

**§ 302g. Special pay: Selected Reserve health care professionals in critically short wartime specialties**

(a) SPECIAL PAY AUTHORIZED.—An officer of a reserve component of the armed forces described in subsection (b) who executes a written agreement under which the officer agrees to serve in the Selected Reserve of an armed force for a period of not less than one year nor more than three years, beginning on the date the officer accepts the award of special pay under this section, may be paid special pay at an annual rate not to exceed \$25,000.

(b) ELIGIBLE OFFICERS.—An officer referred to in subsection (a) is an officer in a health care profession who is qualified in a specialty designated by regulations as a critically short wartime specialty.

(c) TIME FOR PAYMENT.—Special pay under this section shall be paid annually at the beginning of each twelve-month period for which the officer has agreed to serve.

(d) REPAYMENT.—An officer who does not complete the period of service in the Selected Reserve specified in the agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(e) TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT AUTHORITY.—No agreement under this section may be entered into after December 31, 2018.

(Added Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title VI, § 614(a)(1), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 360; amended Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2543; Pub. L. 105-85, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Nov. 18, 1997, 111 Stat. 1785; Pub. L. 105-261, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Oct. 17, 1998, 112 Stat. 2038; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 649; Pub. L. 106-398, § 1 [[div. A], title VI, § 621(a)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A-151; Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, § 611(a), Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1135; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2567; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1501; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1947; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §§ 622(e), 687(b)(10), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3294, 3329; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §§ 612(e), 616(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2248, 2249; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VI, § 612(e), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 148; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, § 612(e), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4484; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2353; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4236; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1449; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1776; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 780; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3400; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 838; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, § 612(b)(4), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1422.)

## PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in Pub. L. 100-456, div. A, title VI, § 613, Sept. 29, 1988, 102 Stat. 1981, which was set out as a note under section 302 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 104-106, § 614(c)(1).

## AMENDMENTS

2017—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 115-91 substituted “December 31, 2018” for “December 31, 2017”.

2016—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “December 31, 2017” for “December 31, 2016”.

2015—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

2014—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-291 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 113-66 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “December 31, 2013”.

Pub. L. 112-239 substituted “December 31, 2013” for “December 31, 2012”.

2011—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 112-81 substituted “December 31, 2012” for “December 31, 2011”.

Pub. L. 111-383 substituted “December 31, 2011” for “December 31, 2010”.

2009—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 111-84 substituted “December 31, 2010” for “December 31, 2009”.

2008—Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “December 31, 2009” for “December 31, 2008”.

Pub. L. 110-181 substituted “December 31, 2008” for “December 31, 2007”.

2006—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-364, § 616(a), substituted “\$25,000” for “\$10,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-163, § 687(b)(10)(A), (B), added subsec. (d) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (d). Text read as follows: “An officer who voluntarily terminates service in the Selected Reserve of an armed force before the end of the period for which a payment was made to such officer under this section shall refund to the United States the full amount of the payment made for the period on which the payment was based.”

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 109-364, § 612(e), substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”.

Pub. L. 109-163, § 687(b)(10)(A), (C), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e) and struck out heading and text of former subsec. (e). Text read as follows: “A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than five years after the termination of an agreement under this section does not discharge the person receiving special pay under the agreement from the debt arising under the agreement.”

Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 109-163, § 687(b)(10)(C), redesignated subsec. (f) as (e).

Pub. L. 109-163, § 622(e), substituted “December 31, 2006” for “December 31, 2005”.

2004—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “December 31, 2005” for “December 31, 2004”.

2003—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “December 31, 2004” for “December 31, 2003”.

2002—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

2001—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “December 31, 2002” for “December 31, 2001”.

2000—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-398 substituted “December 31, 2001” for “December 31, 2000”.

1999—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted “December 31, 2000” for “December 31, 1999”.

1998—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-261 substituted “December 31, 1999” for “September 30, 1999”.

1997—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 105-85 substituted “September 30, 1999” for “September 30, 1998”.

1996—Subsec. (f). Pub. L. 104-201 substituted “September 30, 1998” for “September 30, 1997”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2008 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 110-181 effective as of Dec. 31, 2007, and subject to various special provisions, see section 610 of Pub. L. 110-181, set out as a Correction of

Lapsed Authorities for Payment of Bonuses, Special Pays, and Similar Benefits for Members of the Uniformed Services note under section 2130a of Title 10, Armed Forces.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §616(b), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2249, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on October 1, 2006, and shall apply to agreements entered into or revised under section 302g of title 37, United States Code, on or after that date.”

