Sale or exchange.

Limitation.

Expenses.

SEC. 3. Beginning three years after the effective date of this Act, the Commissioner is authorized to sell, or to exchange for other real property suitable for use by the District, all or any part of so much of the balance of the property described in the first section, not including the wetlands, as has not been transferred to the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, pursuant to section 2, within three years after enactment of this Act. Any such sale or exchange may either be on the basis of competitive bids or by negotiation, as the Commissioner determines is in the best interest of the District of Columbia. The Commissioner is further authorized to pay the reasonable and necessary expenses of the sale or exchange of such land, and shall deposit the net proceeds of any such sale in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the District of Columbia.

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Public Law 91-500

AN ACT

October 22, 1970
[H. R. 693]

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to provide that veterans who are seventy-two years of age or older shall be deemed to be unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital or domiciliary care, and for other purposes.

Older veterans. Medical care, expenses.
72 Stat. 1144.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 622 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately before "For", and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, the receipt of pension under any law administered by the Veterans' Administration shall constitute sufficient evidence of inability to defray necessary expenses, and any veteran in receipt of such pension shall be exempt from making any statement under oath regarding his inability to defray necessary expenses."

78 Stat. 504.

SEC. 2. Subsection (g) of section 612 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(g) Where any veteran is in receipt of increased pension or additional compensation or allowance based on the need of regular aid and attendance or by reason of being permanently housebound, or who, but for the receipt of retired pay, would be in receipt of such pension, compensation, or allowance, the Administrator may furnish the veteran such medical services as he finds to be reasonably necessary."

81 Stat. 183.

SEC. 3. Subsection (h) of section 612 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately after the words "by reason of being" the following: "permanently housebound or".

72 Stat. 1141.

SEC. 4. Subsection (a) of section 610 of title 38, United States Code, is amended (1) by striking out "and" at the end of clause (2); (2) by striking out the period at the end of clause (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "; and"; and (3) by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(4) any veteran for a non-service-connected disability if such veteran is sixty-five years of age or older."

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