

§ 3701. Organization

The Coast Guard Reserve is a component of the Coast Guard. It shall be organized, administered, trained, and supplied under the direction of the Commandant.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1003, §701; renumbered §3701, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 751a of this title prior to the complete revision of former chapter 21 of this title by Pub. L. 96-322.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 701 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**WOMEN'S BRANCH OF THE COAST GUARD RESERVE**

Pub. L. 93-174, §3, Dec. 5, 1973, 87 Stat. 692, provided that: “Effective upon enactment of this Act [Dec. 5, 1973], all members of the women’s branch of the Coast Guard Reserve who were serving on active or inactive duty on the day before enactment shall become members of the Coast Guard Reserve without loss of grade, rate, date of rank, or other benefits earned by their prior service.”

§ 3702. Authorized strength

(a) The President shall prescribe the authorized strength of the Coast Guard Reserve if not otherwise prescribed by law.

(b) Subject to the authorized strength of the Coast Guard Reserve, the Secretary shall determine, at least annually, the authorized strength in numbers in each grade necessary to provide for mobilization requirements. Without the consent of the member concerned, a member of the Reserve may not be reduced in grade because of the Secretary’s determination.

(c) The Secretary may vary the authorized end strength of the Coast Guard Selected Reserves for a fiscal year by a number equal to not more than 3 percent of such end strength upon a determination by the Secretary that varying such authorized end strength is in the national interest.

(d) The Commandant may increase the authorized end strength of the Coast Guard Selected Reserves by a number equal to not more than 2 percent of such authorized end strength upon a determination by the Commandant that such increase would enhance manning and readiness in essential units or in critical specialties or ratings.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1003, §702; renumbered §3702, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233; amended Pub. L. 117-263, div. K, title CXII, §11234, Dec. 23, 2022, 136 Stat. 4034.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 752a of this title prior to the complete

revision of former chapter 21 of this title by Pub. L. 96-322.

AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsecs. (c), (d). Pub. L. 117-263 added subsecs. (c) and (d).

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 702 of this title as this section.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**COAST GUARD RESERVE COMPONENTS TRANSITION INITIATIVES**

Pub. L. 103-160, title V, §564(a), (b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1669, 1670, provided that:

“(a) **APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN BENEFITS.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe such regulations as necessary so as to apply to the members of the Coast Guard Reserve the provisions of subtitle B of title XLIV of the Defense Conversion, Reinvestment, and Transition Assistance Act of 1992 (division D of Public Law 102-484; 106 Stat. 2712) [enacting section 1331a [now 12731a] of Title 10, Armed Forces, amending sections 1174a, 1175, and 2133 of Title 10 and section 3012 of Title 38, Veterans’ Benefits, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 12681 of Title 10], including the amendments made by those provisions. For purposes of the application of any of such provisions to the Coast Guard Reserve, any reference in those provisions to the Secretary of Defense or Secretary of a military department shall be treated as referring to the Secretary of Transportation.

“(b) **REGULATIONS.**—Regulations prescribed for the purposes of this section shall to the extent practicable be identical to the regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense under those provisions.”

[For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.]

§ 3703. Coast Guard Reserve Boards

(a) The Secretary shall convene a Coast Guard Reserve Policy Board at least annually to consider, recommend, and report to the Secretary on Reserve policy matters. At least one-half of the members of the Board shall be Reserve officers.

(b) The Secretary may convene any other Reserve Board the Secretary considers necessary.

(Added Pub. L. 96-322, §1, Aug. 4, 1980, 94 Stat. 1003, §703; renumbered §3703, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, §118(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4233.)

Editorial Notes**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

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AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 703 of this title as this section.

§ 3704. Grades and ratings; military authority

The grades and ratings in the Reserve, including cadets but not grades above rear admiral, are those prescribed by law or regulation for the