

Public Law 93-66

July 9, 1973
[H. R. 7445]

AN ACT

To extend the Renegotiation Act of 1951 for one year, and for other purposes.

Renegotiation
Act of 1951, and
Social Security
Act, amendments.
70 Stat. 786;
85 Stat. 97.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 102 (c) (1) of the Renegotiation Act of 1951 (50 U.S.C. App., sec. 1212 (c) (1)) is amended by striking out "June 30, 1973" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 30, 1974".

TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

PART A—INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE IN SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

SEC. 201. (a) (1) The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Secretary") shall, in accordance with the provisions of this section, increase the monthly benefits and lump-sum death payments payable under title II of the Social Security Act by the percentage by which the Consumer Price Index prepared by the Department of Labor for the month of June 1973 exceeds such index for the month of June 1972.

(2) The provisions of this section (and the increase in benefits made hereunder) shall be effective, in the case of monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act, only for months after May 1974 and prior to January 1975, and, in the case of lump-sum death payments under such title, only with respect to deaths which occur after May 1974 and prior to January 1975.

(b) The increase in social security benefits authorized under this section shall be provided, and any determinations by the Secretary in connection with the provision of such increase in benefits shall be made, in the manner prescribed in section 215(i) of the Social Security Act for the implementation of cost-of-living increases authorized under title II of such Act, except that the amount of such increase shall be based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index described in subsection (a).

(c) The increase in social security benefits provided by this section shall—

(1) not be considered to be an increase in benefits made under or pursuant to section 215(i) of the Social Security Act, and

(2) not (except for purposes of section 203(a) (2) of such Act, as in effect after May 1974) be considered to be a "general benefit increase under this title" (as such term is defined in section 215(i) (3) of such Act);

and nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any increase in the "contribution and benefit base" (as that term is employed in section 230 of such Act), or any increase in the "exempt amount" (as such term is used in section 203 (f) (8) of such Act).

(d) Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize (directly or indirectly) any increase in monthly benefits under title II of the Social Security Act for any month after December 1974, or any increase in lump-sum death payments payable under such title in the case of deaths occurring after December 1974. The recognition of the existence of the increase in benefits authorized by the preceding subsections of this section (during the period it was in effect) in the application, after December 1974, of the provisions of sections 202

86 Stat. 412,
1334.
42 USC 415.

86 Stat. 415.
42 USC 403.

86 Stat. 416,
1370.
42 USC 430.
86 Stat. 1341.

(q) and 203(a) of such Act shall not, for purposes of the preceding sentence, be considered to be an increase in a monthly benefit for a month after December 1974.

SEC. 202. (a) Paragraphs (1) and (4)(B) of section 203(f) of the Social Security Act are each amended by striking out "\$175" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$200".

(b) The first sentence of paragraph (3) of section 203(f) of such Act is amended by striking out "\$175" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$200".

(c) Paragraph (1)(A) of section 203(h) of such Act is amended by striking out "\$175" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$200".

(d) The amendments made by this section shall be effective with respect to taxable years beginning after December 31, 1973.

SEC. 203. (a) (1) Section 209 (a) (8) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(2) Section 211(b) (1) (H) of such Act is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(3) Sections 213(a) (2) (ii) and 213(a) (2) (iii) of such Act are each amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(4) Section 215(e) (1) of such Act is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(b) (1) Section 1402(h) (1) (H) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (relating to definition of self-employment income) is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(2) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, section 3121(a) (1) of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount each place it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(3) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, the second sentence of section 3122 of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(4) Effective with respect to remuneration paid after 1973, section 3125 of such Code is amended by striking out the dollar amount each place it appears in subsections (a), (b), and (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(5) Section 6413(c) (1) of such Code (relating to special refunds of employment taxes) is amended by striking out "\$12,000" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(6) Section 6413(c) (2) (A) of such Code (relating to refunds of employment taxes in the case of Federal employees) is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(7) Effective with respect to taxable years beginning after 1973, section 6654(d) (2) (B) (ii) of such Code (relating to failure by individual to pay estimated income tax) is amended by striking out the dollar amount and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(c) Section 230(c) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(d) Paragraphs (2)(C), (3)(C), (4)(C), and (7)(C) of section 203(b) of Public Law 92-336 are each amended by striking out "\$12,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$12,600".

