Public Law 91-219

To amend chapters 31, 34, and 35 of title 38, United States Code, in order to increase the rates of vocational rehabilitation, educational assistance, and special training allowance paid to eligible veterans and persons under such chapters; to amend chapters 34, 35, and 36 of such title to make certain improvements in the educational programs for eligible veterans and dependents; and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Veterans Education and Training Amendments Act of 1970".

TITLE I—INCREASE IN EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCES

SEC. 101. Section 1504(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The subsistence allowance of a veteran-trainee is to be determined in accordance with the following table, and shall be the monthly amount shown in column II, III, or IV (whichever is applicable as determined by the veteran's dependency status) opposite the appropriate type of training as specified in column I:

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<th>Column II</th>
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<tr>
<td>Type of training</td>
<td>No dependents</td>
<td>One dependent</td>
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<td>Institutional:</td>
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<td>Full-time</td>
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<td>Three-quarter-time</td>
<td>98</td>
<td>133</td>
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<td>Half-time</td>
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<td>Institutional on-farm, apprentice, or other on-job training:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time</td>
<td>113</td>
<td>153</td>
<td>181</td>
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Where any full-time trainee has more than two dependents and is not eligible to receive additional compensation as provided by section 315 or section 335 (whichever is applicable) of this title, the subsistence allowance prescribed in column IV of the foregoing table shall be increased by an additional $6 per month for each dependent in excess of two."

SEC. 102. The last sentence of section 1677(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out in the last sentence thereof "$130" and inserting in lieu thereof "$175".

SEC. 103. (a) The table (prescribing educational assistance allowance rates for eligible veterans pursuing educational programs on half-
time or more basis) contained in paragraph (1) of section 1682(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

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<td>Type of program</td>
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<td>Institutional:</td>
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<td>Half-time</td>
<td>81</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Cooperative</td>
<td>141</td>
<td>167</td>
<td>192</td>
<td>10</td>
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The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:

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<th>Column IV</th>
<th>Column V</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Basis</td>
<td>No dependents</td>
<td>One dependent</td>
<td>Two dependents</td>
<td>More than two dependents</td>
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<tr>
<td>Full-time</td>
<td>$141</td>
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<td>$190</td>
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<td>Three-quarter-time</td>
<td>101</td>
<td>119</td>
<td>138</td>
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<td>Half-time</td>
<td>67</td>
<td>70</td>
<td>92</td>
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The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:

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<th>Periods of training</th>
<th>No dependents</th>
<th>One dependent</th>
<th>Two or more dependents</th>
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<tr>
<td>First 6 months</td>
<td>$108</td>
<td>$120</td>
<td>$133</td>
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<tr>
<td>Second 6 months</td>
<td>83</td>
<td>92</td>
<td>105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Third 6 months</td>
<td>54</td>
<td>66</td>
<td>79</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fourth and any succeeding 6-month periods</td>
<td>27</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>52</td>
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Sec. 104. (a) Section 1732(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) (1) The educational assistance allowance on behalf of an eligible person who is pursuing a program of education consisting of institutional courses shall be computed at the rate of (A) $175 per month if pursued on a full-time basis, (B) $128 per month if pursued on a three-quarter-time basis, and (C) $81 per month if pursued on a half-time basis.

"(2) The educational assistance allowance on behalf of an eligible person pursuing a program of education on less than a half-time basis
shall be computed at the rate of (A) the established charges for tuition and fees which the institution requires other individuals enrolled in the same program to pay, or (B) $175 per month for a full-time course, whichever is the lesser.

(b) Section 1732(b) of such title is amended by striking out "$105" and inserting in lieu thereof "$141".

