

Public Law 116–92
116th Congress

An Act

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[S. 1790]

National Defense
Authorization
Act for Fiscal
Year 2020.

To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2020 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020”.

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION OF ACT INTO DIVISIONS; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) DIVISIONS.—This Act is organized into four divisions as follows:

- (1) Division A—Department of Defense Authorizations.
- (2) Division B—Military Construction Authorizations.
- (3) Division C—Department of Energy National Security Authorizations and Other Authorizations.
- (4) Division D—Funding Tables.
- (5) Division E—Intelligence Authorizations for Fiscal Years 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- (6) Division F—Other Matters.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title.
Sec. 2. Organization of Act into divisions; table of contents.
Sec. 3. Congressional defense committees.
Sec. 4. Budgetary effects of this Act.

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATIONS

TITLE I—PROCUREMENT

Subtitle A—Authorization Of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle B—Army Programs

Sec. 111. Authority of the Secretary of the Army to waive certain limitations related to the Distributed Common Ground System-Army Increment 1.

Subtitle C—Navy Programs

- Sec. 121. Ford-class aircraft carrier cost limitation baselines.
Sec. 122. Modification of annual report on cost targets for certain aircraft carriers.
Sec. 123. Refueling and complex overhauls of the U.S.S. John C. Stennis and U.S.S. Harry S. Truman.
Sec. 124. Ford class aircraft carrier support for F-35C aircraft.
Sec. 125. Prohibition on use of funds for reduction of aircraft carrier force structure.

[133 Stat. 1199–1818 omitted (620 pages)]

of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 may acquire competitive status under subparagraph (A).”.

SEC. 1735. EXTENSION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COMMISSION ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

(a) **EXTENSION.**—Subsection (e) of section 1051 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232; 132 Stat. 1962) is amended by striking “October 1, 2020” and inserting “October 1, 2021”.

(b) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.**—Subsection (a) of such section is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(8) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GIFTS.**—The Commission may accept, use, and dispose of gifts or donations of services, goods, and property from non-Federal entities for the purposes of aiding and facilitating the work of the Commission. The authority in this paragraph does not extend to gifts of money.”.

(c) **REPORTS.**—Subsection (c) of such section is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (4); and
(2) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following new paragraphs:

“(2) **INTERIM REPORTS.**—Not later than each of December 1, 2019, and December 1, 2020, the Commission shall submit as described in that paragraph an interim report on the review required under subsection (b).

“(3) **FINAL REPORT.**—Not later than March 1, 2021, the Commission shall submit as described in paragraph (1) a comprehensive final report on the review required under subsection (b).”.

SEC. 1736. EXEMPTION FROM CALCULATION OF MONTHLY INCOME, FOR PURPOSES OF BANKRUPTCY LAWS, OF CERTAIN PAYMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

Section 101(10A) of title 11, United States Code, is amended by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following:

“(B)(i) includes any amount paid by any entity other than the debtor (or in a joint case the debtor and the debtor’s spouse), on a regular basis for the household expenses of the debtor or the debtor’s dependents (and, in a joint case, the debtor’s spouse if not otherwise a dependent); and

“(ii) excludes—

“(I) benefits received under the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.);

“(II) payments to victims of war crimes or crimes against humanity on account of their status as victims of such crimes;

“(III) payments to victims of international terrorism or domestic terrorism, as those terms are defined in section 2331 of title 18, on account of their status as victims of such terrorism; and

“(IV) any monthly compensation, pension, pay, annuity, or allowance paid under title 10, 37, or 38 in connection with a disability, combat-related injury or disability, or death of a member of the uniformed services, except that any retired pay excluded under this subclause shall include retired pay paid under chapter 61 of title 10 only to the extent that such

retired pay exceeds the amount of retired pay to which the debtor would otherwise be entitled if retired under any provision of title 10 other than chapter 61 of that title.”.

SEC. 1737. EXTENSION OF POSTAGE STAMP FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH.

Section 414(h) of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking “2019” and inserting “2027”.

SEC. 1738. NATIONAL COMMISSION ON MILITARY AVIATION SAFETY.

(a) **EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR REPORT.**—Subsection (h)(2) of section 1087 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232) is amended by striking “March 1, 2020” and inserting “December 1, 2020”.

(b) **SECRETARY OF DEFENSE REPORT.**—Such section is further amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(m) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of the submittal of the report under subsection (h)(2), the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of each of the military departments, shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives a report that includes each of the following:

“(1) An assessment of the findings and conclusions of the Commission.

“(2) The plan of the Secretaries for implementing the recommendations of the Commission.

“(3) Any other actions taken or planned by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of any of the military departments to improve military aviation safety.”.

(c) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—In addition to any other amounts authorized to be appropriated for the National Commission on Military Aviation Safety established under section 1087 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Public Law 115–232), of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for Operation and Maintenance, Defense-wide for fiscal year 2020, as specified in the funding table in section 4301, \$3,000,000 shall be available for the National Commission on Aviation Safety.

SEC. 1739. GUARANTEE OF RESIDENCY FOR SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Title VI of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (50 U.S.C. 4021 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 707. GUARANTEE OF RESIDENCY FOR SPOUSES OF SERVICEMEMBERS.

“For the purposes of establishing the residency of a spouse of a servicemember for any purpose (including the registration of a business), the spouse of a servicemember may elect to use the same residence as the servicemember regardless of the date on which the marriage of the spouse and the servicemember occurred.”.

(b) **CLERICAL AMENDMENT.**—The table of contents in section 1(b) of such Act is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 706 the following new item:

“Sec. 707. Guarantee of residency for spouses of servicemembers.”.

132 Stat. 1995.

Coordination.

Assessment.

Plan.

50 USC 4027.

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the safety of rail fixed guideway public transportation systems.”.

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HOUSE REPORTS: Nos. 116–120 and Pt. 2 (both from Comm. on Armed Services) accompanying H.R. 2500 and 116–333 (Comm. of Conference).

SENATE REPORTS: No. 116–48 (Comm. on Armed Services).

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Sept. 17, considered and passed House, amended.

Dec. 11, House agreed to conference report.

Dec. 12, 16, 17, Senate considered and agreed to conference report.

DAILY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS (2019):

Dec. 20, Presidential remarks and statement.