(e) The amendments made by this section, except subsection (a) (4), shall apply only with respect to remuneration paid after, and taxable years beginning after, 1973. The amendments made by subsection (a) (4) shall apply with respect to calendar years after 1973.

(f) Effective June 1, 1974, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, shall prescribe and publish in the Federal Register such

86 Stat. 1335.
72 Stat. 1017;
86 Stat. 1334.
42 USC 402,
403.

86 Stat. 1341.

Effective date.

86 Stat. 418.
42 USC 409.

42 USC 411.

42 USC 413.

42 USC 415.

86 Stat. 419.
26 USC 1402.

Effective date.

86 Stat. 417.
42 USC 430.

86 Stat. 419.
26 USC 3121,
3122, 3125,
6654.
Effective date.

Publication in
Federal Register.

86 Stat. 406,
1369.
42 USC 415.
86 Stat. 414.

modifications and extensions in the table contained in section 215 (a) of the Social Security Act (which shall be determined in the same manner as the revisions in such table provided for under section 215 (i) (2) (D) of such Act) as may be necessary to reflect the amendments made by this section; and such modified and extended table shall be deemed to be the table appearing in such section 215 (a).

PART B—PROVISIONS RELATING TO FEDERAL PROGRAM
OF SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME

INCREASE IN SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS

86 Stat. 1466.
42 USC 1382.

SEC. 210. (a) Section 1611 (a) (1) (A) and section 1611 (b) (1) of the Social Security Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) are each amended by striking out "\$1,560" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,680".

(b) Section 1611 (a) (2) (A) and section 1611 (b) (2) of such Act (as so enacted) are each amended by striking out "\$2,340" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,520".

Effective date.

(c) The amendments made by this section shall apply with respect to payments for months after June 1974.

SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME BENEFITS FOR ESSENTIAL PERSONS

86 Stat. 1465.
42 USC 1381.

SEC. 211. (a) (1) In determining (for purposes of title XVI of the Social Security Act, as in effect after December 1973) the eligibility for and the amount of the supplemental security income benefit payable to any qualified individual (as defined in subsection (b)), with respect to any period for which such individual has in his home an essential person (as defined in subsection (c))—

(A) the dollar amounts specified in subsection (a) (1) (A) and (2) (A), and subsection (b) (1) and (2), of section 1611 of such Act, shall each be increased by \$840 (\$780 in the case of any period prior to July 1974) for each such essential person, and

(B) the income and resources of such individual shall (for purposes of such title XVI) be deemed to include the income and resources of such essential person;

except that the provisions of this subsection shall not, in the case of any individual, be applicable for any period which begins in or after the first month that such individual—

(C) does not but would (except for the provisions of subparagraph (B)) meet—

(i) the criteria established with respect to income in section 1611 (a) of such Act, or

(ii) the criteria established with respect to resources by such section 1611 (a) (or, if applicable, by section 1611 (g) of such Act).

(2) The provisions of section 1611 (g) of the Social Security Act (as in effect after December 1973) shall, in the case of any qualified individual (as defined in subsection (b)), be applied so as to include, in the resources of such individual, the resources of any person (described in subsection (b) (2)) whose needs were taken into account in determining the need of such individual for the aid or assistance referred to in subsection (b) (1).

(b) For purposes of this section, an individual shall be a "qualified individual" only if—

(1) for the month of December 1973 such individual was a recipient of aid or assistance under a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act, and

86 Stat. 1484.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351.

(2) in determining the need of such individual for such aid or assistance for such month under such State plan, there were taken into account the needs of a person (other than such individual) who—

(A) was living in the home of such individual, and

(B) was not eligible (in his or her own right) for aid or assistance under such State plan for such month.

(c) The term "essential person", when used in connection with any qualified individual, means a person who—

"Essential person."

(1) for the month of December 1973 was a person (described in subsection (b)(2)) whose needs were taken into account in determining the need of such individual for aid or assistance under a State plan referred to in subsection (b)(1) as such State plan was in effect for June 1973,

(2) lives in the home of such individual,

(3) is not eligible (in his or her own right) for supplemental security income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act (as in effect after December 1973), and

(4) is not the eligible spouse (as that term is used in such title XVI) of such individual or any other individual.