(c) Section 1742(a) of such title is amended to read as follows:

"(a) While the eligible person is enrolled in and pursuing a full-time course of special restorative training, the parent or guardian shall be entitled to receive on his behalf a special training allowance computed at the basic rate of $175 per month. If the charges for tuition and fees applicable to any such course are more than $55 per calendar month the basic monthly allowance may be increased by the amount that such charges exceed $55 a month, upon election by the parent or guardian of the eligible person to have such person's period of entitlement reduced by one day for each $6.80 that the special training allowance paid exceeds the basic monthly allowance."

TITLE II—MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS TO VETERANS' AND DEPENDENTS' EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Sec. 201. (a) Subsection (b) of section 1652 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new sentence as follows: "Such term also means any curriculum of unit courses or subjects pursued at an educational institution which fulfill requirements for the attainment of more than one predetermined and identified educational, professional, or vocational objective if all the objectives pursued are generally recognized as being reasonably related to a single career field."

(b) Subsection (c) of section 1652 of such title is amended to read as follows:

"(c) The term 'educational institution' means any public or private elementary school, secondary school, vocational school, correspondence school, business school, junior college, teachers' college, college, normal school, professional school, university, or scientific or technical institution, or other institution furnishing education for adults."

Sec. 202. Section 1673(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Administrator shall not approve the enrollment of an eligible veteran in—

"(1) any bartending course or personality development course;

"(2) any sales or sales management course which does not provide specialized training within a specific vocational field, unless the eligible veteran or the institution offering such course submits justification showing that at least one-half of the persons completing such course over the preceding two-year period have been employed in the sales or sales management field; or

"(3) any type of course which the Administrator finds to be avocational or recreational in character unless the veteran submits justification showing that the course will be of bona fide use in the pursuit of his present or contemplated business or occupation."

Sec. 203. (a) Subsection (a) of section 1677 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out the material preceding clause (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:
“(a) The Administrator may approve the pursuit by an eligible veteran of flight training where such training is generally accepted as necessary for the attainment of a recognized vocational objective in the field of aviation or where generally recognized as ancillary to the pursuit of a vocational endeavor other than aviation, subject to the following conditions:

(b) Section 1677(a) (1) of such title is amended by deleting “or must have satisfactorily completed the number of hours of flight training instruction required for a private pilot’s license.”

Sec. 204. (a) Chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) striking out “section 1678 of this title” in section 1661(c) and inserting “subchapters V and VI of this chapter”;

(2) striking out section 1678;

(3) inserting immediately after the period at the end of section 1682(b) the following: “Notwithstanding provisions of section 1681 of this title, payment of the educational assistance allowance provided by this subsection may, and the educational assistance allowance provided by section 1696(b) shall, be made to an eligible veteran in an amount computed for the entire quarter, semester, or term during the month immediately following the month in which certification is received from the educational institution that the veteran has enrolled in and is pursuing a program at such institution.”; and

(4) adding at the end of chapter 34 the following new subchapters:

“Subchapter V—Special Assistance for the Educationally Disadvantaged

§ 1690. Purpose

“It is the purpose of this subchapter (1) to encourage and assist veterans who have academic deficiencies to attain a high school education or its equivalent and to qualify for and pursue courses of higher education, (2) to assist eligible veterans to pursue postsecondary education through tutorial assistance where required, and (3) to encourage educational institutions to develop programs which provide special tutorial, remedial, preparatory, or other educational or supplementary assistance to such veterans.

§ 1691. Elementary and secondary education and preparatory educational assistance

“(a) In the case of any eligible veteran not on active duty who—

“(1) has not received a secondary school diploma (or an equivalency certificate) at the time of his discharge or release from active duty, or

“(2) in order to pursue a program of education for which he would otherwise be eligible, needs refresher courses, deficiency courses, or other preparatory or special educational assistance to qualify for admission to an appropriate educational institution, the Administrator may, without regard to so much of the provisions of section 1671 as prohibit the enrollment of an eligible veteran in a program of education in which he is ‘already qualified’, approve the enrollment of such veteran in an appropriate course or courses or other special educational assistance program.

