

First & last  
page copied

[PUBLIC LAW 253—80TH CONGRESS]  
[CHAPTER 343—1ST SESSION]

[S. 758]

pp. 3-5

AN ACT

To promote the national security by providing for a Secretary of Defense; for a National Military Establishment; for a Department of the Army, a Department of the Navy, and a Department of the Air Force; and for the coordination of the activities of the National Military Establishment with other departments and agencies of the Government concerned with the national security.

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

SHORT TITLE

That this Act may be cited as the "National Security Act of 1947".

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Sec. 2. Declaration of policy.

TITLE I—COORDINATION FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

- Sec. 101. National Security Council.
- Sec. 102. Central Intelligence Agency.
- Sec. 103. National Security Resources Board.

TITLE II—THE NATIONAL MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT

- Sec. 201. National Military Establishment.
- Sec. 202. Secretary of Defense.
- Sec. 203. Military Assistants to the Secretary.
- Sec. 204. Civilian personnel.
- Sec. 205. Department of the Army.
- Sec. 206. Department of the Navy.
- Sec. 207. Department of the Air Force.
- Sec. 208. United States Air Force.
- Sec. 209. Effective date of transfers.
- Sec. 210. War Council.
- Sec. 211. Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- Sec. 212. Joint staff.
- Sec. 213. Munitions Board.
- Sec. 214. Research and Development Board.

TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS

- Sec. 301. Compensation of Secretaries.
- Sec. 302. Under Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries.
- Sec. 303. Advisory committees and personnel.
- Sec. 304. Status of transferred civilian personnel.
- Sec. 305. Saving provisions.
- Sec. 306. Transfer of funds.
- Sec. 307. Authorization for appropriations.
- Sec. 308. Definitions.
- Sec. 309. Separability.
- Sec. 310. Effective date.
- Sec. 311. Succession to the Presidency.

DECLARATION OF POLICY

Sec. 2. In enacting this legislation, it is the intent of Congress to provide a comprehensive program for the future security of the United States; to provide for the establishment of integrated policies and

The day after the day upon which the Secretary of Defense first appointed takes office, or the sixtieth day after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SUCCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY

SEC. 311. Paragraph (1) of subsection (d) of section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the performance of the duties of the office of President in case of the removal, resignation, death, or inability both of the President and Vice President", approved July 18, 1947, is amended by striking out "Secretary of War" and inserting in lieu thereof "Secretary of Defense", and by striking out "Secretary of the Navy,".

Approved July 26, 1947.