

(8) For the purposes of this chapter or any other Act, the period of any individual's service as a volunteer under this chapter shall include—

(i) except for the purposes of section 2504(f)<sup>1</sup> of this title, any period of training under section 2507(a) of this title prior to enrollment as a volunteer under this chapter; and

(ii) the period between enrollment as a volunteer and the termination of service as such volunteer by the President or by death or resignation.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 26, formerly § 25, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 624; Pub. L. 89-572, § 4, Sept. 13, 1966, 80 Stat. 765; Pub. L. 91-352, § 8, July 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 465; renumbered § 26, Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, § 1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276; Pub. L. 115-256, title III, § 306, Oct. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 3659.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in introductory provisions and par. (8), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2501 of this title and Tables.

Section 2504(m) of this title, referred to in par. (5), was redesignated section 2504(n) by Pub. L. 115-256, title I, § 101(a)(1)(B), Oct. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 3651.

Section 2504(f) of this title, referred to in par. (8)(i), was redesignated section 2504(g) by Pub. L. 115-256, title I, § 101(a)(1)(B), Oct. 9, 2018, 132 Stat. 3651.

##### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 26 of Pub. L. 87-293 was renumbered section 27 and is classified to section 2523 of this title.

##### AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-256 inserted introductory provisions, redesignated subsecs. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), and (g) as pars. (1), (6), (2), (3), (8), (7), and (5), respectively, so as to appear in numerical order, realigned margins, and added par. (4) defining “medical officer” after par. (3).  
1970—Subsec. (g). Pub. L. 91-352 inserted reference to section 2504(m) of this title.

1966—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 89-572 struck out territories from definition of “United States”.

#### § 2523. Separability

If any provision of this chapter or the application of any provision to any circumstances or persons shall be held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this chapter and the applicability of such provision to other circumstances or persons shall not be affected thereby.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 27, formerly § 26, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 625; renumbered § 27, Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, § 1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276.)

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A prior section 27 of Pub. L. 87-293 was renumbered section 28 and is set out as an Effective Date note under section 2501 of this title.

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### SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 2551. Congressional statement of purpose

An ultimate goal of the United States is a world which is free from the scourge of war and the dangers and burdens of armaments; in which the use of force has been subordinated to the rule of law; and in which international adjustments to a changing world are achieved peacefully. It is the purpose of this chapter to provide impetus toward this goal by addressing the problem of reduction and control of armaments looking toward ultimate world disarmament.

The Secretary of State must have the capacity to provide the essential scientific, economic, political, military, psychological, and technological information upon which realistic arms control, nonproliferation, and disarmament policy must be based. The Secretary shall have the authority, under the direction of the President, to carry out the following primary functions:

(1) The preparation for and management of United States participation in international negotiations and implementation fora in the