

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 293 of this title as this section.

**§ 2155. Retirement for physical disability after selection for promotion; grade in which retired**

An officer whose name appears on an approved list of officers selected for promotion to the next higher grade and who is retired for physical disability under the provisions of chapter 61 of title 10 prior to being promoted shall be retired in the grade to which he was selected for promotion.

(Added Pub. L. 88-130, §1(10)(C), Sept. 24, 1963, 77 Stat. 187, §294; renumbered §2155, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §112(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4216.)

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**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## RETIRED PAY ON OR PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 24, 1963

Savings provisions in section 5(g) of Pub. L. 88-130 providing that Pub. L. 88-130 does not affect the retired pay of anyone retired on or prior to Sept. 24, 1963, are set out as a note under section 2101 of this title.

**§ 2156. Deferment of retirement or separation for medical reasons**

(a) Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary may defer the retirement or separation of a commissioned officer, other than a commissioned warrant officer, if the evaluation of the physical condition of the officer and determination of the officer's entitlement to retirement or separation for physical disability require hospitalization, medical observation, or other physical disability processing that cannot be completed before the date on which the officer would otherwise be retired or separated.

(b) A deferment under subsection (a)—

(1) may only be made with the consent of the officer involved; and

(2) if the Secretary receives written notice from the officer withdrawing that consent, shall end not later than the end of the sixty-day period beginning on the date the Secretary receives that notice.

(Added Pub. L. 98-557, §17(b)(2)(A), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2867, §295; renumbered §2156, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §112(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4216.)

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2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 295 of this title as this section.

**§ 2157. Flag officers**

During any period in which the Coast Guard is not operating as a service in the Navy, section 1216(d) of title 10 does not apply with respect to flag officers of the Coast Guard.

(Added Pub. L. 113-281, title II, §212(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 3029, §296; renumbered §2157, Pub.

L. 115-282, title I, §112(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4216.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 296 of this title as this section.

**§ 2158. Review of records of officers**

The Secretary may at any time convene a board of officers to review the record of any officer of the Regular Coast Guard to determine whether he shall be required to show cause for his retention on active duty—

(1) because his performance of duty has fallen below the standards prescribed by the Secretary, or

(2) because of moral dereliction, professional dereliction, or because his retention is not clearly consistent with the interests of national security.

(Added Pub. L. 88-130, §1(10)(C), Sept. 24, 1963, 77 Stat. 187, §321; renumbered §2158, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §112(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4216.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 321 of this title as this section.

**§ 2159. Boards of inquiry**

(a) Boards of inquiry shall be convened at such places as the Secretary may prescribe to receive evidence and make findings and recommendations whether an officer who is required to show cause for retention under section 2158 of this title should be retained on active duty.

(b) A fair and impartial hearing before a board of inquiry shall be given to each officer so required to show cause for retention.

(c) If a board of inquiry determines that the officer has failed to establish that he should be retained, it shall send the record of its proceedings to a board of review.

(d) If a board of inquiry determines that the officer has established that he should be retained, his case is closed. However, at any time after one year from the date of the determination in a case arising under clause (1) of section 2158 of this title, and at any time after the date of the determination in a case arising under clause (2) of that section, an officer may again be required to show cause for retention.

(Added Pub. L. 88-130, §1(10)(C), Sept. 24, 1963, 77 Stat. 188, §322; amended Pub. L. 97-295, §2(10), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1302; renumbered §2159 and amended Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §§112(b), 123(b)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4216, 4240.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, §112(b), renumbered section 322 of this title as this section.

Subsecs. (a), (d). Pub. L. 115-282, §123(b)(2), substituted “section 2158” for “section 321”.

1982—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 97-295 inserted “of this title” after “section 321”.