86 Stat. 1465.
42 USC 1381.

If for any month after December 1973 any person fails to meet the criteria specified in paragraph (2), (3), or (4) of the preceding sentence, such person shall not, for such month or any month thereafter be considered to be an essential person.

MANDATORY MINIMUM STATE SUPPLEMENTATION OF SSI BENEFITS PROGRAM

SEC. 212. (a) (1) In order for any State (other than the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Guam, or the Virgin Islands) to be eligible for payments pursuant to title XIX, with respect to expenditures for any quarter beginning after December 1973, such State must have in effect an agreement with the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter in this section referred to as the "Secretary") whereby the State will provide to individuals residing in the State supplementary payments as required under paragraph (2).

79 Stat. 343;
86 Stat. 1426.
42 USC 1396.

(2) Any agreement entered into by a State pursuant to paragraph (1) shall provide that each individual who—

(A) is an aged, blind, or disabled individual (within the meaning of section 1614(a) of the Social Security Act, as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972), and

86 Stat. 1471.
42 USC 1382c.

(B) for the month of December 1973 was a recipient of (and was eligible to receive) aid or assistance (in the form of money payments) under a State plan of such State (approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, of the Social Security Act)

shall be entitled to receive, from the State, the supplementary payment described in paragraph (3) for each month, beginning with January 1974, and ending with whichever of the following first occurs:

86 Stat. 1484.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351.

(C) the month in which such individual dies, or

(D) the first month in which such individual ceases to meet the condition specified in subparagraph (A);

except that no individual shall be entitled to receive such supplementary payment for any month, if, for such month, such individual was ineligible to receive supplemental income benefits under title XVI of the Social Security Act by reason of the provisions of section 1611(e) (1) (A), (2), or (3), 1611(f), or 1615(c) of such Act.

86 Stat. 1467.
42 USC 1382,
1382d.

(3) (A) The supplementary payment referred to in paragraph (2) which shall be paid for any month to any individual who is entitled thereto under an agreement entered into pursuant to this subsection

shall (except as provided in subparagraph (D)) be an amount equal to (i) the amount by which such individual's "December 1973 income" (as determined under subparagraph (B)) exceeds the amount of such individual's "title XVI benefit plus other income" (as determined under subparagraph (C)) for such month, or (ii) if greater, such amount as the State may specify.

(B) For purposes of subparagraph (A), an individual's "December 1973 income" means an amount equal to the aggregate of—

(i) the amount of the aid or assistance (in the form of money payments) which such individual would have received (including any part of such amount which is attributable to meeting the needs of any other person whose presence in such individual's home is essential to such individual's well-being) for the month of December 1973 under a plan (approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI, of the Social Security Act) of the State entering into an agreement under this subsection, if the terms and conditions of such plan (relating to eligibility for and amount of such aid or assistance payable thereunder) were, for the month of December 1973, the same as those in effect, under such plan, for the month of June 1973, and

(ii) the amount of the income of such individual (other than the aid or assistance described in clause (i)) received by such individual in December 1973, minus any such income which did not result, but which if properly reported would have resulted in a reduction in the amount of such aid or assistance.

(C) For purposes of subparagraph (A), the amount of an individual's "title XVI benefit plus other income" for any month means an amount equal to the aggregate of—

(i) the amount (if any) of the supplemental security income benefit to which such individual is entitled for such month under title XVI of the Social Security Act, and

(ii) the amount of any income of such individual for such month (other than income in the form of a benefit described in clause (i)).

(D) If the amount determined under subparagraph (B)(i) includes, in the case of any individual, an amount which was payable to such individual solely because of—

(i) a special need of such individual (including any special allowance for housing, or the rental value of housing furnished in kind to such individual in lieu of a rental allowance) which existed in December 1973, or

(ii) any special circumstance (such as the recognition of the needs of a person whose presence in such individual's home, in December 1973, was essential to such individual's well-being), and, if for any month after December 1973 there is a change with respect to such special need or circumstance which, if such change had existed in December 1973, the amount described in subparagraph (B)(i) with respect to such individual would have been reduced on account of such change, then, for such month and for each month thereafter the amount of the supplementary payment payable under the agreement entered into under this subsection to such individual shall (unless the State, at its option, otherwise specifies) be reduced by an amount equal to the amount by which the amount (described in subparagraph (B)(i)) would have been so reduced.

