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PART I-ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL MILITARY POWERS

CHAPTER 3-GENERAL POWERS AND FUNCTIONS

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(a) Subject to the limitations of subsection (c), and within the limitation of appropriations made for the purpose, the Secretary of Defense, the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, and the Secretary of a military department within his department, may provide for any emergency or extraordinary expense which cannot be anticipated or classified. When it is so provided in such an appropriation, the funds may be spent on approval or authority of the Secretary concerned or the Inspector General for any purpose he determines to be proper, and such a determination is final and conclusive upon the accounting officers of the United States. The Secretary concerned or the Inspector General may certify the amount of any such expenditure authorized by him that he considers advisable not to specify, and his certificate is sufficient voucher for the expenditure of that amount.

(b) The authority conferred by this section may be delegated by the Secretary of Defense to any person in the Department of Defense, by the Inspector General to any person in the Office of the Inspector General, or by the Secretary of a military department to any person within his department, with or without the authority to make successive redelegations.

(c)(1) Funds may not be obligated or expended in an amount in excess of \$500,000 under the authority of subsection (a) or (b) until the Secretary of Defense has notified the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives of the intent to obligate or expend the funds, and-

(A) in the case of an obligation or expenditure in excess of \$1,000,000, 15 days have elapsed since the date of the notification; or

(B) in the case of an obligation or expenditure in excess of \$500,000, but not in excess of \$1,000,000, 5 days have elapsed since the date of the notification.

(2) Subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) shall not apply to an obligation or expenditure of funds otherwise covered by such subparagraph if the Secretary of Defense determines that the national security objectives of the United States will be compromised by the application of the subparagraph to the obligation or expenditure. If the Secretary makes a determination with respect to an obligation or expenditure under the preceding sentence, the Secretary shall immediately notify the committees referred to in paragraph (1) that such obligation or expenditure is necessary and provide any relevant information (in classified form, if necessary) jointly to the chairman and ranking minority member (or their designees) of such committees.

(3) A notification under paragraph (1) and information referred to in paragraph (2) shall include the amount to be obligated or expended, as the case may be, and the purpose of the obligation or expenditure.

(d) Annual Report.-Not later than December 1 each year, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report on expenditures during the preceding fiscal year under subsections (a) and (b).

(Added Pub. L. 94-106, title VIII, §804(a), Oct. 7, 1975, 89 Stat. 538 , §140; amended Pub. L. 98-94, title XII, §1268(2), Sept. 24, 1983, 97 Stat. 705 ; renumbered §127 and amended Pub. L. 99-433, title I, §§101(a)(3), 110(d)(4), Oct. 1, 1986, 100 Stat. 994 , 1002; Pub. L. 103-160, div. A, title III, §361, Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1627 ; Pub. L. 103-337, div. A, title III, §378, Oct. 5, 1994, 108 Stat. 2737 ; Pub. L. 104-106, div. A, title IX, §915, title XV, §1502(a)(5), Feb. 10, 1996, 110 Stat. 413 , 502; Pub. L. 106-65, div. A, title X, §1067(1), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 774 ; Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title X, §1031(a)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1596 .)

AMENDMENTS

2003-Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 108-136 amended subsec. (d) generally. Prior to amendment,

subsec. (d) read as follows: "In any case in which funds are expended under the authority of subsections (a) and (b), the Secretary of Defense shall submit a report of such expenditures on a quarterly basis to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives."

1999-Subsecs. (c)(1), (d). Pub. L. 106-65 substituted "and the Committee on Armed Services" for "and the Committee on National Security".

1996-Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 104-106, §915(2), added subsec. (c). Former subsec. (c) redesignated (d).

Pub. L. 104-106, §1502(a)(5), substituted "Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate and the Committee on National Security and the Committee on Appropriations of" for "Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and".

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 104-106, §915(1), redesignated subsec. (c), as amended by Pub. L. 104-106, §§1502(a)(5), 1506, as (d).

1994-Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-337 struck out par. (1) designation before "In any case" and struck out par. (2) which read as follows: "The amount of funds expended by the Inspector General of the Department of Defense under subsections (a) and (b) during a fiscal year may not exceed \$400,000."

1993-Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-160, §361(1), inserted ", the Inspector General of the Department of Defense," after "the Secretary of Defense" and "or the Inspector General" after "the Secretary concerned" and after "The Secretary concerned".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 103-160, §361(2), inserted ", by the Inspector General to any person in the Office of the Inspector General," after "the Department of Defense".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 103-160, §361(3), designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1986-Pub. L. 99-433 renumbered section 140 of this title as this section and substituted "Emergency" for "Emergencies" in section catchline.

1983-Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 98-94 struck out "of this section" after "subsection (c)".

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 98-94 struck out "of this section" after "subsections (a) and (b)".

CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE UNDER DECLARATION OF WAR OR NATIONAL EMERGENCY

Pub. L. 97-99, title IX, §903, Dec. 23, 1981, 95 Stat. 1382, which authorized the Secretary of Defense, in the event of a declaration of war or the declaration of a national emergency by the President, to undertake military construction without regard to any other provisions of law, was repealed and restated as section 2808 of this title by Pub. L. 97-214, §§2(a), 7(18), July 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 157, 174, effective Oct. 1, 1982.