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2002—Par. (1). Pub. L. 107-171 added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: “section 394 of title 7.”

1983—Par. (4). Pub. L. 98-89 substituted “sections 2111 and 2112 of title 46” for “section 382b of title 46”.

[§ 5550. Repealed. Pub. L. 102-378, § 2(44)(A), Oct. 2, 1992, 106 Stat. 1352]

Section, added Pub. L. 92-392, §10(a), Aug. 19, 1972, 86 Stat. 574, related to pay for Sunday and overtime work for employees of nonappropriated fund instrumentalities.

§ 5550a. Compensatory time off for religious observances

(a) Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this section, the Office of Personnel Management shall prescribe regulations providing for work schedules under which an employee whose personal religious beliefs require the abstention from work during certain periods of time, may elect to engage in overtime work for time lost for meeting those religious requirements. Any employee who so elects such overtime work shall be granted equal compensatory time off from his scheduled tour of duty (in lieu of overtime pay) for such religious reasons, notwithstanding any other provision of law.

(b) In the case of any agency described in subparagraphs (C) through (G) of section 5541(1) of this title, the head of such agency (in lieu of the Office) shall prescribe the regulations referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Regulations under this section may provide for such exceptions as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the mission of the agency or agencies involved.

(Added Pub. L. 95-390, title IV, §401(a), Sept. 29, 1978, 92 Stat. 762; amended Pub. L. 96-54, §2(a)(14), (15), Aug. 14, 1979, 93 Stat. 382.)

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.

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

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

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