

§1(1), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 141; Pub. L. 87-649, §14d(7), Sept. 7, 1962, as added Pub. L. 89-718, §73(a)(3), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1124; Pub. L. 89-718, §73(c)(1), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1124; Pub. L. 90-83, §2, Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 220; Pub. L. 94-546, §1(29), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2521; Pub. L. 114-120, title II, §203(a), Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §671(b)(4), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2173; renumbered §2769, 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)(40), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4750.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §§20a, 121 (May 18, 1920, ch. 190, §8, 41 Stat. 603; June 10, 1922, ch. 212, 42 Stat. 625; July 3, 1926, ch. 742, §10, 44 Stat. 817).

Said section 121 was omitted from the 1940 and 1946 editions of the U.S. Code, but it has been held that the assimilation provision thereof is inoperative only insofar as Congress has made specific legislative provision for the Coast Guard, and that benefits derived from legislation pertaining to the Navy previously conferred upon the Coast Guard, and not provided for in subsequent legislation, survive to the Coast Guard under the assimilation statute. (See 27 Comp. Dec. 234; 22 Comp. Gen. 723; decision of June 9, 1947, B-63472; decision of April 2, 1948, B-70438; and decision of September 2, 1948, B-77295.)

It seems desirable to retain this assimilation provision as to pay in order to cover any failure to provide specifically for the Coast Guard in military pay legislation.

This section assimilates the pay of military personnel of the Coast Guard to the pay of military personnel of the Navy. It seems that this is the most feasible method of insuring that the pay of military personnel of the Coast Guard will not vary from the pay of military personnel of the other armed forces. The assimilation is intended to include authorization for extra pay and allowances as provided for personnel of the Navy, for all types of special duty: for example, qualified divers on diving duty, military personnel assigned to submarine duty, military personnel assigned to aviation duty, officers assigned as aides to flag officers, and enlisted persons assigned to duty in the mess detail. Military pay acts are intended to include Coast Guard personnel specifically; this section would cover any failure to so provide for Coast Guard personnel in a pay act.

Changes were made in phraseology. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(40)(A), substituted “an individual’s” for “a person’s” in introductory provisions.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 116-283, §8505(a)(40)(B), substituted “individual” for “person”.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 461 of this title as this section.

2016—Pub. L. 114-120 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If he considers it in the best interest of the United States, the Secretary may have remitted or canceled any part of an enlisted member’s indebtedness to the United States or any of its instrumentalities remaining unpaid before or at the time of, that member’s honorable discharge.”

Par. (1). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “as a member of the Coast Guard, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status” for “on active duty as a member of the Coast Guard”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-546 substituted “Secretary” for “Secretary of the Treasury”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-83 corrected section 73(a)(3) of Pub. L. 89-718 to change the designation of sections repealed

under Pub. L. 87-649 from sections 471(a) and (b) of Title 14 to sections 461(a) and (b) of Title 14. See 1966 Amendment note below.

1966—Pub. L. 89-718, §73(a)(3), amended section 14d of Pub. L. 87-649, which contained in cls. (1) to (6) list of sections of Title 14 repealed by Pub. L. 87-649, by inserting “(7) Section 471(a) and (b).” However, for purposes of codification, the repeal has been executed to former subsecs. (a) and (b) of this section, which provided respectively for the awarding of the same pay and allowances as prescribed for corresponding ranks, grades, or ratings for personnel of the Navy and for the withholding of pay of officers on account of indebtedness to the United States, since this appears to have been the intent of Congress.

Pub. L. 89-718, §73(c)(1), struck out references to pay and allowances and pay of officers indebted to the United States from section catchline and struck out letter designation “(c)” from beginning of former subsec. (c), leaving text of former subsec. (c) as constituting entire text of section.

1962—Pub. L. 87-526, §1(1)(A), amended section catchline to provide for remission of indebtedness of enlisted members.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 87-526, §1(1)(B), added subsec. (c). 1954—Act Sept. 3, 1954 inserted “; pay of officers indebted to United States” in section catchline, designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), and added subsec. (b).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 114-328 effective Dec. 23, 2016, and applicable with respect to debt incurred on or after Oct. 7, 2001, see section 671(b)(5) of Pub. L. 114-328, set out as a note under section 7837 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 90-83, §9(i), Sept. 11, 1967, 81 Stat. 222, provided that: “Section 2 of this Act [correcting section 73(a)(3) of Pub. L. 89-718] is effective as of November 2, 1966, for all purposes.”

#### § 2770. Special instruction at universities

Coast Guard personnel may be assigned for special instruction at private or state colleges or universities, and their expenses, including tuition, books, laboratory equipment and fees, and school supplies, may be defrayed by the Coast Guard.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 531, §470; renumbered §2770, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

#### HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on the following language contained in the Coast Guard appropriation act for 1949, “Pay and Allowances” and preceding years: “Not to exceed \$32,200 for cost of instruction of officers at non-Federal institutions, including books, laboratory equipment and fees, school supplies, and maintenance of students;” (June 19, 1948, ch. 558, 62 Stat. 562).