(b)(1) Any State having an agreement with the Secretary under subsection (a) may enter into an administration agreement with the Secretary whereby the Secretary will, on behalf of such State, make the supplementary payments required under the agreement entered into under subsection (a).

86 Stat. 1484,
1465.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351, 1381.

(2) Any such administration agreement between the Secretary and a State entered into under this subsection shall provide that the State will (A) certify to the Secretary the names of each individual who, for December 1973, was a recipient of aid or assistance (in the form of money payments) under a plan of such State approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of the Social Security Act, together with the amount of such assistance payable to each such individual and the amount of such individual's December 1973 income (as defined in subsection (a)(3)(B)), and (B) provide the Secretary with such additional data at such times as the Secretary may reasonably require in order properly, economically, and efficiently to carry out such administration agreement.

(3) Any State which has entered into an administration agreement under this subsection shall, at such times and in such installments as may be agreed upon between the Secretary and the State, pay to the Secretary an amount equal to the expenditures made by the Secretary as supplementary payments to individuals entitled thereto under the agreement entered into with such State under subsection (a).

(c)(1) Supplementary payments made pursuant to an agreement entered into under subsection (a) shall be excluded under section 1612(b)(6) of the Social Security Act (as in effect after December 1973) in determining income of individuals for purposes of title XVI of such Act (as so in effect).

(2) Supplementary payments made by the Secretary (pursuant to an administration agreement entered into under subsection (b)) shall, for purposes of section 401 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972, be considered to be payments made under an agreement entered into under section 1616 of the Social Security Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972); except that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to waive, with respect to the payments so made by the Secretary, the provisions of subsection (b) of such section 401.

(d) For purposes of subsection (a)(1), a State shall be deemed to have entered into an agreement under subsection (a) of this section if such State has entered into an agreement with the Secretary under section 1616 of the Social Security Act under which—

(1) individuals, other than individuals described in subsection (a)(2)(A) and (B), are entitled to receive supplementary payments, and

(2) supplementary benefits are payable, to individuals described in subsection (a)(2)(A) and (B) at a level and under terms and conditions which meet the minimum requirements specified in subsection (a).

(e) Except as the Secretary may by regulations otherwise provide, the provisions of title XVI of the Social Security Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972), including the provisions of part B of such title, relating to the terms and conditions under which the benefits authorized by such title are payable shall, where not inconsistent with the purposes of this section, be applicable to the payments made under an agreement under subsection (b) of this section; and the authority conferred upon the Secretary by such title may, where appropriate, be exercised by him in the administration of this section.

(f) The provisions of subsection (a)(1) shall not be applicable in the case of any State—

(1) the Constitution of which contains provisions which make it impossible for such State to enter into and commence carrying out (on January 1, 1974) an agreement referred to in subsection (a), and

(2) the Attorney General (or other appropriate State official) of which has, prior to July 1, 1973, made a finding that the State

86 Stat. 1484,
1465.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351, 1381.

42 USC 1382a.

86 Stat. 1485.
42 USC 1382e
note.
42 USC 1382e.

Constitution of such State contains limitations which prevent such State from making supplemental payments of the type described in section 1616 of the Social Security Act.

86 Stat. 1474.
42 USC 1382e.

PREFERENCE FOR PRESENT STATE AND LOCAL EMPLOYEES

SEC. 213. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, in the recruitment and selection for employment of personnel whose services will be utilized in the administration of the Federal program of supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled (established by title XVI of the Social Security Act), shall give a preference, as among applicants whose qualifications are reasonably equal (subject to any preferences conferred by law or regulation on individuals who have been Federal employees and have been displaced from such employment), to applicants for employment who are or were employed in the administration of any State program approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of such Act and are or were involuntarily displaced from their employment as a result of the displacement of such State program by such Federal program.

42 USC 1381.

86 Stat. 1484.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351.

DETERMINATION OF BLINDNESS UNDER SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME PROGRAM

SEC. 214. Section 1633 of the Social Security Act (as enacted by section 301 of the Social Security Amendments of 1972) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” immediately after “SEC. 1633.”,

(2) by striking out “The Secretary” and inserting in lieu thereof “Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary”, and

(3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(b) In determining, for purposes of this title, whether an individual is blind, there shall be an examination of such individual by a physician skilled in the diseases of the eye or by an optometrist, whichever the individual may select.”

