

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1997 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 105-85 effective Jan. 1, 1998, see section 603(e) of Pub. L. 105-85, set out as a note under section 5561 of Title 5, Government Organization and Employees.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title VI, § 622(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1683, as amended by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, § 1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to nonrecurring expenses and currency fluctuation gains described in [former] section 475(d) of title 37, United States Code, that are incurred by members of the uniformed services on or after October 1, 1993.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1989 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title VI, § 622(b), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1447, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to expenses incurred after August 31, 1990.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 98-525 effective Jan. 1, 1985, with exceptions, see section 602(f) of Pub. L. 98-525, as amended, set out as a note under section 403 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1979 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 96-107, title VIII, § 807(b), Nov. 9, 1979, 93 Stat. 814, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 1979.”

§ 475a. Travel and transportation allowances: departure allowances

(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, when dependents of members of the uniformed services are authorized or ordered to depart by competent authority, they may be authorized such allowances as the Secretary concerned determines necessary to offset the expenses incident to the departure. Allowances authorized by this section are in addition to those authorized by any other section of this title. Such allowances may be paid in advance. For the purposes of this section, a dependent “authorized or ordered to depart by competent authority” includes—

(1) a dependent who is present at or in the vicinity of the member’s duty station when the departure of dependents is authorized or ordered by competent authority and who actually moved to an authorized safe haven designated by that authority, whether such safe haven is at or in the vicinity of the member’s duty station or elsewhere;

(2) a dependent who resides at or in the vicinity of a former duty station of the member following the assignment of the member elsewhere or who resides at or in the vicinity of a duty station (other than the duty station of the member) incident to orders in connection with an unaccompanied tour of duty of the member, if a departure of dependents is authorized or ordered by competent authority from the duty station at which or in the vicinity of which the dependent resides and the dependent actually moves to an authorized safe haven designated by that authority;

(3) a dependent who established a household at or in the vicinity of the member’s duty station but who is temporarily absent therefrom for any reason when departure of dependents is authorized or ordered by competent authority; and

(4) a dependent who was authorized to join the member and who departed from his former place of residence incident to joining the member but who, as a result of the departure of dependents, is diverted to a safe haven designated by competent authority or is authorized to travel to a place the dependent may designate, even though he was in the United States when the departure was authorized or ordered.

(b)(1) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, each member whose dependents are covered by subsection (a) is entitled to have one motor vehicle that is owned by the member (or a dependent of the member) and is for the personal use of the member or his dependents, transported at the expense of the United States to a designated place for the use of the dependents. When the dependents are permitted to rejoin the member, the vehicle may be transported at the expense of the United States to his permanent duty station.

(2) If a motor vehicle of a member (or a dependent of the member) that is transported at the expense of the United States under paragraph (1) does not arrive at the authorized destination of the vehicle by the designated delivery date, the Secretary concerned shall reimburse the member for expenses incurred after that date to rent a motor vehicle for the dependent’s use. The amount reimbursed may not exceed \$30 per day, and the rental period for which reimbursement may be provided expires after 7 days or on the date on which the delayed vehicle arrives at the authorized destination (whichever occurs first).

(c) During and after the travel authorities expiration date, no allowance under subsection (a) or transportation or reimbursement under subsection (b) may be provided with respect to an authority or order to depart.

(Added Pub. L. 89-26, § 1(1), May 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 116, § 405a; amended Pub. L. 89-608, § 2, Sept. 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 851; Pub. L. 96-465, title II, § 2303(e), Oct. 17, 1980, 94 Stat. 2165; Pub. L. 97-60, title I, § 121(c), 123, Oct. 14, 1981, 95 Stat. 1002, 1003; Pub. L. 99-661, div. A, title XIII, § 1343(b)(3), Nov. 14, 1986, 100 Stat. 3995; Pub. L. 102-25, title VII, § 702(b)(1), (c), Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 117; Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, § 625(b)(1), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2424; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 622(a), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 363; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 653(c), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2052; renumbered § 475a and amended Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 631(d)(2), (e)(5), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1460, 1462.)

AMENDMENTS

2011—Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(d)(2), renumbered section 405a of this title as this section.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 112-81, § 631(e)(5), added subsec. (c).

1998—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 105-261 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-106 substituted “authorized or ordered” for “ordered” wherever appearing.

1992—Subsec. (a)(2) to (4). Pub. L. 102-484 added par. (2) and redesignated former pars. (2) and (3) as (3) and (4), respectively.

