—NAVAL MILITIA**

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**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(e)(4), (f)(1), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1838, redesignated chapter 659 of this title as this chapter and items 7851 to 7854 as 8901 to 8904, respectively.

**§ 8901. Composition**

The Naval Militia consists of the Naval Militia of the States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 486, § 7851; Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title X, § 1057(a)(11), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3441; renumbered § 8901, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(11), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
7851 .....	50 U.S.C. 1071.	July 9, 1952, ch. 608, § 501, 66 Stat. 500.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115–232 renumbered section 7851 of this title as this section.

2006—Pub. L. 109–163 substituted “States, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the Virgin Islands” for “States, the Territories, and the District of Columbia”.

**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.

**§ 8902. Appointment and enlistment in reserve components**

In the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, any member of the Naval Militia may be appointed or enlisted in the Navy Reserve or the Marine Corps Reserve in the grade for which he is qualified.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 486, § 7852; Pub. L. 109–163, div. A, title V, § 515(b)(1)(W), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3233; renumbered § 8902, Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(d)(11), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1837.)