86 Stat. 1478.
42 USC 1383b.

PART C—SOCIAL SERVICES

SOCIAL SERVICES REGULATIONS POSTPONED

SEC. 220. (a) Subject to subsection (b), no regulation and no modification of any regulation, promulgated by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare (hereinafter referred to as the “Secretary”) after January 1, 1973, shall be effective for any period which begins prior to November 1, 1973, if (and insofar as) such regulation or modification of a regulation pertains (directly or indirectly) to the provisions of law contained in section 3(a)(4)(A), 402(a)(19)(G), 403(a)(3)(A), 603(a)(1)(A), 1003(a)(3)(A), 1403(a)(3)(A), or 1603(a)(4)(A), of the Social Security Act, unless such regulation or modification has been approved, prior to its being proposed, by the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate.

42 USC 303,
602, 603, 803,
1203, 1353, 1383.

(b) (1) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “scope of programs”, if such regulation is identical (except as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.0 of the regulations (relating to social services) proposed by the Secretary and published in the Federal Register on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from the first sentence of subsection (b) of such section 221.0 the phrase “meets all the applicable requirements of this part and”.

(2) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “limitations on total amount of Federal funds payable to States for services”, if such regulation is identical (except

as provided in the succeeding sentence) to the provisions of section 221.55 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973. There shall be deleted from subsection (d) (1) of such section 221.55 the phrase “(as defined under day care services for children)” and, in lieu of the sentence contained in subsection (d) (5) of such section 221.55, there shall be inserted the following: “Services provided to a child who is under foster care in a foster family home (as defined in section 408 of the Social Security Act) or in a child-care institution (as defined in such section), or while awaiting placement in such a home or institution, but only if such services are needed by such child because he is under foster care.”

(3) The provisions of subsection (a) shall not be applicable to any regulation relating to “rates and amounts of Federal financial participation for Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Guam”, if such regulation is identical to the provisions of section 221.56 of the regulations so proposed and published on May 1, 1973.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 553(d) of title 5, United States Code, any regulation described in subsection (b) may become effective upon the date of its publication in the Federal Register.

SEC. 221. Section 1130(a) (2) of the Social Security Act is amended—

(1) by striking out “of the amounts paid (under all of such sections)” and inserting in lieu thereof “of the amounts paid under such section 403(a) (3)” and

(2) by striking out “under State plans approved under titles I, X, XIV, XVI, or part A of title IV” and inserting in lieu thereof “under the State plan approved under part A of title IV”.

PART D—PROVISIONS RELATING TO MEDICAID

COVERAGE OF ESSENTIAL PERSONS UNDER MEDICAID

SEC. 230. In the case of any State plan (approved under title XIX of the Social Security Act) which for December 1973 provided medical assistance to persons described in section 1905(a) (vi) of such Act, there is hereby imposed the requirement (and such State plan shall be deemed to require) that medical assistance under such plan be provided to each such person (who for December 1973 was eligible for medical assistance under such plan) for each month (after December 1973) that—

(1) the individual (referred to in the last sentence of section 1905(a) of such Act) with whom such person is living continues to meet the criteria (as in effect for December 1973) for aid or assistance under a State plan (referred to in such sentence), and

(2) such person continues to have the relationship with such individual described in such sentence and meets the other criteria (referred to in such sentence) with respect to a State plan (so referred to) as such plan was in effect for December 1973.

Federal matching under title XIX of the Social Security Act shall be available for the medical assistance furnished to individuals eligible for such assistance under this section.

PERSONS IN MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

SEC. 231. For purposes of section 1902(a) (10) of the Social Security Act, any individual who, for all (or any part of) the month of December 1973—

(1) was an inpatient in an institution qualified for reimbursement under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and

80 Stat. 383.

86 Stat. 945.
42 USC 1320b.

42 USC 603.

42 USC 601.

79 Stat. 343;
86 Stat. 1426.
42 USC 1396.
79 Stat. 351.
42 USC 1396d.

42 USC 1396a.

86 Stat. 1484,
1465.
42 USC 301,
1201, 1351, 1382.

79 Stat. 343;
86 Stat. 1426.
42 USC 1396.

(2)(A) would (except for his being an inpatient in such institution) have been eligible to receive aid or assistance under a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of such Act, or

