ecation, and Welfare has made a determination as to whether such individual is disabled, as defined in section 1614(a)(3)(A) of that Act.

SEC. 2. The last sentence of section 203(e)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (as added by section 20 of Public Law 93–233) is amended by striking out “April” and inserting in lieu thereof “July”.

Approved March 28, 1974.

Public Law 93–257

AN ACT

To provide funeral transportation and living expense benefits to the families of deceased prisoners of war, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SHORT TITLE

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the “Funeral Transportation and Living Expense Benefits Act of 1974”.

FINDINGS

SEC. 2. (a) The United States did in 1973 provide transportation and other amenities to families of five hundred and fifty-six returned prisoners of war for reunions upon these men’s arrival in the continental United States after release from imprisonment by the government of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam and did in 1973 also provide transportation and other amenities to these returned prisoners of war and their families to attend ceremonies in their honor in Washington, District of Columbia.

(b) The remains of other prisoners of war, having died in captivity in Southeast Asia, are now being returned to the United States for burial.

(c) The United States owes no lesser degree of respect, honor or solicitude to the memories of the men who died in captivity and their families than in the cases of those who survived and returned alive to the United States.

(d) It is fitting and proper, therefore, as a mark of respect to those men who died in captivity while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, that comparable courtesies and amenities be extended to the families of these deceased military personnel.

BENEFITS

SEC. 3. (a) The Secretary of Defense is authorized to provide funeral transportation and living expenses benefits for the family of any deceased member of the Armed Forces who shall have died while classified as a prisoner of war or as missing in action during the Vietnam conflict and whose remains shall have been returned to the United States after January 27, 1973.

(b) Such benefits shall include transportation roundtrip from such family members' places of residence to the place of burial for such deceased member of the Armed Forces, living expenses and other such allowances as the Secretary shall deem appropriate.
(c) Eligible family members shall include the deceased's widow, children, stepchildren, mother, father, stepfather and stepmother, or if none of these shall desire to be granted such benefits, the deceased's brothers, sisters, halfbrothers and halfsisters.

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