

Service Bulletin MD90-32-045, dated July 21, 2000, are acceptable for compliance with paragraph (d) of this AD.

#### Spares

(g) As of the effective date of this AD, no person may install a MLG brake assembly having P/N 5012193R, 5012193-1, 5012193-2, or 5012193-3 on any airplane, unless the MLG brake assembly is inspected and any applicable corrective action has been accomplished according to this AD.

#### Alternative Methods of Compliance

(h) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Los Angeles Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Los Angeles ACO.

**Note 3:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Los Angeles ACO.

#### Special Flight Permits

(i) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[REG-108697-02]

RIN 1545-BA60

#### Required Distributions From Retirement Plans; Hearing

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a notice of public hearing on proposed regulations relating to required minimum distributions for defined benefit plans and annuity contracts providing benefits under qualified plans, individual retirement plans, and section 403(b) contracts.

**DATES:** The public hearing is being held on Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at 10

a.m. The IRS must receive outlines of the topics to be discussed at the hearing by Wednesday, September 25, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The public hearing is being held in room 4718, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Due to building security procedures, visitors must enter at the Constitution Avenue entrance. In addition, all visitors must present photo identification to enter the building.

Mail outlines to: Regulations Unit CC:ITA:RU, (REG-108697-02), room 5226, Internal Revenue Service, POB 7604, Ben Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044. Hand deliver outlines Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to: Regulations Unit CC:ITA:RU, (REG-108697-02), Courier's Desk, Internal Revenue Service, 1111 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Submit electronic outlines of oral comments directly to the IRS Internet site at <http://www.irs.gov/regs>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Concerning submissions of comments, the hearing, and/or to be placed on the building access list to attend the hearing contact Sonya M. Cruse (202) 622-7805 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject of the public hearing is the notice of proposed regulations (REG-108697-02) that was published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, April 17, 2002 (67 FR 18834).

The rules of 26 CFR 601.601(a)(3) apply to the hearing.

Persons who have submitted written comments and wish to present oral comments at the hearing, must submit an outline of the topics to be discussed and the amount of time to be devoted to each topic (signed original and eight (8) copies) by Wednesday, September 25, 2002.

A period of 10 minutes is allotted to each person for presenting oral comments.

After the deadline for receiving outlines has passed, the IRS will prepare an agenda containing the schedule of speakers. Copies of the agenda will be made available, free of charge, at the hearing.

Because of access restrictions, the IRS will not admit visitors beyond the immediate entrance area more than 30 minutes before the hearing starts.

For information about having your name placed on the building access list to attend the hearing, see the **FOR**

**FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 4

RIN 2900-AJ60

#### Schedule for Rating Disabilities; The Spine

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Schedule for Rating Disabilities by revising that portion of the Musculoskeletal System that addresses disabilities of the spine. The intended effect of this action is to update this portion of the rating schedule to ensure that it uses current medical terminology and unambiguous criteria, and that it reflects medical advances that have occurred since the last review.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 4, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420; or fax comments to (202) 273-9289; or e-mail comments to [OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov](mailto:OGCRegulations@mail.va.gov). Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ60." All comments received will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol McBrine, M.D., Consultant, Policy and Regulations Staff (211A), Compensation and Pension Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-7215.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** VA proposes to amend its Schedule for Rating Disabilities by revising that portion of the Musculoskeletal System that addresses disabilities of the spine. VA published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal**