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authorized by title 5, United States Code, section 3109, but at rates for individuals not to exceed the per diem equivalent of the rate for grade GS-18; and other personal services without regard to the provisions of law regulating the employment and compensation of persons in the Government service, \$960,000.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

SALARIES AND EXPENSES

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses", Office of Management and Budget, \$900,000.

CHAPTER XIII

CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS

For payment of claims settled and determined by departments and agencies in accord with law and judgments rendered against the United States by the United States Court of Claims and United States district courts, as set forth in Senate Document Numbered 91-117 and House Document Numbered 91-420, Ninety-first Congress, \$43,130,510, together with such amounts as may be necessary to pay interest (as and when specified in such judgments or provided by law) and such additional sums due to increases in rates of exchange as may be necessary to pay claims in foreign currency: *Provided*, That no judgment herein appropriated for shall be paid until it shall become final and conclusive against the United States by failure of the parties to appeal or otherwise: *Provided further*, That unless otherwise specifically required by law or by judgment, payment of interest wherever appropriated for herein shall not continue for more than thirty days after the date of the approval of the act.

CHAPTER XIV

GENERAL PROVISION

SEC. 1401. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

Approved January 8, 1971.

Public Law 91-666

AN ACT

January 11, 1971
[H. R. 370]

To amend chapter 39 of title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount allowed for the purchase of specially equipped automobiles for disabled veterans, to extend benefits under such chapter to certain persons on active duty, and to provide for provision and replacement of adaptive equipment and continuing repair, maintenance, and installation thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Disabled Veterans' and Servicemen's Automobile Assistance Act of 1970".

SEC. 2. (a) Chapter 39 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

Disabled
Veterans' and
Servicemen's
Automobile
Assistance
Act of 1970.
72 Stat. 1215;
81 Stat. 184.
38 USC 1901.

**"Chapter 39.—AUTOMOBILES AND ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT
FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS AND MEMBERS
OF THE ARMED FORCES**

"Sec.

"1901. Definitions.

"1902. Assistance for providing automobile and adaptive equipment.

"1903. Limitations on assistance.

"§ 1901. Definitions

"For purposes of this chapter—

"(1) The term 'eligible person' means—

"(A) any veteran entitled to compensation under chapter 11 of this title for any of the disabilities described in subclause (i), (ii), or (iii) below, if the disability is the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated by active military, naval, or air service during World War II or the Korean conflict; or if the disability is the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated by active military, naval, or air service performed after January 31, 1955, and the injury was incurred or the disease was contracted in line of duty as a direct result of the performance of military duty:

"(i) The loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet;

"(ii) The loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;

"(iii) The permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the following status: central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no greater than twenty degrees in the better eye; or

"(B) any member of the Armed Forces serving on active duty who is suffering from any disability described in subclause (i), (ii), or (iii) of clause (A) of this paragraph if such disability is the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated by active military, naval, or air service during World War II, the Korean conflict, or the Vietnam era; or if such disability is the result of an injury incurred or disease contracted in or aggravated by any other active military, naval, or air service performed after January 31, 1955, and the injury was incurred or the disease was contracted in line of duty as a direct result of the performance of military duty.

"(2) The term 'World War II' includes, in the case of any eligible person, any period of continuous service performed by him after December 31, 1946, and before July 26, 1947, if such period began before January 1, 1947.

"§ 1902. Assistance for providing automobile and adaptive equipment

"(a) The Administrator, under regulations which he shall prescribe, shall provide or assist in providing an automobile or other conveyance to each eligible person by paying the total purchase price of the auto-

mobile or other conveyance or \$2,800, whichever is the lesser, to the seller from whom the eligible person is purchasing under a sales agreement between the seller and the eligible person.

“(b) The Administrator, under regulations which he shall prescribe, shall provide each eligible person the adaptive equipment deemed necessary to insure that the eligible person will be able to operate the automobile or other conveyance in a manner consistent with his own safety and the safety of others and so as to satisfy the applicable standards of licensure established by the State of his residency or other proper licensing authority.

“(c) In accordance with regulations which he shall prescribe, the Administrator shall (1) repair, replace, or reinstall adaptive equipment deemed necessary for the operation of an automobile or other conveyance acquired in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, and (2) provide, repair, replace, or reinstall such adaptive equipment for any automobile or other conveyance which an eligible person may subsequently have acquired.

“(d) If an eligible person cannot qualify to operate an automobile or other conveyance, the Administrator shall provide or assist in providing an automobile or other conveyance to such person, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, if the automobile or other conveyance is to be operated for the eligible person by another person.

“§ 1903. Limitations on assistance

“(a) No eligible person shall be entitled to receive more than one automobile or other conveyance under the provisions of this chapter, and no payment shall be made under this chapter for the repair, maintenance, or replacement of an automobile or other conveyance.

“(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of section 1902 of this title, no eligible person shall be provided an automobile or other conveyance under this chapter until it is established to the satisfaction of the Administrator, in accordance with regulations he shall prescribe, that the eligible person will be able to operate the automobile or other conveyance in a manner consistent with his own safety and the safety of others and will satisfy the applicable standards of licensure to operate the automobile or other conveyance established by the State of his residency or other proper licensing authority.

“(c) An eligible person shall not be entitled to adaptive equipment under this chapter for more than one automobile or other conveyance at any one time.

“(d) Adaptive equipment shall not be provided under this chapter unless it conforms to minimum standards of safety and quality prescribed by the Administrator.”

(b) The analysis of title 38, United States Code, and the analysis of part III thereof, are each amended by striking out

“39. Automobiles for Disabled Veterans..... 1901”
and inserting in lieu thereof:

“39. Automobiles and Adaptive Equipment for Certain Disabled Veterans
and Members of the Armed Forces..... 1901”.

Approved January 11, 1971.