

Public Law 92-46

AN ACT

To amend the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 to provide a 10 per centum increase in annuities.

July 2, 1971
[H. R. 6444]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(4) The annuity computed under the preceding provisions of this subsection and that part of subsection (e) of this section which precedes the first proviso shall be increased by 10 per centum.”

SEC. 2. (a) Section 2(e) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 is amended—

(1) by striking out “section 3(a)(3) of this Act” and inserting in lieu thereof “section 3(a)(3) or (4) of this Act”;

(2) by inserting “(before any reduction on account of age)” immediately after “shall” in the first sentence of the last paragraph;

(3) by striking out the last sentence; and

(4) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“The spouse’s annuity computed under the other provisions of this section shall (before any reduction on account of age) be increased by 10 per centum. The preceding sentence and the next preceding paragraph shall not operate to increase the annuity to an amount in excess of the maximum amount of a spouse’s annuity as provided in the first sentence of this subsection. This paragraph shall be disregarded in the application of the preceding paragraph.”

(b) (1) Section 2(i) of such Act is amended by striking out “the last paragraph” and inserting in lieu thereof “the last two paragraphs”.

(2) Section 2(i) of such Act is further amended by inserting “or in that part of section 3(e) preceding the first proviso, or of the pension,” immediately after “section 3(a)(1)”.

(c) Section 2(j) of such Act is amended by inserting “, or section 5(a) of this Act,” after “this section”.

SEC. 3. Section 5 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following subsection:

“(o) The annuity computed under the preceding provisions of this section shall be increased by 10 per centum.”

SEC. 4. For the purposes of approximating the offsets in railroad retirement benefits for increases in social security benefits by reason of amendments prior to the Social Security Amendments of 1971, the Railroad Retirement Board is authorized to prescribe adjustments in the percentages in the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, and laws pertaining thereto, in order that these percentages, when applied against current social security benefits not in excess of \$275.80 a month, will produce approximately the same amounts as those computed under the law in effect, except for changes in the wage base, before the Social Security Amendments of 1971 were enacted.

SEC. 5. All pensions under section 6 of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, and all annuities under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1935, shall be increased by 10 per centum. All survivor annuities deriving from joint and survivor annuities under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 and all widows’ and widowers’ insurance annuities which are payable in the amount of the spouse’s annuity to which the widow or widower was entitled shall, in cases where the employee died in or before the month in which the increases in annuities provided in section 2 of this Act are effective, be increased by 10 per centum. Joint

Railroad Retirement Act of 1937, amendments.

Annuities, increase.

82 Stat. 17;

84 Stat. 791.

45 USC 228c.

Spouse’s annuity.

84 Stat. 791.

45 USC 228b.

80 Stat. 1080.

60 Stat. 729;

84 Stat. 791.

45 USC 228e.

Percentage adjustment.

50 Stat. 312.

49 Stat. 967.

45 USC 228f;

215-228 notes.

Ante, p. 101.

Recertification.

84 Stat. 792.
45 USC 228j
note.

Report to Con-
gress, extension.

Effective date.

Termination
date.

Termination
date, extension.
45 USC 228c
note.

and survivor annuities shall be computed under section 3(a) of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1937 and shall be reduced by the percentage determined in accordance with the election of such annuity.

SEC. 6. All recertifications required by reason of the amendments made by this Act shall be made by the Railroad Retirement Board without application therefor.

SEC. 7. (a) Section 7(c)(1) of Public Law 91-377 is amended by striking out "July 1, 1971" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1972".

(b) Section 7(g) of Public Law 91-377 is amended—

(1) by striking out "not later than July 1, 1971" and all that follows down through "this section" in the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "submit to the President and the Congress an interim report of the study authorized by this section not later than July 1, 1971, and a full and complete final report of such study not later than June 30, 1972"; and

(2) by striking out "such report" in the second sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "such final report".

SEC. 8. (a) The provisions of this Act shall be effective with respect to annuities accruing for months after December 1970 and with respect to pensions due in calendar months after January 1971; except that increases in benefits for months prior to the month of enactment of this Act shall be payable only to an individual who is entitled to an annuity or pension for the month of enactment, or who becomes so entitled in later months, on the basis of the same earnings record.

(b) The first six sections of this Act, and the amendments made by such sections (other than the amendments made by subsections (a) (2), (b) (2), and (c) of section 2), shall cease to apply as of the close of June 30, 1973. Annuities accruing for months after June 30, 1973, and pensions due in calendar months after June 30, 1973, shall be computed as if the first six sections of this Act, and the amendments made by such sections (other than the amendments made by subsections (a) (2), (b) (2), and (c) of section 2), had not been enacted.

(c) Section 6 of Public Law 91-377 is amended by striking out "June 30, 1972" each time that date appears and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1973".

Approved July 2, 1971.

Public Law 92-47

AN ACT

July 9, 1971
[H. R. 4848]

To amend the Act of November 26, 1969, to provide for an extension of the date on which the Commission on Government Procurement shall submit its final report.

Commission on
Government Pro-
curement.
Report to Con-
gress, extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 4 of the Act of November 26, 1969 (83 Stat. 271; 41 U.S.C. 251, note), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The Commission shall make, on or before December 31, 1972, a final report to the Congress of its findings and its recommendations for changes in statutes, regulations, policies, and procedures designed to carry out the policy stated in section 1 of this Act. In the event the Congress is not in session at the time of submission, the final report shall be submitted to the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate. The Commission may also make such interim reports as it deems advisable."

Approved July 9, 1971.