#### SAVINGS PROVISION

For savings provision relating to payment or repayment of any bonus, incentive pay, special pay, or similar pay obligated to be paid before Apr. 1, 2006, under a provision of this section amended by section 687(b) of Pub. L. 109-163, see section 687(f) of Pub. L. 109-163, set out as a note under section 510 of Title 10, Armed Forces.

### § 302h. Special pay: accession bonus for dental officers

(a) ACCESSION BONUS AUTHORIZED.—(1) A person who is a graduate of an accredited dental school and who, during the period beginning on September 23, 1996, and ending on December 31, 2018, executes a written agreement described in subsection (c) to accept a commission as an officer of the armed forces and remain on active duty for a period of not less than four years may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid an accession bonus in an amount determined by the Secretary concerned.

(2) The amount of an accession bonus under paragraph (1) may not exceed \$200,000.

(b) LIMITATION ON ELIGIBILITY FOR BONUS.—A person may not be paid a bonus under subsection (a) if—

(1) the person, in exchange for an agreement to accept an appointment as an officer, received financial assistance from the Department of Defense to pursue a course of study in dentistry; or

(2) the Secretary concerned determines that the person is not qualified to become and remain certified and licensed as a dentist.

(c) AGREEMENT.—The agreement referred to in subsection (a) shall provide that, consistent with the needs of the armed service concerned, the person executing the agreement will be assigned to duty, for the period of obligated service covered by the agreement, as an officer of the Dental Corps of the Army or the Navy or an officer of the Air Force designated as a dental officer.

(d) REPAYMENT.—A person who, after signing an agreement under subsection (a), is not commissioned as an officer of the armed forces, does not become licensed as a dentist, or does not complete the period of active duty specified in the agreement shall be subject to the repayment provisions of section 303a(e) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 104-201, div. A, title VI, §615(c)(1), Sept. 23, 1996, 110 Stat. 2545; amended Pub. L. 107-107, div. A, title VI, §618, Dec. 28, 2001, 115 Stat. 1137; Pub. L. 107-314, div. A, title VI, §612(f), Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2568; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title VI, §612(f), Nov. 24, 2003, 117

Stat. 1501; Pub. L. 108-375, div. A, title VI, §612(f), Oct. 28, 2004, 118 Stat. 1947; Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, §§622(f), 687(b)(11), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3294, 3329; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, §§612(f), 617(a), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2248, 2249; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title VI, §612(f), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 148; Pub. L. 110-417, [div. A], title VI, §612(f), Oct. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 4484; Pub. L. 111-84, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Oct. 28, 2009, 123 Stat. 2353; Pub. L. 111-383, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Jan. 7, 2011, 124 Stat. 4236; Pub. L. 112-81, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1449; Pub. L. 112-239, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 1776; Pub. L. 113-66, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 780; Pub. L. 113-291, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3400; Pub. L. 114-92, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 838; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2158; Pub. L. 115-91, div. A, title VI, §612(b)(5), Dec. 12, 2017, 131 Stat. 1422.)

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2015—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 114-92 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

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2008—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 110-417 substituted “December 31, 2009” for “December 31, 2008”.

Pub. L. 110-181 substituted “December 31, 2008” for “December 31, 2007”.

2006—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 109-364, §612(f), substituted “December 31, 2007” for “December 31, 2006”.

Pub. L. 109-163, §622(f), substituted “December 31, 2006” for “December 31, 2005”.

Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 109-364, §617(a), substituted “\$200,000” for “\$30,000”.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 109-163, §687(b)(11), amended heading and text of subsec. (d) generally, substituting provisions referring to repayment provisions of section 303a(e) for specific provisions relating to refunds required when officer fails to become and remain certified or licensed as dentist or fails to complete total period of active duty.

2004—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-375 substituted “December 31, 2005” for “December 31, 2004”.

2003—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 108-136 substituted “December 31, 2004” for “December 31, 2003”.

2002—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-314 substituted “December 31, 2003” for “December 31, 2002”.

2001—Subsec. (a)(1). Pub. L. 107-107 substituted “September 23, 1996, and ending on December 31, 2002” for “the date of the enactment of this section, and ending on September 30, 2002”.

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