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SEC. 913. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY TO WAIVE REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS OF ACTIVITIES FOR NONGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL AT DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE REGIONAL CENTERS FOR SECURITY STUDIES.

Section 941(b)(1) of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (10 U.S.C. 184 note) is amended by striking "through 2014" and inserting "through 2019".

SEC. 914. PILOT PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH GOVERNMENT LODGING PROGRAM.

(a) **AUTHORITY.**—Notwithstanding the provisions of section 5911 of title 5, United States Code, the Secretary of Defense may, for the period of time described in subsection (b), establish and carry out a Government lodging program to provide Government or commercial lodging for employees of the Department of Defense or members of the uniformed services under the Secretary's jurisdiction performing duty on official travel, and may require such travelers to occupy adequate quarters on a rental basis when available.

(b) **PROGRAM DURATION.**—The authority to establish and execute a Government lodging program under this section expires on December 31, 2019.

(c) **LIMITATION.**—A Government lodging program developed under the authority in subsection (a), and a requirement under subsection (a) with respect to an employee of the Department of Defense, may not be construed to be subject to a duty to negotiate under chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code.

(d) **REPORTS.**—

(1) **INITIAL REPORT.**—Not later than six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report on the exercise of authority provided by subsection (a). The report shall include a detailed description of the facets of the Government lodging program, a description of how the program will increase travel efficiencies within the Department, a description of how the program will increase the safety of authorized travelers of the Department of Defense, and an estimate of the savings expected to be achieved by the program.

(2) **ANNUAL REPORTS.**—Each year, the Secretary shall include with the materials submitted to Congress by the Secretary in support of the budget submitted by the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, a report that provides actual savings achieved (or costs incurred) under the Government lodging program to date and a description of estimated savings for the fiscal year budget being submitted, any changes to program rules made since the prior report, and an overall assessment to date of the program's effectiveness in increasing efficiency of travel and safety of Department employees.

(3) **FINAL REPORT.**—With the budget materials submitted to Congress by the Secretary in support of the budget submitted by the President for fiscal year 2019, the Secretary shall include a final report providing the Secretary's overall assessment of the effectiveness of the Government lodging program established under subsection (a), including a statement of savings achieved (or costs incurred) as of that date, and a recommendation for whether the program shall be made permanent. The Secretary may, in consultation with the heads of other Federal agencies,

make a recommendation on whether the program should be expanded and made permanent with respect to those other Federal agencies.

(4) **APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS DEFINED.**—In this subsection, the term “appropriate committees of Congress” means—

(A) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Armed Services, the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

SEC. 915. SINGLE STANDARD MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND MEMBERS OF THE UNIFORMED SERVICES.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 5704(a)(1) of title 5, United States Code, is amended in the last sentence by striking all that follows “the rate per mile” and inserting “shall be the single standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service.”

(b) **REGULATIONS AND REPORTS.**—

(1) **PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRIVATELY OWNED AIRPLANES AND MOTORCYCLES.**—Paragraph (1)(A) of section 5707(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(1)(A) The Administrator of General Services shall conduct periodic investigations of the cost of travel and the operation of privately owned airplanes and privately owned motorcycles by employees while engaged on official business, and shall report the results of such investigations to Congress at least once a year.”

(2) **PROVISIONS RELATING TO PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES.**—Clause (i) of section 5707(b)(2)(A) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(i) shall provide that the mileage reimbursement rate for privately owned automobiles, as provided in section 5704(a)(1), is the single standard mileage rate established by the Internal Revenue Service referred to in that section, and”.

SEC. 916. MODIFICATIONS TO REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCOUNTING FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES LISTED AS MISSING.

(a) **DESIGNATION OF AGENCY AND DIRECTOR.**—Subsection (a) of section 1501 of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

“(a) **RESPONSIBILITY FOR MISSING PERSONS.**—(1)(A) The Secretary of Defense shall designate a single organization within the Department of Defense to have responsibility for Department matters relating to missing persons, including accounting for missing persons and persons whose remains have not been recovered from the conflict in which they were lost.

“(B) The organization designated under this paragraph shall be a Defense Agency or other entity of the Department of Defense outside the military departments and is referred to in this chapter as the ‘designated Defense Agency’.