

**Editorial Notes**

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsec. (a), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 95-390, which was approved Sept. 29, 1978.

## AMENDMENTS

1979—Subsecs. (a), (b). Pub. L. 96-54 substituted “Office of Personnel Management” for “Civil Service Commission” and “Office” for “Commission”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-54 effective July 12, 1979, see section 2(b) of Pub. L. 96-54, set out as a note under section 305 of this title.

**§ 5550b. Compensatory time off for travel**

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of section 5542(b)(2) or 5544(a), each hour spent by an employee in travel status away from the official duty station of the employee, that is not otherwise compensable, shall be treated as an hour of work or employment for purposes of calculating compensatory time off.

(b) An employee who has any hours treated as hours of work or employment for purposes of calculating compensatory time under subsection (a), shall not be entitled to payment for any such hours that are unused as compensatory time.

(Added Pub. L. 108-411, title II, § 203(a), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2313; amended Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XI, § 1111(a), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 360.)

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## AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181 substituted “any provision of section 5542(b)(2) or 5544(a),” for “section 5542(b)(2),”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-181 effective on the earlier of the effective date of any regulations prescribed to carry out amendments by section 1111 of Pub. L. 110-181 or the 90th day after Jan. 28, 2008, see section 1111(c) of Pub. L. 110-181, set out as a note under section 5541 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 108-411, title II, § 203(c), Oct. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2313, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall take effect on the earlier of—

“(1) the effective date of any regulations prescribed to carry out such amendments; or

“(2) the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 30, 2004].”

COMPENSATORY TIME OFF FOR TRAVEL FOR  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ATTORNEYS

Pub. L. 109-425, § 1, Dec. 20, 2006, 120 Stat. 2910, provided that:

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Attorneys employed by the Department of Justice (including assistant United States attorneys) shall be eligible for compensatory time off for travel under section 5550b of title 5, United States Code, without regard to any provision of section 115 of the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the

Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2000 (as enacted into law by section 1000(a)(1) of Public Law 106-113 and reenacted by section 111 of the Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2001 (as enacted into law by appendix B of Public Law 106-553) [set out as a note under section 5541 of this title]).

“(b) APPLICABILITY.—Subsection (a) shall apply with respect to time spent in travel status on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 20, 2006].”

SUBCHAPTER VI—PAYMENT FOR  
ACCUMULATED AND ACCRUED LEAVE**§ 5551. Lump-sum payment for accumulated and accrued leave on separation**

(a) An employee as defined by section 2105 of this title or an individual employed by the government of the District of Columbia, who is separated from the service, is transferred to a position described under section 6301(2)(B)(xiii) of this title, or elects to receive a lump-sum payment for leave under section 5552 of this title, is entitled to receive a lump-sum payment for accumulated and current accrued annual or vacation leave to which he is entitled by statute. The lump-sum payment shall equal the pay (excluding any differential under section 5925 and any allowance under section 5928) the employee or individual would have received had he remained in the service until expiration of the period of the annual or vacation leave. The lump-sum payment is considered pay for taxation purposes only. The period of leave used for calculating the lump-sum payment shall not be extended due to any holiday occurring after separation. For the purposes of this subsection, movement to employment described in section 2105(c) shall not be deemed separation from the service in the case of an employee whose annual leave is transferred under section 6308(b).

(b) The accumulated and current accrued annual leave to which an officer excepted from subchapter I of chapter 63 of this title by section 6301(2)(x)-(xiii) of this title, is entitled immediately before the date he is excepted under that section shall be liquidated by a lump-sum payment in accordance with subsection (a) of this section or subchapter VIII of this chapter, except that the payment is based on the rate of pay which he was receiving immediately before the date on which section 6301(2)(x)-(xiii) of this title became applicable to him.

(c)(1) Annual leave that is restored to an employee of the Department of Defense under section 6304(d) of this title by reason of the operation of paragraph (3) of such section and remains unused upon the transfer of the employee to a position described in paragraph (2) shall be liquidated by payment of a lump-sum for such leave to the employee upon the transfer.

(2) A position referred to in paragraph (1) is a position in a department or agency of the Federal Government outside the Department of Defense or a Department of Defense position that is not located at a Department of Defense installation being closed or realigned as described in section 6304(d)(3) of this title.

(Pub. L. 89-554, Sept. 6, 1966, 80 Stat. 488; Pub. L. 93-181, § 1, Dec. 14, 1973, 87 Stat. 705; Pub. L. 95-519, § 2, Oct. 25, 1978, 92 Stat. 1819; Pub. L. 96-499, title IV, § 402(a), Dec. 5, 1980, 94 Stat. 2605;