

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 316a of this title.

§ 316a. Waiver of certification requirement

(a) **CERTIFICATION INTERRUPTED BY CONTINGENCY OPERATION.**—(1) A member of the armed forces described in subsection (b) shall be paid special pay under section 316 of this title for the active duty performed by that member during the period described in paragraph (2) if—

(A) the member was assigned to duty in connection with a contingency operation;

(B) the Secretary concerned (under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense) determines that the member was unable to schedule or complete the certification required for eligibility for the special pay under that section because of that duty;

(C) except for not meeting the certification requirement in that section, the member was otherwise eligible for that special pay for that active duty; and

(D) the member completes the certification requirement specified in that section before the end of the period established for the member in subsection (c).

(2) The period for which a member may be paid special pay for active duty pursuant to paragraph (1) is the period beginning on the date on which the member was assigned to the duty referred to in subparagraph (A) of that paragraph and ending on the date of the member's certification referred to in subparagraph (D) of that paragraph.

(b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBER DESCRIBED.**—A member of the armed forces referred to in subsection (a) is a member who meets the requirement referred to in section 316(a)(3) of this title.

(c) **PERIOD FOR CERTIFICATION.**—The period referred to in subparagraph (D) of subsection (a)(1) with respect to a member of the armed forces is the 180-day period beginning on the date on which the member was released from the duty referred to in that subsection. The Secretary concerned may extend that period for a member in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §636(a), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1382.)

OPERATION DESERT STORM DUTY ASSIGNMENT

Pub. L. 102-25, title III, §306, Apr. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 82, provided that:

“(a) **CERTIFICATION INTERRUPTED BY OPERATION DESERT STORM.**—A member of the Armed Forces described in subsection (b) who obtains a certification of foreign language proficiency before the end of the period established for the member in subsection (c) shall be paid foreign language proficiency pay under section 316 of title 37, United States Code, for active duty performed after August 2, 1990, and before the date of that certification if the Secretary of Defense determines that the member was unable to schedule or complete that certification earlier because of a duty assignment in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

“(b) **ELIGIBLE MEMBERS DESCRIBED.**—A member of the Armed Forces referred to in subsection (a) is a member on active duty who, except for subsection (a)(2) of that section, was otherwise eligible for special pay under that section during the duty assignment in connection with Operation Desert Storm.

“(c) **PERIOD FOR CERTIFICATION.**—The period referred to in subsection (a) for completion of certification of foreign language proficiency with respect to a member of the Armed Forces is the 180-day period (extended for such additional time as the Secretary of Defense determines to be appropriate) beginning on the date that the member is released from the duty to which the member was assigned in connection with Operation Desert Storm.”

§ 317. Special pay: officers in critical acquisition positions extending period of active duty

(a) **BONUS AUTHORIZED.**—An officer described in subsection (b) who executes a written agreement to remain on active duty in a critical acquisition position for at least one year may, upon the acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, be paid a retention bonus as provided in this section.

(b) **COVERED OFFICERS.**—An officer referred to in subsection (a) is an officer of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps who—

(1) is a member of an Acquisition Corps selected to serve in, or serving in, a critical acquisition position designated under section 1733 of title 10; and

(2) is eligible to retire, or is assigned to such position for a period that will extend beyond the date on which the officer will be eligible to retire, under any provision of law.

(c) **AMOUNT OF BONUS.**—The amount of a bonus paid under this section for each year a member agrees to remain on active duty may not be more than 15 percent of the annual rate of basic pay paid to the member at the time the member executes a written agreement under this section.

(d) **PAYMENT OF BONUS.**—Upon the acceptance of a written agreement under subsection (a) by the Secretary concerned, the total amount payable pursuant to the agreement becomes fixed and may be paid by the Secretary in either a lump sum or installments.

(e) **ADDITIONAL PAY.**—A bonus paid under this section is in addition to other pay and allowances to which an officer is entitled.

(f) **REPAYMENT OF BONUS.**—(1) If an officer who has entered into a written agreement under subsection (a) and who has received all or part of a bonus under this section fails to complete the total period of active duty specified in the agreement, the Secretary concerned may require the officer to repay the United States, on a pro rata basis and to the extent that the Secretary determines conditions and circumstances warrant, all sums paid under this section.

(2) An obligation to repay the United States imposed under paragraph (1) is for all purposes a debt owed to the United States.

(3) A discharge in bankruptcy under title 11 that is entered less than 5 years after the termination of a written agreement entered into under subsection (a) does not discharge the officer signing the agreement from a debt arising under such agreement or under paragraph (1). This paragraph applies to any case commenced under title 11 after January 1, 1991.

(g) **PERIOD OF COMMITMENT.**—The period of active duty agreed upon by an officer in a written agreement under this section is in addition to