DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0716]

Proposed Information Collection (Complaint of Employment Discrimination) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Human Resources and Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Human Resources and Administration (HRA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to process a complaint of employment discrimination.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at http://www.Regulations.gov or to Lillette Turner-Nelson, Human Resources and Administration, Office of Resolution Management (08B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail: lillette.turner-nelson@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0716" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillette Turner at (202) 501–2680 or Fax (202) 501–2811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An agency that has acquired property or service from a business concern has failed to pay for the complete delivery of property or service by the required payment date shall pay the business concern an interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). The Contract Disputes Act of 1978, Sec. 12, Public Law 95–563, 92 Stat. 2389, and the Prompt Payment Act of 1982, 31 U.S.C. 3902(a), provide for the calculation of interest due on claims at the rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The Secretary of the Treasury has the authority to specify the rate by which the interest shall be computed for interest payments under section 12 of the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 and under the Prompt Payment Act. Under the Prompt Payment Act, if an interest penalty is owed to a business concern, the penalty shall be paid regardless of whether the business concern requested payment of interest. 31 U.S.C. 3902(c)(1). Agencies must pay the interest penalty calculated with the interest rate, which is in effect at the time the agency accrues the obligation to pay a late payment interest penalty. 31 U.S.C. 3902(a). “The interest penalty shall be paid for the period beginning on the day after the required payment date and ending on the date on which payment is made.” 31 U.S.C. 3902(b).

Therefore, notice is given that the Secretary of the Treasury has determined that the rate of interest applicable for the period beginning July 1, 2011, and ending on December 31, 2011, is 2 1/2 per centum per annum.

Richard L. Gregg,
 Fiscal Assistant Secretary.

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[OMB Control No. 2900–0119]

Proposed Information Collection (Report of Treatment in Hospital); Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to this notice.
This notice solicits comments on information needed to determine a claimant’s eligibility for disability insurance benefits.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 30, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at http://www.Regulations.gov; or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–0119” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461–9769 or Fax (202) 275–5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–13; 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA’s functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Application by Insured Terminally Ill Person for Accelerated Benefit

OMB Control Number: 2900–0618.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: An insured person who is terminally ill may request a portion of the face value of his or her Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance (SGLI) or Veterans’ Group Life Insurance (VGLI) prior to death. If the insured would like to receive a portion of the SGLI or VGLI he or she shall submit a Servicemembers’ and Veterans’ Group Life Insurance Accelerated Benefits Option application. The application must include a medical prognosis by a physician stating the life expectancy of the insured person and a statement by the insured on the amount of accelerated benefit he or she choose to receive. The application is obtainable by writing to the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance ABO Claim Processing, 290 West Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, NJ 07039, or calling 1–800–419–1473 or downloading the application via the Internet at http://www.insurance.va.gov.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 40 hours.

Estimated Average Burden per Respondent: 12 minutes.

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Frequency of Response: OnOccasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Dated: June 27, 2011.