

issue clothing to enlisted persons; this section makes the authority statutory. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 485 of this title as this section.

1962—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-649 repealed subsec. (c) which permitted the Coast Guard to purchase uniform clothing for distribution to enlisted personnel or to pay such enlisted personnel a cash clothing allowance.

1950—Subsec. (c). Act Aug. 3, 1950, struck out “to” after “or”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1962 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 87-649 effective Nov. 1, 1962, see section 15 of Pub. L. 87-649, set out as an Effective Date note preceding section 101 of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services.

### § 2709. Procurement and sale of stores to members and civilian employees

Such stores as the Secretary may designate may be procured and sold to members of the Coast Guard, and to the surviving spouses of such members. Such designated stores may also be procured and sold to civilian officers and employees of the United States, and to such other individuals as may be specifically authorized by the Secretary, at Coast Guard stations and other units beyond the continental limits of the United States or in Alaska.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 534, § 487; Pub. L. 98-557, § 15(a)(2), (3)(D), (4)(D)(i), Oct. 30, 1984, 98 Stat. 2865, 2866; renumbered § 2709, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8505(a)(22), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derived from title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 533 (Mar. 3, 1909, ch. 255, 35 Stat. 768; Apr. 14, 1937, ch. 78, 50 Stat. 63; June 10, 1939, ch. 196, 53 Stat. 814; Jan. 23, 1942, ch. 15, 56 Stat. 13; Apr. 9, 1943, ch. 39, 57 Stat. 60).

Said section granted authority for the Secretary of the Navy to sell designated stores to officers and enlisted men. It is deemed desirable to grant similar authority to the Secretary having control of the Coast Guard.

Said section would in no way be affected. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 487 of this title as this section.

1984—Pub. L. 98-557 in section catchline substituted “members” for “officers, enlisted men,” and in text substituted “surviving spouses” for “widows” and “members” for “officers and enlisted men” in two places.

### § 2710. Disposition of effects of decedents

All moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, and other similar effects belonging to the deceased individuals in the Coast Guard, not claimed by their legal heirs or next of kin, shall

be deposited in safe custody, and if any such moneys, articles of value, papers, keepsakes, or other similar effects so deposited have been, or shall hereafter be, unclaimed for a period of two years from the date of the death of such individual, such articles and effects shall be sold and the proceeds thereof, together with the moneys above mentioned, shall be deposited in the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts. The Secretary shall make diligent inquiry in every instance after the death of such individual to ascertain the whereabouts of his heirs or next of kin, and prescribe necessary regulations to carry out the foregoing provisions. Claims may be presented hereunder at any time within five years after such moneys or proceeds have been so deposited in the Treasury, and, when supported by competent proof in any case after such deposit in the Treasury, shall be certified to Congress for consideration.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 538, § 507; renumbered § 2710, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8505(a)(23), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Derived from title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 942 (Mar. 29, 1918, ch. 31, 40 Stat. 499).

Said section provided for the disposition of effects of deceased naval personnel. It is believed similar provisions should be made for Coast Guard personnel.

Said section would in no way be affected. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

### Editorial Notes

#### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individuals” for “persons” and substituted “individual” for “person” in two places.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 507 of this title as this section.

### § 2711. Deserters; payment of expenses incident to apprehension and delivery; penalties

(a) The Coast Guard may, pursuant to regulations prescribed by the Secretary, make such expenditures as are deemed necessary for the apprehension and delivery of deserters, stragglers, and prisoners.

(b) No individual who is convicted by court martial for desertion from the Coast Guard in time of war, and as the result of such conviction is dismissed or dishonorably discharged from the Coast Guard shall afterwards be enlisted, appointed, or commissioned in any military or naval service under the United States, unless the disability resulting from desertion, as established by this section is removed by a board of commissioned officers of the Coast Guard convened for consideration of the case, and the action of the Board is approved by the Secretary; or unless he is restored to duty in time of war.

(Added May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 16(a), 64 Stat. 148, § 508; amended July 10, 1952, ch. 631, § 2, 66 Stat. 540; renumbered § 2711, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8505(a)(24), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 508 of this title as this section.

1952—Subsec. (a). Act July 10, 1952, authorized reimbursement of necessary expenses to persons other than civil officers, and added stragglers and prisoners to class of offenders.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective May 31, 1951, see act May 5, 1950, ch. 169, § 5, 64 Stat. 145.

**§ 2712. Payment for the apprehension of stragglers**

The Coast Guard may offer and pay rewards for the apprehension and delivery of deserters, stragglers, and prisoners.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 547, § 644; renumbered § 2712, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 147 (May 26, 1906, ch. 2556, § 5, 34 Stat. 200).

Said section has been divided. That part relating to rewards for the apprehension of deserters is placed in this section. That part relating to the acceptance of convicted deserters in the armed forces is placed in section 575 of this title. The first sentence of said section is eliminated inasmuch as it is believed that commanding officers in the Coast Guard are charged with the duty of apprehending deserters without special statutory authority therefor.

The limitation as to amount that could be offered is removed.

The provision concerning money due the deserter is eliminated. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 644 of this title as this section.

**§ 2713. Employment assistance**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In order to improve the accuracy and completeness of a certification or verification of job skills and experience required by section 1143(a)(1) of title 10, the Secretary shall—

(1) establish a database to record all training performed by members of the Coast Guard that may have application to employment in the civilian sector; and

(2) make unclassified information regarding such information available to States and other potential employers referred to in section 1143(c) of title 10 so that States and other potential employers may allow military training to satisfy licensing or certification requirements to engage in a civilian profession.

(b) FORM OF CERTIFICATION OR VERIFICATION.—The Secretary shall ensure that a certification or verification of job skills and experience required by section 1143(a)(1) of title 10 is rendered in such a way that States and other potential employers can confirm the accuracy and authenticity of the certification or verification.

(c) REQUESTS BY STATES.—A State may request that the Secretary confirm the accuracy and authenticity of a certification or verification of job skills and experience provided under section 1143(c) of title 10.

(Added Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXII [LXXXII], § 8206(a), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4649.)

## SUBCHAPTER II—AWARDS

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(c)(2), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4229, inserted subchapter II designation and heading.

**§ 2731. Delegation of powers to make awards; rules and regulations**

The President may delegate to the Secretary, under such conditions, regulations, and limitations as he prescribes, the powers conferred upon him to make the awards designated in this chapter, and the President may make any and all rules, regulations, and orders which he deems necessary in the conferring of such awards.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 536, § 499; renumbered § 2731, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section provides for the delegation of powers to make awards to the Secretary. The Navy statute provides for such delegation to force commanders (see title 34, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 364). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 499 of this title as this section.

**§ 2732. Medal of honor**

The President may award, and present in the name of Congress, a medal of honor of appropriate design, with ribbons and appurtenances, to an individual who, while a member of the Coast Guard, displays conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of such individual's life above and beyond the call of duty—

(1) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States;

(2) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force;

(3) while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 535, § 491; Pub. L. 88-77, § 4, July 25, 1963, 77 Stat. 95; renumbered § 2732, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], §§ 8505(a)(25), 8506(c), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4749, 4752.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

This section is new insofar as application to Coast Guard personnel in time of peace is concerned. Such awards can be made to members of the Coast Guard when the Coast Guard is operating with the Navy.