

(3) The Coast Guard member is not represented by outside counsel chosen by the member.

(d) If the Board elects to hold an administrative hearing, the Board must ensure that the Coast Guard member may examine witnesses through deposition, serve interrogatories, and request the production of evidence, including evidence in the Inspector General investigatory record but not included in the report released to the member.

(e) If the Board determines that a personnel action was taken in reprisal for a Coast Guard member making or preparing to make a lawful communication to a Member of Congress or an Inspector General, the Board may forward its recommendation to the Secretary for the institution of appropriate administrative or disciplinary action against the individual or individuals found to have taken reprisal, and direct any appropriate correction of the member's records.

(f) The Board shall notify the Inspector General of the Board's decision concerning an application for the correction of military records of a Coast Guard member who alleged reprisal for making or preparing to make a lawful communication to a Member of Congress or an Inspector General, and of any recommendation to the Secretary for appropriate administrative or disciplinary action against the individual or individuals found to have taken reprisal.

(g) When reprisal is found, the Secretary shall ensure that appropriate corrective action is taken.

§ 53.11 Procedures.

(a) Any member of the Coast Guard, who reasonably believes a personnel action (including the withholding of an action) was taken or threatened in reprisal for making or preparing to make a lawful communication to a Member of Congress or an Inspector General, may file a complaint with the DOT Inspector General Hotline under this part. Such a complaint may be filed by telephone, or by letter addressed to the Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, Hotline Center, P.O. Box 23178, Washington, D.C. 20026-0178. Telephone Numbers: 1-800-424-

9071, FTS 8-366-1461. The commercial number is (202) 366-1461.

(b) The complaint should include the name, address, and telephone number of the complainant; the name and location of the activity where the alleged violation occurred; the personnel action taken, or threatened, that is alleged to be motivated by reprisal; the individual(s) believed to be responsible for the personnel action; the date when the alleged reprisal occurred; and any information that suggests or evidences a connection between the communication and reprisal. The complaint should also include a description of the communication to a Member of Congress or an Inspector General including a copy of any written communication and a brief summary of any oral communication showing date of communication, subject matter, and the name of the person or official to whom the communication was made.

(c) A member of the Coast Guard who is alleging reprisal for making or preparing to make a lawful communication to a Member of Congress or an Inspector General, may submit an application for the correction of military records to the Board, in accordance with regulations governing the Board. See 33 CFR part 52.

(d) An application submitted under paragraph (c) of this section shall be considered in accordance with regulations governing the Board. See 33 CFR part 52.

PART 54—ALLOTMENTS FROM ACTIVE DUTY PAY FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OBLIGATIONS

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§ 54.01 Purpose.

This part prescribes procedures for State officials to notify the Coast Guard that a member on active duty is delinquent in meeting an obligation for child support alone, or both child and

spousal support, in an amount equal to the support payable for two months or longer. Under 42 U.S.C. 665, an allotment may be taken from the pay and allowances of the member in this situation.

§ 54.03 Persons authorized to give notices.

For the purpose of instituting an allotment under this part, notice that a Coast Guard member is delinquent in meeting support obligations may be given by:

(a) Any agent or attorney of any State having in effect a plan approved under Part D of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 651-664), who has the duty or authority to seek recovery of any amounts owed as child or child and spousal support, including any official of a political subdivision when authorized under a State plan.

(b) The court that has authority to issue an order against the member for the support and maintenance of a child, or any agent of that court.

§ 54.05 Form and contents of notice.

(a) The notice required to institute an allotment under this part must be given in the form of a court order, letters, or other document issued by a person specified in § 54.03.

(b) The notice must:

(1) Provide the full name, social security number, and duty station of the member who owes the support obligation;

(2) Specify the amount of support due, and the period in which it has remained owing;

(3) Be accompanied by a certified copy of an order directing the payment of this support issued:

(i) By a court of competent jurisdiction, or;

(ii) In accordance with an administrative procedure which is established by State law, affords substantial due process, and is subject to judicial review;

(4) Provide the full name, social security number, and mailing address of the person to whom the allotment is to be paid;

(5) Identify the period in which the allotment is to remain in effect; and

(6) Identify the name and birth date of all children for whom support is to be provided under the allotment.

(c) Each notice must be accompanied by the following information:

(1) For each administrative order, a copy of all provisions of state law governing its issuance.

(2) For each court order and for each administrative order, if not stated in the support order:

(i) An explanation as to how personal jurisdiction was obtained over the member; and

(ii) A statement on the age of majority in the state law, with appropriate legal citations.

§ 54.07 Service of notice upon designated Coast Guard official.

The notice and all accompanying documentation must be sent to Commanding Officer, Coast Guard Human Resources Service and Information Center, Federal Building, 444 S.E. Quincy Street, Topeka, KS 66683-3591, (913) 295-2520.

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