TITLE 14—COAST GUARD

This title was enacted by act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, § 1, 63 Stat. 495

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AMENDMENTS

1986—Pub. L. 99–640, § 10(a)(1), Nov. 10, 1986, 100 Stat. 3548, substituted ''701'' for ''751'' in item for part II.

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57	145(a)
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95	92(a), 93(b)
96	92(f)
97	93(b), (c)
98	Rep.
98a	92(c), 93(b)
99	632
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105–107	Rep.
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109	92(d), 93(h), (i)
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121d	433(h)
122–127	Rep.
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128	Rep.
129	464
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133a	475
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135	478
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162b	T. 34 § 428
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167a	T. 37 § 26a
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172	233, 245, 306, 314, 356, 363
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267	830
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352	891, 892
353	Rep.
354	894
381–388	Rep.

POSITIVE LAW; CITATION

This title has been enacted into positive law by section 1 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 495, which provided in part that: ''Title 14 of the United States Code, entitled 'Coast Guard', is hereby revised, codified, and enacted into law, and may be cited as '14 U.S.C., §—.' ''

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 19 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 561, provided that: ''This Act shall take effect on the first day of the third month after approval by the President but shall not affect any proceedings commenced by or against any person prior to the effective date of this Act.''

REPEALS

Section 20 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 561, repealed the sections or parts of sections of the Revised Statutes or Statutes at Large covering provisions codified in this act, with a proviso that ''any rights or liabilities now existing under such sections or parts thereof shall not be affected by such repeal''.

LEGISLATIVE CONSTRUCTION

Section 3 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 557, provided that: ''No inference of a legislative construction

is to be drawn by reason of the chapter in Title 14, Coast Guard, as set out in section 1 of this Act, in which any section is placed, nor by reason of the catch lines used in such title.''

SEPARABILITY

Section 2 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 557, provided that: ''If any part of Title 14, United States Code, as enacted by section 1 of this Act, shall be held invalid the remainder of such title shall not be affected thereby.''

ORDERS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS

Section 4 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 558, provided that: ''All orders, rules, and regulations of the Coast Guard in effect under provisions of law superseded or amended by this Act shall, to the extent they would have been authorized under this Act, remain in force and effect as the regulations and orders under the provisions of this Act and shall be administered and enforced under this Act as nearly as may be until specifically repealed, amended, or revised.''

REDUCTION IN GRADE, RANK, PAY, ALLOWANCES, AND BENEFITS

Section 5 of act Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 558, provided that: ''Nothing contained in this Act shall operate to abolish or reduce the grade, rank, rating, pay, allowances, or other benefits to which any person in the Coast Guard is entitled on the effective date of this Act.''

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AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104–324, title II, §208(c), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3913, added item for chapter 18.

1989—Pub. L. 101–225, title II, §222(b), Dec. 12, 1989, 103 Stat. 1918, added item for chapter 19.

1950—Act May 5, 1950, ch. 169, §§5, 14(v), 64 Stat. 148, repealed item for chapter 15 ''Discipline and Related Matters———561'', effective May 31, 1951.

CHAPTER 1—ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES

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§1. Establishment of Coast Guard

The Coast Guard as established January 28, 1915, shall be a military service and a branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times. The Coast Guard shall be a service in the Department of Homeland Security, except when operating as a service in the Navy.

(Aug. 4, 1949, ch. 393, 63 Stat. 496; Pub. L. 94–546, §1(1), Oct. 18, 1976, 90 Stat. 2519; Pub. L. 107–296, title XVII, §1704(a), Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2314.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Based on title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §1 (Jan. 28, 1915, ch. 20, §1, 38 Stat. 800; July 11, 1941, ch. 290, §§5, 6(a), 55 Stat. 585).

Said section has been divided. Provisions relating to operation under the Navy in time of war are placed in sections 3 and 4 of this title, and the remainder is in this section.

This section continues the Coast Guard as a military service and branch of the armed forces of the United States at all times. By the act of July 11, 1941, 55 Stat. 585 (title 14, U.S.C., 1946 ed., §1), the Coast Guard was constituted a branch of the land and naval forces of the United States at all times. This section therefore merely continues an existing agency and codifies existing law on the military status of the Coast Guard, substituting ''armed forces'' for ''land and naval forces'' because of the recent establishment of the Department of the Air Force as an ''armed force'' rather than as a part of the ''land and naval forces''. The Coast Guard is designated a service in the Treasury Department except when operating as a service in the Navy. This is a better definition of the status of the Coast Guard than one which defines it as a service under the Treasury Department in time of peace, because the President is authorized to place the Coast Guard under the Navy in time of emergency, which could be in time of peace.

Changes were made in phraseology. 81st Congress, House Report No. 557.

AMENDMENTS

2002—Pub. L. 107–296 substituted ''Department of Homeland Security'' for ''Department of Transportation''.

1976—Pub. L. 94–546 substituted ''Department of Transportation'' for ''Treasury Department''.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107–296 effective on the date of transfer of the Coast Guard to the Department of Homeland Security, see section 1704(g) of Pub. L. 107–296, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109–241, §1, July 11, 2006, 120 Stat. 516, provided that: ''This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the 'Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2006'.''

SHORT TITLE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108–293, §1, Aug. 9, 2004, 118 Stat. 1028, provided that: ''This Act [see Tables for classification] may be referred to as the 'Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act of 2004'.''

SHORT TITLE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107–295, title III, §301, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2102, provided that: ''This title [amending sections 259, 260, 271, 336, and 511 of this title, sections 1203, 1231a, 2073, 2302, and 2752 of Title 33, Navigation and Navigable Waters, and sections 2110, 2302, 4508, 7302, 8701, and 13110 of Title 46, Shipping, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 88 and 92 of this title and section 1113 of Title 33] may be cited as the 'Coast Guard Personnel and Maritime Safety Act of 2002'.''

Pub. L. 107–295, title IV, §401, Nov. 25, 2002, 116 Stat. 2113, provided that: ''This title [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the 'Omnibus Maritime and Coast Guard Improvements Act of 2002'.''

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities

[1] So in original. Does not conform to chapter heading.