1991—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-25 struck out “of this section” after “subsection (a)”.

1986—Pub. L. 99-661 substituted “departure” for “evacuation” in section catchline.

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-60, §123, inserted provision authorizing the payment of allowances in advance.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 97-60, §121(c), substituted “that is owned by the member (or a dependent of the member) and is for the personal use of the member or his dependents” for “owned by him and for his personal use, or the use of the dependents.”

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-465 substituted “to depart” and “departure” for “evacuated” and “evacuation”, respectively, wherever appearing.

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-608 struck out provision requiring that to qualify for allowances the evacuated dependents have been evacuated from places outside the United States to places inside the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, §653(e), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2052, provided that:

“(1) Reimbursement for motor vehicle rental expenses may not be provided under the amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 406 and 554 of this title and section 2634 of Title 10, Armed Forces] until after the date on which the Secretary of Defense submits to Congress a report containing a certification that the Department of Defense has in place and operational a system to recover the cost of providing such reimbursement from commercial carriers that are responsible for the delay in the delivery of the motor vehicles of members of the Armed Forces and their dependents. The Secretary of Defense shall prepare the report in consultation with the Secretary of Transportation, with respect to the Coast Guard.

“(2) The amendments shall apply with respect to rental expenses described in such amendments that are incurred on or after the date of the submission of the report. The report shall be submitted not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 17, 1998] and shall include, in addition to the certification, a description of the system to be used to recover from commercial carriers the costs incurred under such amendments.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1996 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, §622(b), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 363, as amended by Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §631(f)(4)(B), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1465; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title X, §1076(a)(9), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1948, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to persons authorized or ordered to depart as described in section 475a(a) of title 37, United States Code, on or after October 1, 1995.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 102-484, div. A, title VI, §625(b)(2), Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2424, provided that: “The amendments made by paragraph (1) [amending this section] shall take effect as of August 23, 1992, and shall apply with respect to any evacuation ordered by competent military authority on or after that date.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-60 effective Nov. 1, 1981, to apply to members who are separated from the service or released from active duty on or after Nov. 1, 1981, see section 121(d) of Pub. L. 97-60, set out as a note under section 474 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-465 effective Feb. 15, 1981, except as otherwise provided, see section 2403 of Pub. L. 96-465, set out as an Effective Date note under section 3901 of Title 22, Foreign Relations and Intercourse.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Pub. L. 89-26, §2, May 22, 1965, 79 Stat. 117, as amended by Pub. L. 89-608, §1, Sept. 30, 1966, 80 Stat. 851; Pub. L. 92-176, Dec. 2, 1971, 85 Stat. 494, provided that: “This Act [enacting this section and amending sections 407, 411, and 1006 of this title] becomes effective on February 1, 1965.”

§ 476. Travel and transportation allowances: dependents; baggage and household effects

(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a member of a uniformed service who is ordered to make a change of permanent station is entitled to transportation in kind, reimbursement therefor, or a monetary allowance in place of the cost of transportation, plus a per diem, for the member’s dependents at rates prescribed by the Secretaries concerned, but not more than the rate authorized under section 474(d) of this title. The Secretary concerned may also reimburse the member for mandatory pet quarantine fees for household pets, but not to exceed \$550 per change of station, when the member incurs the fees incident to such change of station.

(2)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), a member who—

(i) is separated from the service or released from active duty; and

(ii) on the date of his separation from the service or release from active duty, has not served on active duty for a period of time equal to at least 90 percent of the period of time for which he initially enlisted or otherwise initially agreed to serve,

may be provided transportation under this subsection for his dependents only by transportation in kind by the least expensive mode of transportation available or by a monetary allowance that does not exceed the cost to the Government of such transportation in kind.

(B) Subparagraph (A) does not apply to a member—

(i) who is retired, or is placed on the temporary disability retired list, under chapter 61 of title 10;

(ii) who is separated from the service or released from active duty for a medical condition affecting the member, as determined by the Secretary concerned;

(iii) who is separated from the service or released from active duty because the period of time for which the member initially enlisted or otherwise initially agreed to serve has been reduced by the Secretary concerned and is separated or released under honorable conditions;

(iv) who is discharged under section 1173 of title 10; or

(v) who is involuntarily separated from active duty during the period beginning on October 1, 1990, and ending on December 31, 2001.

(3) The allowances authorized under this subsection may be paid in advance.

(4) In this section, the term “involuntarily separated” has the meaning given that term in section 1141 of title 10.