

such State, either on the Federal-aid highway system and extensions thereof or on secondary or feeder roads or grade-crossing eliminations."

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[CHAPTER 329]

AN ACT

To restore certain benefits to World War veterans suffering with paralysis, paresis, or blindness, or who are helpless or bedridden, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That on and after the date of enactment of this Act any World War veteran suffering from paralysis, paresis, or blindness, or who is helpless or bedridden, as the result of any disability, and who was in receipt of compensation therefor on March 19, 1933, may be awarded compensation under the laws and interpretations governing this class of cases prior to the enactment of Public Law Numbered 2, Seventy-third Congress, March 20, 1933, subject, however, to the limitations, except as to misconduct or willful misconduct, contained in sections 27 and 28 of Public Law Numbered 141, Seventy-third Congress, March 28, 1934, as amended by section 5 of Public Law Numbered 304, Seventy-fifth Congress, August 16, 1937: *Provided*, That the language herein contained shall not be construed to reduce or discontinue compensation authorized under the provisions of section 26 of Public Law Numbered 141, Seventy-third Congress: *Provided further*, That where a World War veteran dies or has died from disease or injury, service connection of which is or would have been reestablished under the provisions of this Act, his surviving widow, child, or children, if otherwise eligible thereto, shall be awarded death compensation under Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended.

SEC. 2. Payments to veterans restored to the rolls under the provisions of this Act shall be effective the date of enactment of this Act and payments to widows or children shall be effective the date of enactment of this Act or the date of filing claim therefor, whichever is the later.

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[CHAPTER 330]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act for the grading and classification of clerks in the Foreign Service of the United States of America, and providing compensation therefor", approved February 23, 1931, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph (n) of section 26 of the Act entitled "An Act for the grading and classification of clerks in the Foreign Service of the United States of America, and providing compensation therefor", approved February 23, 1931, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"(n) Any diplomatic secretary or consular officer who has been, or any Foreign Service officer who may hereafter be, promoted from the classified service to the grade of Ambassador or Minister, or appointed to a position in the Department of State, shall be entitled to all the benefits of this section in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers: *Provided*, That any officer now included under the Act of May 24, 1924, and the amendment thereto of July 3, 1926, shall be entitled to the benefits of this section: *And provided further*, That hereafter an Ambassador or Minister, or a former Ambassador or Minister, or a person appointed to a position in the Department of State after serving as Amba-

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[H. R. 2296]

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World War veterans.
Certain benefits to, suffering with paralysis, etc., restored.

48 Stat. 8, 524; 50 Stat. 661.
38 U. S. C. §§ 701-721, 471a, 722; Supp. IV, § 424a, ch. 12.
Provisos.
Compensation for blindness.
48 Stat. 524.
38 U. S. C. § 473a.
Death compensation to widows, etc.

48 Stat. 1281.
38 U. S. C. §§ 503-507; Supp. IV, §§ 505a-510.
Effective date, etc.

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[H. R. 6836]

[Public, No. 197]

Foreign Service.
Retirement and disability system.

46 Stat. 1213; *ante*, D. 588.
22 U. S. C. § 21 (n).
Officers promoted to Ambassador, Minister or to Department, benefits to.

Provisos.
Officers included under certain other Acts.
43 Stat. 140; 44 Stat. 902.
Future appointments.

Terms and conditions.

Periods of service.
Special contribution.

Annuity, retirement, etc.

Proviso.
Age and service, computation.

sador, Minister, or Foreign Service officer, who is not otherwise entitled to an annuity under this section and who shall have served as such for the period mentioned in the following paragraph (1), shall nevertheless be entitled to the benefits thereof in the same manner and under the same conditions as Foreign Service officers, but subject to the following terms and conditions:

"(1) Any person who has served as Ambassador or Minister, or a person appointed to a position in the Department of State after serving as Ambassador, Minister, or Foreign Service officer, continuously or at different times for an aggregate period of twenty years or more, in which period may be included any periods of service in any of the capacities and as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, may become entitled to the benefits of this section as hereinafter provided by paying into the Foreign Service retirement and disability fund a special contribution equal to 5 per centum of his annual salary for each year of such employment subsequent to July 1, 1924, with interest thereon to date of payment compounded annually at 4 per centum.

"(2) Any Ambassador or Minister, or a person appointed to a position in the Department of State after serving as Ambassador, Minister, or Foreign Service officer, who becomes entitled to the benefits of this section as provided in the preceding paragraph (1) shall receive an annuity computed in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section, including the right to voluntary retirement as provided by paragraph (d) of this section: *Provided, however*, That in case any Ambassador or Minister, or a person appointed to a position in the Department of State after serving as Ambassador, Minister, or Foreign Service officer, is retired from active service at less than sixty-five years of age and with at least twenty but less than thirty years of service, computed in accordance with this section, and assuming that he shall have complied with the requirements of the law entitling him to such annuity, he shall receive an annuity computed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section on the basis of the total period of service thus computed, including extra service credits as provided in paragraph (k) of this section, the fractional part of a month, if any, to be eliminated from such total period of service; or if he is over sixty-five years of age (unless he is retained in active service as provided in paragraph (d) of this section), or not in active service, on the effective date of this Act such annuity shall begin on the date he complies with all the requirements of law to entitle him to such annuity."

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[CHAPTER 331]

AN ACT

To provide certain benefits for World War veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 5452]

[Public, No. 198]

World War, etc.,
veterans.
48 Stat. 1281.
38 U. S. C. § 503.

Surviving widow or
child of deceased veter-
an, benefits where
death not service con-
nected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1 of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, June 28, 1934, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1. (a) The surviving widow, child, or children of any deceased person who served in the World War before November 12, 1918, or if the person was serving with the United States military forces in Russia before April 2, 1920, who, while receiving or entitled to receive compensation, pension, or retirement pay for 10 per centum disability or more presumptively or directly incurred in or aggravated by service in the World War, dies or has died from a disease or disability not