

## OPTIONAL CHOICE OF REENLISTMENT BONUS

Pub. L. 93-277, § 3, May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 121, provided that: “Notwithstanding section 308 of title 37, United States Code, as amended by this Act, a member of a uniformed service on active duty on the effective date of this Act, who would have been eligible, at the end of his current or subsequent enlistment, for the reenlistment bonus prescribed in section 308(a) or (d) of that title, as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act, shall continue to be eligible for the reenlistment bonus under that section as it existed on the day before the effective date of this act. If a member is also eligible for the reenlistment bonus prescribed in that section as amended by this Act, he may elect to receive either one of those reenlistment bonuses. However, a member’s eligibility under section 308(a) or (d) of that title, as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act, terminates when he has received a total of \$2,000 in reenlistment bonus payments, received under either section 308(a) or (d) of that title as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act, or under section 308 of that title, as amended by this Act, or from a combination of both.”

**[§ 308a. Repealed. Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 624(b)(1)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-153]**

Section, added Pub. L. 92-129, title II, § 203(a), Sept. 28, 1971, 85 Stat. 358; amended Pub. L. 93-64, title II, § 204, July 9, 1973, 87 Stat. 149; Pub. L. 93-277, § 2(2), May 10, 1974, 88 Stat. 120; Pub. L. 95-57, § 2, June 29, 1977, 91 Stat. 253; Pub. L. 95-485, title VIII, § 802(b), Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1619; Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, § 804(b), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1092; Pub. L. 97-60, title I, § 117(b), Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 996; Pub. L. 97-276, title I, § 131, Oct. 2, 1982, 96 Stat. 1197; Pub. L. 97-377, title I, § 101(c) [title VII, § 798], Dec. 21, 1982, 96 Stat. 1833, 1865; Pub. L. 98-14, § 1, Mar. 30, 1983, 97 Stat. 55; Pub. L. 98-525, title VI, § 621(a), Oct. 19, 1984, 98 Stat. 2540; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, § 626(a), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, § 612(a), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1445; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, § 612(b), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2421; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1681; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2783; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 359; Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2544; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1786; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 613(c), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2039; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, §§ 613(c), 619(a)-(c), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 650, 652, 653, related to enlistment bonuses.

## Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF REPEAL

Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 624(c)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-153, provided that: “The amendments made by subsection (b) [repealing this section and section 308f of this title] shall take effect on October 1, 2000. The repeal of sections 308a and 308f of title 37, United States Code, by such subsection shall not affect the validity or terms of any bonus provided under such sections for enlistments in the Armed Forces made before that date.”

**§ 308b. Special pay: reenlistment bonus for members of the Selected Reserve**

(a) **AUTHORITY AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.**—The Secretary concerned may pay a bonus under subsection (b) to an enlisted member of a reserve component who—

- (1) has completed not more than 20 years of total military service; and
- (2) reenlists or voluntarily extends an enlistment for a period of at least three years in a

designated military skill, or in a designated unit, as determined by the Secretary concerned, in the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve of an armed force.

(b) **BONUS AMOUNTS; PAYMENT.**—(1) The amount of a bonus under this section may not exceed \$15,000.

(2) Bonus payments authorized under this section may be paid in either a lump sum or in installments. If the bonus is paid in installments, the initial payment shall be not less than 50 percent of the total bonus amount. The Secretary concerned shall prescribe the amount of each subsequent installment payment and the schedule for making the installment payments.

(3) Any portion of a term of reenlistment or extension of enlistment of a member that, when added to the total years of service of the member at the time of discharge or release, exceeds 24 years may not be used in computing the total bonus amount under paragraph (1).

(c) **WAIVER OF CONDITION ON ELIGIBILITY.**—In the case of a reenlistment or voluntary extension of enlistment by a member of the armed forces that is entered into as described in subsection (a) while the member is serving on active duty in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Kuwait in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom, the Secretary concerned may waive so much of subsection (a)(2) as requires that the skill or unit in which the member reenlists or extends an enlistment be a designated skill or designated unit determined by the Secretary concerned.

(d) **PAYMENT TO MOBILIZED MEMBERS.**—A member entitled to a bonus under this section who is called or ordered to active duty shall be paid, during that period of active duty, any amount of the bonus that becomes payable to the member during that period of active duty.

(e) **REPAYMENT.**—A member who does not complete the term of enlistment in the element of the Selected Reserve for which the bonus was paid to the member under this section shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(f) **REGULATIONS.**—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense for the armed forces under his jurisdiction and by the Secretary of Homeland Security for the Coast Guard when it is not operating as a service in the Navy.

(g) **TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.**—No bonus may be paid under this section to any enlisted member who, after December 31, 2018, reenlists or voluntarily extends his enlistment in a reserve component.

(Added Pub. L. 95-79, title IV, § 403(a)(1), July 30, 1977, 91 Stat. 330; amended Pub. L. 95-485, title IV, § 403, Oct. 20, 1978, 92 Stat. 1614; Pub. L. 96-342, title VIII, § 805(b), Sept. 8, 1980, 94 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 97-295, § 3(2), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1303; Pub. L. 99-145, title VI, § 643(a), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 652; Pub. L. 100-180, div. A, title VI, § 626(b), Dec. 4, 1987, 101 Stat. 1104; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, §§ 613, 652(b)(1), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1446, 1461; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIII, § 1322(c)(4), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1672; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, § 612(d), Oct. 23,