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[CHAPTER 868]

AN ACT

August 8, 1946
[H. R. 6455]
[Public Law 661]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to provide books for the adult blind."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of June 13, 1944 (58 Stat. 276), is amended to read as follows:

2 U. S. C., Supp. V, § 135a.
Books for adult blind.
Appropriations authorized.
Ante, p. 404.

"That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated annually to the Library of Congress, in addition to appropriations otherwise made to said Library, $1,125,000, which sum shall be expended under the direction of the Librarian of Congress to provide books published either in raised characters, on sound-reproduction recordings, or in any other form, for the use of the adult blind residents of the United States, including the several States, Territories, insular possessions, and the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That of said annual appropriation of $1,125,000, not exceeding $200,000 thereof shall be expended for books in raised characters and the balance remaining shall be expended for sound-reproduction recordings and for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of reproducers for these sound-reproduction recordings, all of which books, recordings, and reproducers will remain the property of the Library of Congress but will be loaned to blind readers under regulations prescribed by the Librarian of Congress for this service. In the purchase of books in either raised characters or in sound-reproduction recordings the Librarian of Congress, without reference to section 5 of title 41, United States Code, shall give preference to non-profit-making institutions or agencies whose activities are primarily concerned with the blind, in all cases where the prices or bids submitted by such institutions or agencies are, by said Librarian, under all the circumstances and needs involved, determined to be fair and reasonable.

Expenditures.

Purchases.

Ante, p. 809.

SEC. 2. This Act shall be applicable with respect to the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, and for each fiscal year thereafter.

Applicability.

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[CHAPTER 869]

AN ACT

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[Public Law 662]

Relating to veterans' pension, compensation, or retirement pay during hospitalization, institutional or domiciliary care, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (A) (1) where any veteran having neither wife, child, nor dependent parent is being furnished hospital treatment, institutional or domiciliary care by the Veterans' Administration, any pension, compensation, or retirement pay otherwise payable shall continue without reduction until the first day of the seventh calendar month following the month of enactment hereof, or the month of admission of such veteran for treatment or care, whichever is the later. If treatment or care extends beyond that period, the pension, compensation, or retirement pay, if $30 per month or less, shall continue without reduction, but if greater than $30 per month, the pension, compensation, or retirement pay shall not exceed 50 per centum of the amount otherwise payable or $30 per month, whichever is the greater: *Provided*, That if such veteran is discharged from such treatment or care upon certification by the officer in charge of the hospital, institution, or home, that maximum benefits have been received or that release is approved, he shall be paid in a lump sum such additional amount as would equal the total sum by which his pension, compensation, or retirement pay has been reduced under

Veterans.
Pensions during hospitalization, etc.

Lump-sum payment.