“(b) The Administrator shall pay to an eligible veteran pursuing
a course or courses or program pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, an educational assistance allowance as provided in sections 1681 and 1682 (a) or (b) of this title; except that no enrollment in adult evening secondary school courses shall be approved in excess of half-time training as defined pursuant to section 1684 of this title.

"§ 1692. Special supplementary assistance"

"(a) In the case of any eligible veteran who—"

"(1) is enrolled in and pursuing a postsecondary course of education on a half-time or more basis at an educational institution; and"

"(2) has a marked deficiency in a subject required as a part of, or which is prerequisite to, or which is indispensable to the satisfactory pursuit of, an approved program of education,"

the Administrator may approve individualized tutorial assistance for such veteran if such assistance is necessary for the veteran to complete such program successfully.

"(b) The Administrator shall pay to an eligible veteran receiving tutorial assistance pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, in addition to the educational assistance allowance provided in section 1682 of this title, the cost of such tutorial assistance in an amount not to exceed $50 per month for a maximum of nine months, upon certification by the educational institution that—"

"(1) the individualized tutorial assistance is essential to correct a marked deficiency of the eligible veteran in a subject required as a part of, or which is prerequisite to, or which is indispensable to the satisfactory pursuit of, an approved program of education;"

"(2) the tutor chosen to perform such assistance is qualified; and"

"(3) the charges for such assistance do not exceed the customary charges for such tutorial assistance."

"§ 1693. Effect on educational entitlement"

"The educational assistance allowance or cost of individualized tutorial assistance authorized by this subchapter shall be paid without charge to any period of entitlement the veteran may have earned pursuant to section 1661 (a) of this title."

"Subchapter VI—Predischarge Education Program"

"§ 1695. Purpose; definition"

"(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to encourage and assist veterans in preparing for their future education, training, or vocation by providing them with an opportunity to enroll in and pursue a program of education or training prior to their discharge or release from active duty with the Armed Forces. The program provided for under this subchapter shall be known as the Predischarge Education Program (PREP)."

"(b) For the purposes of this subchapter, the term 'eligible person' means any person serving on active duty with the Armed Forces who has completed more than 180 consecutive days of such active duty service as certified to the Administrator by the Secretary concerned."

"§ 1696. Payment of educational assistance allowance"

"(a) The Administrator shall, under such regulations as he shall prescribe after consultation with the Secretary of Defense, pay the educational assistance allowance as computed in subsection (b) of this section to an eligible person enrolled in and pursuing (1) a course or
courses offered by an educational institution (other than by correspondence) and required to receive a secondary school diploma, or (2) any deficiency, remedial, or refresher course or courses offered by an educational institution and required for or preparatory to the pursuit of an appropriate course or training program in an approved educational institution or training establishment.

“(b) The educational assistance allowance of an eligible person pursuing education or training under this subchapter shall be computed at the rate of (1) the established charges for tuition and fees which the educational institution requires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the same or a similar program to pay, and the cost of books and supplies peculiar to the course which such educational institution requires similarly circumstanced nonveterans enrolled in the same or a similar program to have, or (2) $175 per month for a full-time course, whichever is the lesser.

“(c) The educational assistance allowance authorized by this section shall be paid without charge to any period of entitlement earned pursuant to section 1611(a) of this title.

“§ 1697. Educational and vocational guidance

“The Administrator shall, to the extent that professional counselors are available, provide, by contract or otherwise, educational and vocational guidance to persons eligible for educational assistance under this subchapter.”

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 34 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out “1678. Special training for the educationally disadvantaged.”; and by adding at the end thereof the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED

“1690. Purpose.

“1691. Elementary and secondary education and preparatory educational assistance.

“1692. Special supplementary assistance.

“1693. Effect on educational entitlement.

“SUBCHAPTER VI—PREDISCHARGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

“1695. Purpose: definition.

“1696. Payment of educational assistance allowance.