(B) was, on the basis of his need for care in such institution, considered to be eligible for aid or assistance under a State plan (referred to in subparagraph (A)) for purposes of determining his eligibility for medical assistance under a State plan approved under title XIX of such Act (whether or not such individual actually received aid or assistance under a State plan referred to in subparagraph (A)),

shall be deemed to be receiving such aid or assistance for such month and for each succeeding month in a continuous period of months if, for each month in such period—

(3) such individual continues to be (for all of such month) an inpatient in such an institution and would (except for his being an inpatient in such institution) continue to meet the conditions of eligibility to receive aid or assistance under such plan (as such plan was in effect for December 1973), and

(4) such individual is determined (under the utilization review and other professional audit procedures applicable to State plans approved under title XIX of the Social Security Act) to be in need of care in such an institution.

Federal matching under title XIX of the Social Security Act shall be available for the medical assistance furnished to individuals eligible for such assistance under this section.

BLIND AND DISABLED MEDICALLY INDIGENT PERSONS

42 USC 1396a.

SEC. 232. For purposes of section 1902(a) (10) of the Social Security Act, any individual who, for the month of December 1973 was eligible (under the provisions of subparagraph (B) of such section) for medical assistance by reason of his having been determined to meet the criteria for blindness or disability (established by a State plan approved under title I, X, XIV, or XVI of such Act), shall be deemed to be a person described as being a person who "would, if needy, be eligible for aid or assistance under any such State plan" in subparagraph (B) (i) of such section for each month in a continuous period of months (beginning with the month of January 1974), if, for each month in such period, such individual continues to meet the criteria for blindness or disability so established by such a State plan (as it was in effect for December 1973). Federal matching under title XIX of the Social Security Act shall be available for the medical assistance furnished to individuals eligible for such assistance under this section.

EXTENSION OF SECTION 249E OF SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1972

86 Stat. 1429.
42 USC 1396a
note.

SEC. 233. Section 249E of the Social Security Amendments of 1972 is amended by striking out "October 1974" and inserting in lieu thereof "July 1975".

REPEAL OF SECTION 225 OF SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1972

86 Stat. 1396.
42 USC 1396b.
Effective date.

SEC. 234. (a) Section 1903 of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out subsection (j) thereof (as added by section 225 of Public Law 92-603).

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall be applicable in the case of expenditures for skilled nursing services and for intermediate care facility services furnished in calendar quarters which begin after December 31, 1972.

PART E—PROVISIONS RELATING TO CHILD'S SOCIAL SECURITY
INSURANCE BENEFITS

BENEFITS FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

SEC. 240. (a) Section 202(d)(8)(D)(ii) of the Social Security Act is amended by striking out "and" at the end thereof and inserting in lieu thereof "or (III) if he is an individual referred to in either subparagraph (A) or subparagraph (B) and the child is the grandchild of such individual or his or her spouse, for the year immediately before the month in which such child files his or her application for child's insurance benefits, and".

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to monthly benefits payable under title II of the Social Security Act for months after the month in which this Act is enacted on the basis of applications for such benefits filed in or after the month in which this Act is enacted.

Approved July 9, 1973.

86 Stat. 1346.
42 USC 402.

Effective date.

42 USC 401.

Public Law 93-67

AN ACT

Authorizing further appropriations to the Secretary of the Interior for services necessary to the nonperforming arts functions of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second sentence of subsection (e) of section 6 of the John F. Kennedy Center Act (72 Stat. 1698), as amended, is amended to read as follows: "There are hereby authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this subsection, not to exceed \$2,400,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1974, and \$2,500,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975."

Approved July 10, 1973.

July 10, 1973
[S.1759]

John F.
Kennedy Center
for the Performing
Arts.
86 Stat. 222.

Public Law 93-68

AN ACT

To extend the time for conducting the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1974.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 336 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following: "Notwithstanding any other provision hereof the referendum with respect to the national marketing quota for wheat for the marketing year beginning July 1, 1974, may be conducted not later than the earlier of the following: (1) thirty days after adjournment sine die of the first session of the Ninety-third Congress; or (2) October 15, 1973."

Approved July 10, 1973.

July 10, 1973
[S.1938]

Wheat.
Marketing quota
referendum.
84 Stat. 969.
7 USC 1336.