

(§ 2601 et seq.) of Title 29, Labor, amended section 2105 of Title 5, and enacted provisions set out as notes under section 2601 of Title 29. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2601 of Title 29 and Tables.

CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on House Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on House Administration of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

§ 207c. Establishment of United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund

There is hereby established in the Treasury of the United States the United States Capitol Police Memorial Fund (hereafter in sections 207c to 207c-3 of this title referred to as the "Fund"). All amounts received by the Capitol Police Board which are designated for deposit into the Fund shall be deposited into the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105-223, § 1, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1250.)

§ 207c-1. Payments from Fund for families of Detective Gibson and Private First Class Chestnut

Subject to the regulations issued under section 207c-3 of this title, amounts in the Fund shall be paid to the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police as follows:

(1) Fifty percent of such amounts shall be paid to the widow and children of Detective Gibson.

(2) Fifty percent of such amounts shall be paid to the widow and children of Private First Class Chestnut.

(Pub. L. 105-223, § 2, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1250.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 207c, 207c-3 of this title.

§ 207c-2. Tax treatment of Fund

(a) Contributions to Fund

For purposes of title 26, any contribution or gift to or for the use of the Fund shall be treated as a contribution or gift for exclusively public purposes to or for the use of an organization described in section 170(c)(1) of title 26.

(b) Treatment of payments from Fund

Any payment from the Fund shall not be subject to any Federal, State, or local income or gift tax.

(c) Exemption

For purposes of title 26, notwithstanding section 501(c)(1)(A) of title 26, the Fund shall be treated as described in section 501(c)(1) of title 26 and exempt from tax under section 501(a) of title 26.

(Pub. L. 105-223, § 3, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1250.)

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 207c of this title.

§ 207c-3. Administration by Capitol Police Board

The Capitol Police Board shall administer and manage the Fund (including establishing the

timing and manner of making payments under section 207c-1 of this title) in accordance with regulations issued by the Board, subject to the approval of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate and the Committee on House Oversight of the House of Representatives. Under such regulations, the Board shall pay any balance remaining in the Fund upon the expiration of the 6-month period which begins on August 7, 1998, to the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut in accordance with section 207c-1 of this title, and shall disburse any amounts in the Fund after the expiration of such period in such manner as the Board may establish. Under such regulations, and using amounts in the Fund, a financial adviser or trustee, as appropriate, for the families of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police shall be appointed to advise the families respecting disbursements to them of amounts in the Fund.

(Pub. L. 105-223, § 4, Aug. 7, 1998, 112 Stat. 1250.)

CHANGE OF NAME

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SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 207c, 207c-1 of this title.

§ 207d. Certifying officers of Capitol Police

(a) Appointment of certifying officers of the Capitol Police

The Chief Administrative Officer of the United States Capitol Police, or when there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, the Capitol Police Board, shall appoint certifying officers to certify all vouchers for payment from funds made available to the United States Capitol Police.

(b) Responsibility and accountability of certifying officers

(1) In general

Each officer or employee of the Capitol Police who has been duly authorized in writing by the Chief Administrative Officer, or the Capitol Police Board if there is not a Chief Administrative Officer, to certify vouchers pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall—

(A) be held responsible for the existence and correctness of the facts recited in the certificate or otherwise stated on the voucher or its supporting papers and for the legality of the proposed payment under the appropriation or fund involved;

(B) be held responsible and accountable for the correctness of the computations of certified vouchers; and

(C) be held accountable for and required to make good to the United States the amount of any illegal, improper, or incorrect payment resulting from any false, inaccurate, or misleading certificate made by such officer or employee, as well as for any payment prohibited by law or which did not represent a legal obligation under the appropriation or fund involved.

(2) Relief by Comptroller General

The Comptroller General may, at the Comptroller General's discretion, relieve such certifying officer or employee of liability for any payment otherwise proper if the Comptroller General finds—

(A) that the certification was based on official records and that the certifying officer or employee did not know, and by reasonable diligence and inquiry could not have ascertained, the actual facts; or

(B) that the obligation was incurred in good faith, that the payment was not contrary to any statutory provision specifically prohibiting payments of the character involved, and the United States has received value for such payment.