“1697. Educational and vocational guidance.”

Sec. 205. Section 1681(d) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting below clause (2) the following: “Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Administrator may pay an educational assistance allowance representing the initial payment of an enrollment period, not exceeding one full month, upon receipt of a certificate of enrollment.”

Sec. 206. (a) Section 1684(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) striking out “and” after the semicolon in clause (2); and

(2) striking out clause (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(3) an academic high school course requiring sixteen units for a full course shall be considered a full-time course when a minimum of four units per year is required. For the purpose of this clause, a unit is defined to be not less than one hundred and twenty sixty-minute hours or their equivalent of study in any subject in one academic year; and

“(4) an institutional undergraduate course offered by a college or university on a quarter- or semester-hour basis for which credit is granted toward a standard college degree shall be considered a full-time course when a minimum of fourteen semester hours or its
equivalent is required; except that where such college or university certifies, upon the request of the Administrator, that (A) full-time tuition is charged to all undergraduate students carrying a minimum of less than fourteen semester hours or the equivalent thereof, or (B) all undergraduate students carrying a minimum of less than fourteen semester hours or the equivalent thereof are considered to be pursuing a full-time course for other administrative purposes, then such an institutional undergraduate course offered by such college or university with such minimum number of semester hours, for which credit is granted toward a standard college degree, shall be considered a full-time course, but in the event such minimum number of semester hours under (B) is less than twelve hours or the equivalent thereof, then twelve semester hours or the equivalent thereof shall be considered a full-time course.

Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (4), a veteran shall be considered to be pursuing a full-time course at a junior college, college, or university if (A) he is carrying a number of semester hours, or the equivalent thereof, necessary to be considered a full-time course under clause (4), (B) credit is granted toward a standard college degree for not less than half the number of those hours, and (C) he is carrying one or more courses for which no credit is granted toward such a degree but which he is required to take because of a deficiency in his education.

(b) Section 1733(a)(3) of such title is amended to read as follows:

"(3) an institutional undergraduate course offered by a college or university on a quarter- or semester-hour basis for which credit is granted toward a standard college degree shall be considered a full-time course when a minimum of fourteen semester hours or its equivalent is required; except that where such college or university certifies, upon the request of the Administrator, that (A) full-time tuition is charged to all undergraduate students carrying a minimum of less than fourteen semester hours or the equivalent thereof, or (B) all undergraduate students carrying a minimum of less than fourteen semester hours or the equivalent thereof are considered to be pursuing a full-time course for other administrative purposes, then such an institutional undergraduate course offered by such college or university with such minimum number of semester hours, for which credit is granted toward a standard college degree, shall be considered a full-time course, but in the event such minimum number of semester hours under clause (B) is less than twelve hours or the equivalent thereof, then twelve semester hours or the equivalent thereof shall be considered a full-time course."

Sec. 207. (a) Chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end of subchapter VI thereof a new section as follows:

"§ 1763. Notification of eligibility

"The Administrator shall notify the parent or guardian of each eligible person defined in section 1701(a)(1)(A) of this chapter of the educational assistance available to such person under this chapter. Such notification shall be provided not later than the month in which such eligible person attains his thirteenth birthday or as soon thereafter as feasible."

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 35 of such title is amended by inserting immediately below the following:

"1762. Nonduplication of benefits."

"1763. Notification of eligibility."
Sec. 208. Section 1712 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) deleting in subsection (a) (3) the words "first occurs" immediately preceding "(A)" and inserting in lieu thereof "last occurs"; and

(2) adding at the end thereof a new subsection as follows:

"(e) The term 'first finds' as used in this section means the effective date of the rating or date of notification to the veteran from whom eligibility is derived establishing a service-connected total disability permanent in nature whichever is more advantageous to the eligible person."