The monetary limitation is removed.

Changes were made in phraseology. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 470 of this title as this section.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries****EXPANSION OF POSTGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF COAST GUARD IN MEDICAL AND RELATED FIELDS**

Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXIV, § 11413(a), (b), Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4120, provided that:

“(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Commandant [of the Coast Guard] shall expand opportunities for members of the Coast Guard to secure postgraduate degrees in medical and related professional disciplines for the purpose of supporting Coast Guard clinics and operations.

“(b) **APPLICATION OF LAW.**—Individuals who receive assistance pursuant to subsection (a) shall be subject to the service obligations required under section 2114 of title 10, United States Code.”

**COAST GUARD GRADUATE MARITIME OPERATIONS EDUCATION**

Pub. L. 114-120, title II, § 213, Feb. 8, 2016, 130 Stat. 42, provided that: “Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act [Feb. 8, 2016], the Secretary of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating shall establish an education program, for members and employees of the Coast Guard, that—

“(1) offers a master’s degree in maritime operations;

“(2) is relevant to the professional development of such members and employees;

“(3) provides resident and distant education options, including the ability to utilize both options; and

“(4) to the greatest extent practicable, is conducted using existing academic programs at an accredited public academic institution that—

“(A) is located near a significant number of Coast Guard, maritime, and other Department of Homeland Security law enforcement personnel; and

“(B) has an ability to simulate operations normally conducted at a command center.”

**§ 2771. Attendance at professional meetings**

Coast Guard personnel may be directed to attend meetings of technical, professional, scientific, and other similar organizations and may be reimbursed for expenses thereby incurred at the rates authorized by law.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 532, § 471; renumbered § 2771, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 116(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4226.)

**HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES**

It is believed that the authority contained in this section will greatly benefit the Government in providing better trained personnel. A similar provision was enacted for personnel of the Navy in 1946 (see title 5, U.S.C., 1946 ed., § 421c). 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

**Editorial Notes****AMENDMENTS**

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 471 of this title as this section.

**§ 2772. Education loan repayment program for members on active duty in specified military specialties**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—

(1) **REPAYMENT.**—Subject to the provisions of this section, the Secretary may repay—

(A) any loan made, insured, or guaranteed under part B of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1071 et seq.);

(B) any loan made under part D of such title (the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, 20 U.S.C. 1087a et seq.);

(C) any loan made under part E of such title (20 U.S.C. 1087aa et seq.); or

(D) any loan incurred for educational purposes made by a lender that is—

(i) an agency or instrumentality of a State;

(ii) a financial or credit institution (including an insurance company) that is subject to examination and supervision by an agency of the United States or any State;

(iii) a pension fund approved by the Secretary for purposes of this section; or

(iv) a nonprofit private entity designated by a State, regulated by such State, and approved by the Secretary for purposes of this section.

(2) **REQUIREMENT.**—Repayment of any such loan shall be made on the basis of each complete year of service performed by the borrower.

(3) **ELIGIBILITY.**—The Secretary may repay loans described in paragraph (1) in the case of any person for service performed on active duty as a member in an officer program or military specialty specified by the Secretary.

(b) **AMOUNT.**—The portion or amount of a loan that may be repaid under subsection (a) is 33⅓ percent or \$1,500, whichever is greater, for each year of service.

(c) **INTEREST ACCRUAL.**—If a portion of a loan is repaid under this section for any year, interest on the remainder of such loan shall accrue and be paid in the same manner as is otherwise required.

(d) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize refunding any repayment of a loan.

(e) **FRACTIONAL CREDIT FOR TRANSFER.**—An individual who transfers from service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under this section (as described in subsection (a)(3)) to service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under section 16301 of title 10 (as described in subsection (a)(2) or (g) of that section) during a year shall be eligible to have repaid a portion of such loan determined by giving appropriate fractional credit for each portion of the year so served, in accordance with regulations of the Secretary concerned.

(f) **SCHEDULE FOR ALLOCATION.**—The Secretary shall prescribe a schedule for the allocation of funds made available to carry out the provisions of this section and section 16301 of title 10 during any year for which funds are not sufficient to pay the sum of the amounts eligible for repayment under subsection (a) and section 16301(a) of title 10.

(g) **FAILURE TO COMPLETE PERIOD OF SERVICE.**—Except an individual described in subsection (e) who transfers to service making the individual eligible for repayment of loans under section 16301 of title 10, a member of the Coast Guard who fails to complete the period of service required to qualify for loan repayment under this section shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) or 373 of title 37.

(h) **AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REGULATIONS.**—The Secretary may prescribe procedures for implementing this section, including standards for qualified loans and authorized payees and other