

### § 942. Public and commercial vessels and other watercraft; sale of fuel, supplies, and services

The Secretary under such regulations as he may prescribe, may sell to public and commercial vessels and other watercraft, such fuel, supplies and furnish such services as may be required to meet the necessities of the vessel or watercraft if such vessel or watercraft is unable—

- (1) to procure the fuel, supplies, or services from other sources at its present location; and
- (2) to proceed to the nearest port where they may be obtained without endangering the safety of the ship, the health and comfort of its personnel, or the safe condition of the property carried aboard.

Sales under this section shall be at such prices as the Secretary considers reasonable. Payment will be made on a cash basis or on such other basis as will reasonably assure prompt payment. Amounts received from such a sale shall, unless otherwise directed by another provision of law, be credited to the current appropriation concerned and are available for the same purposes as that appropriation.

(Added Pub. L. 86-159, § 1, Aug. 14, 1959, 73 Stat. 357, § 654; amended Pub. L. 89-444, § 1(22), June 9, 1966, 80 Stat. 197; renumbered § 942, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 107(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4205.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 654 of this title as this section.

1966—Pub. L. 89-444 inserted “Public and commercial vessels and other watercraft; sale of fuel, supplies, and services” in section catchline.

### § 943. Arms and ammunition; immunity from taxation

No tax on the sale or transfer of firearms, pistols, revolvers, shells, or cartridges may be imposed on such articles when bought with funds appropriated for the Coast Guard.

(Added Pub. L. 87-526, § 1(6), July 10, 1962, 76 Stat. 142, § 655; amended Pub. L. 94-546, § 1(37), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2522; renumbered § 943, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 107(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4205.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 655 of this title as this section.

1976—Pub. L. 94-546 struck out “United States” before “Coast Guard”.

### § 944. Confidential investigative expenses

Not more than \$250,000 each fiscal year appropriated for the operations and support of the Coast Guard shall be available for investigative expenses of a confidential character, to be expended on the approval or authority of the Commandant and payment to be made on the Commandant's certificate of necessity for confidential purposes, and the Commandant's determina-

tion shall be final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the Government.

(Added Pub. L. 93-283, § 1(10), May 14, 1974, 88 Stat. 140, § 658; amended Pub. L. 108-293, title II, § 221, Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1040; renumbered § 944 and amended Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 107(b), title III, § 308, Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4205, 4248; Pub. L. 116-283, div. G, title LVXXXV [LXXXV], § 8513(a)(3), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4760.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “the operations and support” for “necessary expenses for the operation” and “the Commandant's” for “his” in two places.

2018—Pub. L. 115-282, § 308, substituted “\$250,000” for “\$45,000”.

Pub. L. 115-282, § 107(b), renumbered section 658 of this title as this section.

2004—Pub. L. 108-293 substituted “\$45,000 each fiscal year” for “\$15,000 per annum”.

### § 945. Assistance to film producers

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, when the Secretary determines that it is appropriate, and that it will not interfere with Coast Guard missions, the Secretary may conduct operations with Coast Guard vessels, aircraft, facilities, or personnel, in such a way as to give assistance to film producers. As used in this section, “film producers” includes commercial or noncommercial producers of material for cinema, television, or videotape.

(b) The Secretary shall keep account of costs incurred as a result of providing assistance to film producers, not including costs which would otherwise be incurred in Coast Guard operations or training, or shall estimate such costs in advance, and such costs shall be paid to the Secretary by the film producers who request such assistance, on terms determined by the Secretary. The Secretary may waive costs not exceeding \$200 for one production, and may waive other costs related to noncommercial productions which the Secretary determines to be in the public interest. The Secretary shall reimburse the amounts collected under this section to the Coast Guard appropriation account under which the costs were incurred.

(Added Pub. L. 100-448, § 29(a), Sept. 28, 1988, 102 Stat. 1849, § 659; renumbered § 945, Pub. L. 115-282, title I, § 107(b), Dec. 4, 2018, 132 Stat. 4205.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-282 renumbered section 659 of this title as this section.

### § 946. User fees

(a) A fee or charge for a service or thing of value provided by the Coast Guard shall be prescribed as provided in section 9701 of title 31.

(b) Amounts collected by the Secretary for a service or thing of value provided by the Coast Guard shall be deposited in the general fund of the Treasury as proprietary receipts of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating and ascribed to Coast Guard activities.

(c) In addition to the collection of fees and charges established under this section, the Sec-