Sec. 209. Section 1723(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(a) The Administrator shall not approve the enrollment of an eligible person in—

"(1) any bartending course or personality development course;

"(2) any sales or sales management course which does not provide specialized training within a specific vocational field, unless the eligible person or the institution offering such course submits justification showing that at least one-half of the persons completing such course over the preceding two-year period have been employed in the sales or sales management field; or

"(3) any type of course which the Administrator finds to be avocational or recreational in character unless the eligible person submits justification showing that the course will be of bona fide use in the pursuit of his present or contemplated business or occupation."

Sec. 210. Section 1732(c) of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"(c) If a program of education is pursued by an eligible person at an institution located in the Republic of the Philippines, the educational assistance allowance computed for such person under this section shall be paid at a rate in Philippine pesos equivalent to $0.50 for each dollar."

Sec. 211. Section 1772 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subsection (c) as follows:

"(c) In the case of programs of apprenticeship where—

"(1) the standards have been approved by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to section 50a of title 29 as a national apprenticeship program for operation in more than one State, and

"(2) the training establishment is a carrier directly engaged in interstate commerce which provides such training in more than one State,

the Administrator shall act as a 'State approving agency' as such term is used in section 1683(a) (1) of this title and shall be responsible for the approval of all such programs."

Sec. 212. Section 1777(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "and supervised" immediately after "organized".

Sec. 213. Chapter 36 of title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) by deleting section 1781 of subchapter II in its entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"§ 178L Limitations on educational assistance

"No educational assistance allowance or special training allowance granted under chapter 34 or 35 of this title shall be paid to any eligible person (1) who is on active duty and is pursuing a course of education which is being paid for by the Armed Forces (or by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare in the case of the Public War orphans; eligibility period.

78 Stat. 297.

Enrollment; excepted courses.

72 Stat. 1196.

Educational assistance allowance.

Courses, approval.

77 Stat. 158.

50 Stat. 665.

"State approving agency."

81 Stat. 186.

80 Stat. 20.

38 USC 1770-1791.

38 USC 1651, 1700.
SEC. 214. (a) Chapter 3 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subchapter as follows:

"Subchapter IV—Veterans Outreach Services Program

§ 240. Purpose; definitions

"(a) The Congress declares that the outreach services program authorized by this subchapter is for the purpose of insuring that all veterans, especially those who have been recently discharged or released from active military, naval, or air service and those who are eligible for readjustment or other benefits and services under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are provided timely and appropriate assistance to aid them in applying for and obtaining such benefits and services in order that they may achieve a rapid social and economic readjustment to civilian life and obtain a higher standard of living for themselves and their dependents. The Congress further declares that the outreach services program authorized by this subchapter is for the purpose of charging the Veterans' Administration with the affirmative duty of seeking out eligible veterans and eligible dependents and providing them with such services.

"(b) For the purposes of this subchapter, (1) the term 'other governmental programs' shall include all programs under State or local laws as well as all programs under Federal law other than those authorized by this title, and (2) the term 'eligible dependent' means an 'eligible person' as defined in section 1701(a) (1) of this title.

§ 241. Outreach services

"The Administrator shall provide the following outreach services:

"(1) by letter advise each veteran at the time of his discharge or release from active military, naval, or air service, or as soon as possible thereafter, of all benefits and services under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration for which the veteran may be eligible and, in carrying out this paragraph, the Administrator shall give priority to so advising those veterans who, on the basis of their military service records, do not have a high school education or equivalent at the time of discharge or release;

"(2) distribute full information regarding all benefits and services to which they may be entitled under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration and may, to the extent feasible, distribute information on other governmental programs (including manpower and training programs) which he determines would be beneficial to veterans; and

"(3) provide, to the maximum extent possible, aid and assistance (including personal interviews) to members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and eligible dependents in respect to clauses (1) and (2) above and in the preparation and presentation of claims under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration.
"§ 242. Veterans assistance offices

(a) The Administrator shall establish and maintain veterans assistance offices at such places throughout the United States and its territories and possessions, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, as he determines to be necessary to carry out the purposes of this subchapter, with due regard for the geographical distribution of veterans recently discharged or released from active military, naval, or air service, the special needs of educationally disadvantaged veterans (including their need for accessibility of outreach services), and the necessity of providing appropriate outreach services in less populated areas.