(c) Enforcement of liability

The liability of the certifying officers of the United States Capitol Police shall be enforced in the same manner and to the same extent as currently provided with respect to the enforcement of the liability of disbursing and other accountable officers, and such officers shall have the right to apply for and obtain a decision by the Comptroller General on any question of law involved in a payment on any vouchers presented to them for certification.

(Pub. L. 106-554, §1(a)(2) [title I, §107], Dec. 21, 2000, 114 Stat. 2763, 2763A-103.)

§ 208. Suspension of Capitol Police members

The captain of the Capitol police may suspend any member of the force, subject to the approval of the two Sergeants at Arms and of the Architect of the Capitol.

(R.S. §1823; Mar. 3, 1921, ch. 124, §1, 41 Stat. 1291.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §1823 derived from acts Mar. 3, 1873, ch. 226, 17 Stat. 488; June 20, 1874, ch. 328, 18 Stat. 86; Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 129, 18 Stat. 345.

CHANGE OF NAME

Change of name of Architect of the Capitol, functions abolished, transferred etc., by prior acts, see Codification and Prior Provisions notes set out under section 161 of this title.

§ 209. Pay of Capitol Police members under suspension

On and after March 3, 1875, whenever a member of the Capitol police or watch force is suspended from duty for cause, said policeman or watchman shall receive no compensation for the time of such suspension if he shall not be reinstated.

(Mar. 3, 1875, ch. 129, 18 Stat. 345.)

CODIFICATION

Section is based on a proviso in act Mar. 3, 1875, popularly known as the "Legislature, Executive, and Judicial Appropriation Act, fiscal year 1876".

§ 210. Uniform, belts and arms; Capitol Police

The Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives shall select and regulate the pattern for a uniform for the Capitol police and watchmen,

and furnish each member of the force with the necessary belts and arms, payable out of the contingent fund of the Senate and House of Representatives upon the certificate of the officers above named. Such arms so furnished shall be carried by each officer and member of the Capitol Police, while in the Capitol Buildings (as defined in section 193m(1) of this title), and while within or outside of the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds (as defined in section 193a of this title), in such manner and at such times as the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives may, by regulations, prescribe.

(R.S. §1824; Pub. L. 92-607, ch. V, §507, Oct. 31, 1972, 86 Stat. 1508; Pub. L. 95-26, title I, §112, May 4, 1977, 91 Stat. 87.)

CODIFICATION

R.S. §1824 derived from act Mar. 30, 1867, ch. 20, §1, 15 Stat. 11.

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-26 struck out "at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars per man," after "furnish each member of the force with the necessary belts and arms,".

1972—Pub. L. 92-607 directed that the arms be carried in the Capitol Buildings and within and without the boundaries of the United States Capitol Grounds according to regulations prescribed by the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives.

§ 210a. Uniforms to display United States flag or colors

(a) The uniform of officers and members of the United States Park Police force, the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division, the Capitol Police, and the Metropolitan Police force of the District of Columbia shall bear a distinctive patch, pin, or other emblem depicting the flag of the United States or the colors thereof.

(b) The Secretary of the Interior in the case of the United States Park Police force, the Secretary of the Treasury in the case of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division, the Capitol Police Board in the case of the Capitol Police, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia in the case of the Metropolitan Police force shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section.

(Pub. L. 91-297, title II, §201(a), (b), June 30, 1970, 84 Stat. 357; Pub. L. 93-198, title IV, §421, Dec. 24, 1973, 87 Stat. 789; Pub. L. 95-179, Nov. 15, 1977, 91 Stat. 1371.)

AMENDMENTS

1977—Pub. L. 95-179 substituted "United States Secret Service Uniformed Division" for "Executive Protective Service" wherever appearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 201(c) of Pub. L. 91-297 provided that: "This section [enacting this section] shall take effect one hundred and eighty days after the date of enactment of this title [June 30, 1970]."

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Office of Commissioner of District of Columbia, as established by Reorg. Plan No. 3 of 1967, abolished as of noon Jan. 2, 1975, by Pub. L. 93-198, title VII, §711, Dec.