

(C) consider as a joint duty assignment any tour of duty served by the officer as a general or flag officer before the date of the enactment of this Act (or being served on the date of the enactment of this Act) that was considered to be a joint duty assignment or a joint equivalent assignment under regulations in effect at the time the assignment began.

(3)(A) A waiver under paragraph (2)(A) may not be made more than two years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(B) A waiver under paragraph (2)(B) or (2)(C) may not be made more than four years after the date of the enactment of this Act.

PART B—COMBATANT COMMANDS

SEC. 211. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMBATANT COMMANDS AND AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERS

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part I of subtitle A is amended by inserting after chapter 5 the following new chapter:

“CHAPTER 6—COMBATANT COMMANDS

“Sec.

“161. Combatant commands: establishment.

“162. Combatant commands: assigned forces; chain of command.

“163. Role of Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff.

“164. Commanders of combatant commands: assignment; powers and duties.

“165. Combatant commands: administration and support.

“166. Combatant commands: budget proposals.

“§ 161. Combatant commands: establishment

“(a) UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMBATANT COMMANDS.—With the advice and assistance of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the President, through the Secretary of Defense, shall—

“(1) establish unified combatant commands and specified combatant commands to perform military missions; and

“(2) prescribe the force structure of those commands.

“(b) PERIODIC REVIEW.—(1) The Chairman periodically (and not less often than every two years) shall—

“(A) review the missions, responsibilities (including geographic boundaries), and force structure of each combatant command; and

“(B) recommend to the President, through the Secretary of Defense, any changes to such missions, responsibilities, and force structures as may be necessary.

“(2) Except during time of hostilities or imminent threat of hostilities, the President shall notify Congress not more than 60 days after—

“(A) establishing a new combatant command; or

“(B) significantly revising the missions, responsibilities, or force structure of an existing combatant command.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this chapter:

“(1) The term ‘unified combatant command’ means a military command which has broad, continuing missions and which is composed of forces from two or more military departments.

“(2) The term ‘specified combatant command’ means a military command which has broad, continuing missions and