(b) The Administrator may implement such special telephone service as may be necessary to make the outreach services provided for under this subchapter as widely available as possible.

"§ 243. Utilization of other agencies

In carrying out the purposes of this subchapter, the Administrator may—

(1) arrange with the Secretary of Labor for the State employment service to match the particular qualifications of an eligible veteran or eligible dependent with an appropriate job or job training opportunity, to include where possible, arrangements for outstationing the State employment personnel who provide such assistance at appropriate facilities of the Veterans' Administration;

(2) cooperate with and use the services of any Federal department or agency or any State or local governmental agency or recognized national or other organization;

(3) where appropriate, make referrals to any Federal department or agency or State or local governmental unit or recognized national or other organization;

(4) at his discretion, furnish available space and office facilities for the use of authorized representatives of such governmental unit or other organization providing services; and

(5) conduct studies in consultation with appropriate Federal departments and agencies to determine the most effective program design to carry out the purposes of this subchapter.

"§ 244. Report to Congress

The Administrator shall include in the annual report to the Congress required by section 214 of this title a report on the activities carried out under this subchapter, each report to include an appraisal of the effectiveness of the programs authorized herein and recommendations for the improvement or more effective administration of such programs.

(b) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 3 of such title is amended by inserting immediately after

"236. Administrative settlement of tort claims arising in foreign countries." the following:

"SUBCHAPTER IV—VETERANS OUTREACH SERVICES PROGRAM

"240. Purpose; definitions.

"241. Outreach services.

"242. Veterans assistance offices.

"243. Utilization of other agencies.

"244. Report to Congress."
tural workers, to provide for specialized facilities for alcoholics and narcotic addicts, and for other purposes" is hereby repealed.


TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE

Sec. 301. Title I of this Act takes effect February 1, 1970.
Approved March 26, 1970.

Public Law 91-220

AN ACT

To amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 with respect to wheat.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (j) of section 334 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1334), is amended to read as follows:

"(j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, the Secretary shall increase the acreage allotments for the 1970 and subsequent crops of wheat for privately owned farms in the irrigable portion of the area known as the Tulelake division of the Klamath project of California located in Modoc and Siskiyou Counties, California, as defined by the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, and hereinafter referred to as the area. The increase for the area for each such crop shall be determined by adding, to the extent applications are made therefor, to the total allotments established for privately owned farms in the area for the particular crop without regard to this subsection (hereinafter referred to as the original allotments) an acreage sufficient to make available for each such crop a total allotment of twelve thousand acres for the area. The additional allotments made available by this subsection shall be in addition to the National, State, and county allotments otherwise established under this section, and the acreage planted to wheat pursuant to such increases in allotments shall not be taken into account in establishing future State, county, and farm acreage allotments except as may be desirable in providing increases in allotments for subsequent years under this subsection for the production of Durum wheat. The Secretary shall apportion the additional allotment acreage made available under this subsection between Modoc and Siskiyou Counties on the basis of the relative needs for additional allotments for the portion of the area in each county. The Secretary shall allot such additional acreage to individual farms in the area for which applications for increased acreages are made on the basis of tillable acres, crop rotation practices, type of soil and topography, and the original allotment for the farm, if any. The increase in the wheat acreage allotment for any farm under this subsection (1) shall not be taken into account in computing the farm wheat marketing allocation under section 379b, and (2) shall be conditioned upon the production of Durum wheat on the original allotment and on the increased acreage. The producers on a farm receiving an increased allotment under this subsection shall not be eligible for diversion payments under section 339."

Approved March 31, 1970.