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Programs not affected.

Continuation of present programs.

Review by PHS.

"Physician."

39 Stat. 750.
5 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 790.

to private physicians and dentists; and (4) preventive programs relating to health: *Provided further*, That the health program now being conducted by the Tennessee Valley Authority and by the Panama Canal and Panama Railroad Company shall not be affected by the provisions of this Act: *And provided further*, That such health programs as are now being conducted for other Federal employees may be continued until June 30, 1947. The Public Health Service, when requested to do so, shall review the health service programs being conducted by any department or agency under authority of this Act and shall submit appropriate comment and recommendations. Wherever the professional services of physicians are authorized to be utilized under this Act, the definition of "physician" contained in the Act of September 7, 1916, as amended (U. S. C., 1940 edition, title 5, sec. 790), shall be applicable.

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 866]

AN ACT

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 3908]
[Public Law 659]

To provide increased pensions to members of the Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who become disabled by reason of their service therein during other than a period of war.

Veterans' Regulations, amendment.
38 U. S. C. note foll. § 724; Supp. V, note foll. § 735.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph II of part II of Veterans' Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"II. For the purposes of part II, paragraph I (a) hereof, if the disability results from injury or disease—

"(a) If and while the disability is rated 10 per centum the monthly pension shall be $10.35.

"(b) If and while the disability is rated 20 per centum the monthly pension shall be $20.70.

"(c) If and while the disability is rated 30 per centum the monthly pension shall be $31.05.

"(d) If and while the disability is rated 40 per centum the monthly pension shall be $41.40.

"(e) If and while the disability is rated 50 per centum the monthly pension shall be $51.75.

"(f) If and while the disability is rated 60 per centum the monthly pension shall be $62.10.

"(g) If and while the disability is rated 70 per centum the monthly pension shall be $72.45.

"(h) If and while the disability is rated 80 per centum the monthly pension shall be $82.80.

"(i) If and while the disability is rated 90 per centum the monthly pension shall be $93.15.

"(j) If and while the disability is rated as total the monthly pension shall be $103.50.

Anatomical losses.

"(k) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, the rate of pension provided in part II, paragraph II, subparagraphs (a) to (j), shall be increased by $31.50 per month; and in the event of anatomical loss or loss of use of one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, in addition to the requirement for any of the rates specified in subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, as herein amended, the rate of pension shall be increased by $31.50 per month for each such loss or loss of use but in no event to exceed $270 per month.

Supra.

Post, p. 905.

"(l) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or of one hand and one foot, or is blind in both eyes, with 5/200 visual acuity or less, or is permanently bedridden or so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be $180.

"(m) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or has suffered blindness in both eyes, rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be $211.50.

"(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be $238.50.

"(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part II, paragraph II, of this regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be $270.

Person entitled to two or more rates.

Supra.

"(p) In the event the disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of $270."

Disabilities exceeding requirements.

SEC. 2. The increased rates provided by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the second month following the passage of this Act, and shall be deemed to include the 15 per centum increase in the rate of compensation or pension payable for service-incurred disability under Public Law 469, Seventy-eighth Congress, December 7, 1944.

Effective date.

58 Stat. 797.
38 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 471a-2.

Approved August 8, 1946.

[CHAPTER 867]

AN ACT

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 3973]
[Public Law 660]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide reemployment rights for persons who leave their positions to serve in the merchant marine, and for other purposes", approved June 23, 1943 (57 Stat. 162), and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, effective as of June 23, 1943, the Act entitled "An Act to provide reemployment rights for persons who leave their positions to serve in the merchant marine, and for other purposes", approved June 23, 1943 (57 Stat. 162), is amended to read as follows:

Merchant marine.
Reemployment rights.

50 U. S. C., Supp. V, app. §§ 1471–1475.
Post, p. 945.

(a) When used in this Act the term "service in the merchant marine" means (1) service as an officer or member of the crew on or in connection with a vessel documented under the laws of the United States or a vessel owned by, chartered to, or operated by or for the account or use of the Administrator, as an enrollee in the United States Maritime Service on active duty, and, to such extent as the Administrator shall prescribe, any period awaiting assignment to such service and any period of education or training for such service in any school or institution under the jurisdiction of the Administrator; and (2) service as a civilian officer or member of the crew on or in connection with a vessel owned by, chartered to, or operated by or for the account or use of the War Department.

"Service in the merchant marine."

(b) Any person entering service in the merchant marine after May 1, 1940, and before the termination of the unlimited national emergency

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