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#### AMENDMENTS

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### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-181 effective as of Dec. 31, 2007, and subject to various special provisions, see section 610 of Pub. L. 110-181, set out as a Correction of Lapsed Authorities for Payment of Bonuses, Special Pays, and Similar Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services note under section 2130a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Oct. 1, 2006, and applicable to agreements entered into on or after that date, see section 617(e) of Pub. L. 109-364, set out as an Effective Date of 2006 Amendment note under section 302h of this title.

### § 302I. Special pay: accession bonus for dental specialist officers in critically short wartime specialties

(a) **ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.**—A person who is a graduate of an accredited dental school in a specialty designated by regulations as a critically short wartime specialty and who executes a written agreement described in subsection (d) to accept a commission as an officer of the armed forces and remain on active duty

for a period of not less than four consecutive years may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in the amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(b) **AMOUNT OF BONUS.**—The amount of an accession bonus under subsection (a) may not exceed \$400,000.

(c) **LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.**—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

(1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a course of study in dentistry; or

(2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain certified as a dentist in a specialty designated by regulations as a critically short wartime specialty.

(d) **AGREEMENT.**—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the armed force concerned, the person executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of the Dental Corps of the Army or the Navy or as an officer of the Air Force designated as a dental officer in a specialty designated by regulations as a critically short wartime specialty.

(e) **REPAYMENT.**—A person who, after executing an agreement under subsection (a) is not commissioned as an officer of the armed forces, does not become licensed as a dentist, or does not complete the period of active duty in a specialty specified in the agreement, shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(f) **COORDINATION WITH OTHER ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORITY.**—A person eligible to execute an agreement under both subsection (a) and section 302h of this title shall elect which authority to execute the agreement under. A person may not execute an agreement under both subsection (a) and such section 302h.

(g) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—No agreement under this section may be entered into after December 31, 2018.

(Added Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §617(c), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2250; amended Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VI, §612(i), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 149; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, §612(i), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4485; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2353; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4236; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1450; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1776; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 780; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3400; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 838; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(8), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1422.)

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EFFECTIVE DATE

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**§ 303. Special pay: veterinarians**

(a) MONTHLY SPECIAL PAY.—Each of the following officers is entitled to special pay at the rate of \$100 a month for each month of active duty:

- (1) A commissioned officer—
  - (A) of the Regular Army who is in the Veterinary Corps;
  - (B) of the Regular Air Force who is an officer in the Biomedical Sciences Corps and holds a degree in veterinary medicine; or
  - (C) who is a veterinary officer of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service.
- (2) A commissioned officer—
  - (A) of a Reserve component of the Army who is in the Veterinary Corps of the Army;
  - (B) of a reserve component of the Air Force, of the Army or the Air Force without specification of component, or of the National Guard, who—
    - (i) is designated as a veterinary officer; or
    - (ii) is an officer in the Biomedical Sciences Corps of the Air Force and holds a degree in veterinary medicine; or
  - (C) who is a veterinary officer of the Reserve Corps<sup>1</sup> of the Public Health Service,

<sup>1</sup> See Change of Name note below.

who is on active duty as a result of a call or order to active duty for a period of at least one year.

(3) A general officer of the Army or the Air Force appointed, from any of the categories named in clause (1) or (2), in the Army, the Air Force, or the National Guard, as the case may be.

(b) ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PAY FOR BOARD CERTIFICATION.—A commissioned officer entitled to special pay under subsection (a) who has been certified as a Diplomate in a specialty recognized by the American Veterinarian Medical Association is entitled to special pay (in addition to the special pay under subsection (a)) at the same rate as is provided under section 302c(b) of this title for an officer referred to in that section who has the same number of years of creditable service as the commissioned officer.

(Pub. L. 87-649, Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 465; Pub. L. 88-2, § 5, Mar. 28, 1963, 77 Stat. 4; Pub. L. 90-40, § 5, June 30, 1967, 81 Stat. 105; Pub. L. 92-129, title I, § 104, Sept. 28, 1971, 85 Stat. 355; Pub. L. 93-64, title II, § 203, July 9, 1973, 87 Stat. 149; Pub. L. 95-114, § 3, Sept. 30, 1977, 91 Stat. 1046; Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 801(b), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1619; Pub. L. 96-284, § 4(c), June 28, 1980, 94 Stat. 591; Pub. L. 100-26, § 8(d)(3), Apr. 21, 1987, 101 Stat. 285; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title XII, § 1232, Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1161; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 702(b)(2), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 616(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 652; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 629], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-155.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
303(a) .....	37:234(b) (less 1st proviso, as applicable to veterinarians).	Oct. 12, 1949, ch. 681, § 203(b) (as applicable to veterinarians), (c), 63 Stat. 809; June 25, 1952, ch. 459, § 1, 66 Stat. 156; June 29, 1953, ch. 158, § 8 (as applicable to veterinarians), 67 Stat. 89; June 30, 1955, ch. 250, § 203, 69 Stat. 225; Apr. 30, 1956, ch. 223, § 5, 70 Stat. 122; Mar. 23, 1959, Pub. L. 86-4, § 5, 73 Stat. 13.
303(b) .....	37:234(b) (1st proviso, as applicable to veterinarians).	

In subsection (a), clause (1) is substituted for section 234(c)(1), (2), and (3) of existing title 37. The words “of the Regular Army” and “of the Regular Air Force” are inserted in clauses (1)(A) and (B), respectively, since in contradistinction to section 234(c)(4) of existing title 37, their source was intended to apply only to regular officers. Clauses (2)(A) and (B) are substituted for the enumeration of categories in section 234(c)(4) of existing title 37 to reflect current usage and designations of those categories. Clause (3) is substituted for section 234(c)(5) and (6) of existing title 37. Section 234(b) (2d proviso) of existing title 37 is omitted as obsolete. Section 234(b) (last proviso) of existing title 37 is omitted as inapplicable to veterinarians.

In subsection (b), the words “disability retirement pay” are omitted as covered by the words “retired pay”.

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AMENDMENTS

2000—Subsec. (a)(1)(B). Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 629(1)], substituted “who is an officer in the