

§ 1973. Forfeiture

Any person guilty of mutiny, treason, spying, or desertion, or who, because of conscientious objections, refuses to perform service in the Armed Forces of the United States or refuses to wear the uniform of such force, shall forfeit all rights to Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance and Veterans' Group Life Insurance under this subchapter. No such insurance shall be payable for death inflicted as a lawful punishment for crime or for military or naval offense, except when inflicted by an enemy of the United States.

(Added Pub. L. 89-214, §1(a), Sept. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 885, §773; renumbered §1973, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; amended Pub. L. 104-275, title IV, §405(b)(1)(F), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3339; Pub. L. 110-389, title IV, §403(d), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4174.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Pub. L. 110-389 inserted “and Veterans' Group Life Insurance” before “under this subchapter”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-275 substituted “Servicemembers' Group” for “Servicemen's Group”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 773 of this title as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 110-389, title IV, §403(e)(4), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4175, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (d) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to any act of mutiny, treason, spying, or desertion committed on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 10, 2008] for which a person is found guilty, or with respect to refusal because of conscientious objections to perform service in, or to wear the uniform of, the Armed Forces on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.”

§ 1974. Advisory Council on Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance

(a) There is an Advisory Council on Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance. The council consists of—

- (1) the Secretary of the Treasury, who is the chairman of the council;
- (2) the Secretary of Defense;
- (3) the Secretary of Commerce;
- (4) the Secretary of Health and Human Services;
- (5) the Secretary of Homeland Security; and
- (6) the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Members of the council shall serve without additional compensation.

(b) The council shall meet at least once a year, or more often at the call of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. The council shall review the operations of the Department under this subchapter and shall advise the Secretary on matters of policy relating to the Secretary's activities under this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 89-214, §1(a), Sept. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 885, §774; amended Pub. L. 91-291, §6, June 25, 1970, 84 Stat. 331; Pub. L. 93-289, §10(3), May 24, 1974, 88 Stat. 172; Pub. L. 97-295, §4(95)(A), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1313; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(41), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3294; Pub. L. 102-54, §14(b)(18), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 284; renumbered §1974, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6,

1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 104-275, title IV, §405(b)(1)(G), (2)(B), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3339; Pub. L. 108-183, title VII, §708(a)(4), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2673.)

AMENDMENTS

2003—Subsec. (a)(5). Pub. L. 108-183 substituted “Secretary of Homeland Security” for “Secretary of Transportation”.

1996—Pub. L. 104-275, §405(b)(2)(B), substituted “Servicemembers' Group” for “Servicemen's Group” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-275, §405(b)(1)(G), substituted “Servicemembers' Group” for “Servicemen's Group” in introductory provisions.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 774 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-54 amended section generally. Prior to amendment, section read as follows: “There is hereby established an Advisory Council on Servicemen's Group Life Insurance consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury as Chairman, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget each of whom shall serve without additional compensation. The Council shall meet once a year, or oftener at the call of the Administrator, and shall review the operations under this subchapter and advise the Administrator on matters of policy relating to the Administrator activities thereunder.”

1986—Pub. L. 99-576 substituted “the Administrator” for “his” before “activities”.

1982—Pub. L. 97-295 substituted “Health and Human Services” for “Health, Education, and Welfare”.

1974—Pub. L. 93-289 substituted “Office of Management and Budget” for “Bureau of the Budget”.

1970—Pub. L. 91-291 added the Secretary of Transportation to the membership of the Advisory Council on Servicemen's Group Life Insurance.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-291 effective June 25, 1970, see section 14(a) of Pub. L. 91-291, set out as a note under section 1317 of this title.

TERMINATION OF ADVISORY COUNCILS

Advisory councils in existence on Jan. 5, 1973, to terminate not later than the expiration of the 2-year period following Jan. 5, 1973, unless, in the case of a council established by the President or an officer of the Federal Government, such council is renewed by appropriate action prior to the expiration of such 2-year period, or in the case of a council established by the Congress, its duration is otherwise provided by law. See sections 3(2) and 14 of Pub. L. 92-463, Oct. 6, 1972, 86 Stat. 770, 776, set out in the Appendix to Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

§ 1975. Jurisdiction of District Courts

The district courts of the United States shall have original jurisdiction of any civil action or claim against the United States founded upon this subchapter.

(Added Pub. L. 89-214, §1(a), Sept. 29, 1965, 79 Stat. 885, §775; renumbered §1975, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 775 of this title as this section.

§ 1976. Effective date

The insurance provided for in this subchapter and the deductions and contributions for that