

Public Law 88-71

AN ACT

To provide medical care for certain Coast and Geodetic Survey retired ships' officers and crew members and their dependents, and for other purposes.

July 19, 1963
[S. 969]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, subject to regulations of the President, retired ships' officers and retired members of the crews of vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall be entitled to medical, surgical, and dental treatment and hospitalization at facilities of the Public Health Service: *Provided*, That the ships' officer or crew member, (1) was on active duty as a vessel employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey on July 1, 1963, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later, and his employment as a vessel employee was continuous from that date until retirement, or (2) was retired as a vessel employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey on or before July 1, 1963, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later.

Coast and Geodetic Survey,
officers and crew
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Medical care.

(b) Subject to regulations of the President, dependent members of families (as defined in such regulations) of ships' officers and members of crews of vessels of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, whether such ships' officers and members of crew are on active duty or retired, shall be furnished medical advice and outpatient treatment by the Public Health Service at its hospitals and relief stations and, if suitable accommodations are available, they shall also be furnished hospitalization at hospitals of the Public Health Service: *Provided*, That the ships' officer or crew member (1) was on active duty as a vessel employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey on July 1, 1963, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later, and his employment as a vessel employee has been continuous from that time, or (2) was on active duty as a vessel employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey on July 1, 1963, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later, and his employment as a vessel employee was continuous from that time until retirement, or (3) was retired as a vessel employee of the Coast and Geodetic Survey on or before July 1, 1963, or on the date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later. When dependent members of families are hospitalized, a per diem charge, at such uniform rate as may be prescribed from time to time for the hospitalization of dependents of members of the uniformed services at hospitals of the uniformed services pursuant to section 1078(a) of title 10, United States Code, shall be made.

Dependents.

(c) The Coast and Geodetic Survey shall furnish proper identification to those persons entitled to medical treatment under the provisions of this Act.

72 Stat. 1448.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 326(b) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 253(b)) is repealed.

Repeal.
58 Stat. 697.

(b) Section 326(c) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 253(c)) is amended by inserting the words "or Coast and Geodetic Survey" after the words "Coast Guard" both times the words appear in the subsection.

Approved July 19, 1963.