

he is dependent, the appropriation supporting the maintenance and operation of the medical facility furnishing the medical care shall be reimbursed at rates established by the Bureau of the Budget to reflect the average cost of providing such care.

Subsistence charges.

SEC. 302. Commissioned officers and warrant officers, active and retired, shall pay an amount equal to the portion of the charge established under section 103 (c) of this Act that is attributable to subsistence when hospitalized in a medical facility of a uniformed service. Retired enlisted personnel, including members of the Fleet Reserve and the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, shall not be charged for subsistence when hospitalized in a medical facility of a uniformed service.

Additional hospitalization.

SEC. 303. Where a person who is covered under an insurance, medical service, or health plan or plans, as provided in this Act, requires hospitalization beyond the period of time provided under such plan or plans, if such hospitalization is authorized in medical facilities of a uniformed service, such person may be transferred to a medical facility of a uniformed service for the continuation of such hospitalization. Where movement to such medical facility is not feasible, the expenses for such additional hospitalization required by such person in a civilian facility are authorized to be paid, subject to such regulations as the Secretary of Defense after consultation with the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare may prescribe.

Dependency determinations.

SEC. 304. All determinations made under this Act by the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare with respect to dependency shall be conclusive for all purposes and shall not be subject to review in any court or by any accounting officer of the Government, except for cases involving fraud or gross negligence. Such determinations may at any time be reconsidered or modified on the basis of new evidence or for other good cause.

Appropriation.

SEC. 305. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

Repeals.
10 USC 96.

SEC. 306. The following laws and parts of laws are hereby repealed:

24 USC 32-36.
Exception.

(1) So much of the Act of July 5, 1884 (ch. 217, 23 Stat. 107), as is contained in the proviso under the heading "Medical Departments";

58 Stat. 697.
42 USC 253.

(2) The Act of May 10, 1943 (ch. 95, 57 Stat. 80), except section 4 of such Act, and except that part of section 5 which relates to persons outside the Naval Service mentioned in section 4 of such Act;

63 Stat. 201.
10 USC 456-456-2
and notes.

(3) Section 326 (b) of the Public Health Service Act, except as it relates to dependent members of families of ships' officers and members of crews of vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey;

34 USC 854f.
Effective date.

(4) Section 710 (a) of the Act of July 1, 1944 (ch. 373, 58 Stat. 714), as amended;

(5) Public Law 108, approved June 20, 1949, to the extent it authorizes hospital benefits for dependents of members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces;

(6) Section 207 of the Act of June 25, 1938 (52 Stat. 1180).

SEC. 307. This Act shall become effective six months after the date of its enactment.

Approved June 7, 1956.

Public Law 570

CHAPTER 375

AN ACT

Relating to the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina.

June 7, 1956
[H. R. 4656]

Whereas many Indians now living in Robeson and adjoining counties are descendants of that once large and prosperous tribe which occupied the lands along the Lumbee River at the time of the earliest white settlements in that section; and

Whereas at the time of their first contacts with the colonists, these Indians were a well-established and distinctive people living in European-type houses in settled towns and communities, owning slaves and livestock, tilling the soil, and practicing many of the arts and crafts of European civilization; and

Whereas by reason of tribal legend, coupled with a distinctive appearance and manner of speech and the frequent recurrence among them of family names such as Oxendine, Locklear, Chavis, Drinkwater, Bullard, Lowery, Sampson, and others, also found on the roster of the earliest English settlements, these Indians may, with considerable show of reason, trace their origin to an admixture of colonial blood with certain coastal tribes of Indians; and

Whereas these people are naturally and understandably proud of their heritage, and desirous of establishing their social status and preserving their racial history: Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Indians now residing in Robeson and adjoining counties of North Carolina, originally found by the first white settlers on the Lumbee River in Robeson County, and claiming joint descent from remnants of early American colonists and certain tribes of Indians originally inhabiting the coastal regions of North Carolina, shall, from and after the ratification of this Act, be known and designated as Lumbee Indians of North Carolina and shall continue to enjoy all rights, privileges, and immunities enjoyed by them as citizens of the State of North Carolina and of the United States as they enjoyed before the enactment of this Act, and shall continue to be subject to all the obligations and duties of such citizens under the laws of the State of North Carolina and the United States. Nothing in this Act shall make such Indians eligible for any services performed by the United States for Indians because of their status as Indians, and none of the statutes of the United States which affect Indians because of their status as Indians shall be applicable to the Lumbee Indians.

Lumbee Indians
of North Carolina.

SEC. 2. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved June 7, 1956.

Public Law 571

CHAPTER 376

AN ACT

To further amend the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945.

June 7, 1956
[H. R. 3996]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 (a) of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945 (59 Stat. 225), as amended, is further amended by striking out "\$2,500" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$6,500".

Military per-
sonnel,
Claims,
66 Stat. 321,
31 USC 222c.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of this amendatory Act is effective as of July 2, 1952, and, notwithstanding section 1 (e) of the Military Personnel Claims Act of 1945, as amended, any claim heretofore settled in the amount of \$2,500 solely by reason of the maximum limitation established by the Act of July 3, 1952 (ch. 548, 66 Stat. 321), may, upon the written request of the claimant made within one year from the date of enactment of section 1 of this amendatory Act, be reconsidered and settled in accordance with the amendment contained in that section.

31 USC 222c.

Approved June 7, 1956.