

Public Law 85-311

AN ACT

September 7, 1957
[S. 2080]

Relating to the computation of income for the purpose of payment of death benefits to parents or pension for non-service-connected disability or death in certain cases.

Veterans.
Death benefit a,
etc.
66 Stat. 91.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (1) in determining "annual income" under the provisions of paragraph II (a) of part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended (38 U. S. C., ch. 12A), and section 1 (c) of the Act of June 28, 1934, as added by section 1 of the Act of July 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 1068), and as amended (38 U. S. C. 503 (c)), and (2) in determining the dependency of a parent for the purpose of payment of death compensation by the Veterans' Administration, payment of a bonus or similar cash gratuity to a veteran or his survivors by any State based on service in the Armed Forces of the United States shall not be considered. The term "State" means each of the several States, Territories, and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

"State".

Effective date;
termination.

SEC. 2. Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the date of its enactment and shall cease to be in effect on January 1, 1958.

Ante, p. 104.

SEC. 3. Section 403 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957, Public Law 85-56, is amended by deleting the word "and" immediately preceding item (5); by substituting a semicolon followed by the word "and" for the period at the end of item (5); and by adding the following new item:

"(6) payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval or air service."

Ante, p. 90.

SEC. 4. Section 102 (c) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957, Public Law 85-56, is amended by adding after the word "Administration" the following: "or payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on military, naval, or air service".

70 Stat. 865.

SEC. 5. Section 205 (g) (1) of the Servicemen's and Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act (38 U. S. C. 1115) is amended (1) by substituting a semicolon for the period at the end of item "(E)", and (2) by adding the following new item:

"(F) payments of bonus or similar cash gratuity by any State, Territory, possession, or Commonwealth of the United States, or the District of Columbia, based on service in the Armed Forces of the United States."

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AN ACT

September 7, 1957
[H. R. 2486]

To authorize Commodity Credit Corporation to grant relief with respect to claims arising out of deliveries of eligible surplus feed grains on ineligible dates in connection with purchase orders under its emergency feed program.

Commodity
Credit Corpora-
tion.
Emergency feed
programs, relief.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Commodity Credit Corporation, under such regulations as may be approved by the Secretary of Agriculture, is hereby authorized to grant relief to farmers and dealers in connection with claims arising out of early and late deliveries under purchase orders for drought relief feed

issued under the 1954, 1955, and 1956 emergency feed programs, by recognizing as valid those purchases and deliveries of designated surplus feed grains and approved mixed feeds, which (a) were actually purchased by the farmer from the dealer on or after the date the Secretary declared the county, where the purchase order was issued, to be eligible for assistance under the emergency feed program, and (b) are found to have been physically delivered to the farmer not later than six months from the expiration date of the purchase order issued to the farmer.

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Public Law 85-313

AN ACT

To amend title 17 of the United States Code entitled "Copyrights" to provide for a statute of limitations with respect to civil actions.

September 7, 1957
[H. R. 277]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 115 of title 17, United States Code, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Copyrights.
Civil actions.
61 Stat. 652.

“§ 115. Limitations

“(a) CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS.—No criminal proceedings shall be maintained under the provisions of this title unless the same is commenced within three years after the cause of action arose.

“(b) CIVIL ACTIONS.—No civil action shall be maintained under the provisions of this title unless the same is commenced within three years after the claim accrued.”

SEC. 2. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect one year after the date of enactment of this Act and shall apply to all actions commenced on or after such effective date.

SEC. 3. The chapter analysis of chapter 2 of title 17 preceding section 101 is amended by striking out

“‘115. Limitation of criminal proceedings’
and inserting

“‘115. Limitations’”.

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Public Law 85-314

AN ACT

To permit the Secretary of Agriculture to sell to individuals land in Ottawa County, Michigan, which was acquired pursuant to the provisions of title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

September 7, 1957
[H. R. 7900]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) the Secretary of Agriculture may sell to individuals such real property in Ottawa County, Michigan, as (1) was acquired by him pursuant to the provisions of section 32 of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act (7 U. S. C. 1011), (2) is being administered by him, and (3) he determines is not needed for public purposes and is suitable for private ownership.

Ottawa County,
Mich.
Sale of land.

50 Stat. 526.

(b) The Secretary of Agriculture shall sell real property which is sold pursuant to the provisions of subsection (a) to the highest responsible bidder but at not less than the fair market price thereof as determined by him and in such parcels and subject to such terms and conditions as he may prescribe.

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