

Public Law 99-227  
99th Congress

## An Act

To provide for temporary family housing or temporary housing allowances for dependents of members of the Armed Forces who die on or after December 12, 1985, and for other purposes.

Dec. 28, 1985  
[H.R. 3974]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 403 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

"(1)(1) The Secretary of Defense, or the Secretary of Transportation in the case of the Coast Guard when not operating as a service in the Navy, may allow the dependents of a member of the Armed Forces who dies in line of duty and whose dependents are occupying family housing provided by the Department of Defense, or by the Department of Transportation in the case of the Coast Guard, other than on a rental basis on the date of the member's death to continue to occupy such housing without charge for a period of 90 days.

"(2) The Secretary concerned may pay an allowance for quarters to the dependents of a member of the uniformed services who dies in line of duty and whose dependents are not occupying a housing facility under the jurisdiction of a uniformed service on the date of the member's death or are occupying such housing on a rental basis on such date, or whose dependents vacate such housing sooner than 90 days after the date of the member's death. The amount of the allowance for quarters shall be the same amount that would be payable to the deceased member under sections 403, 403a, and 405 of this title if the member had not died. The payment of an allowance for quarters under this subsection shall terminate 90 days after the date of the member's death."

*Ante*, pp. 636,  
638; 98 Stat.  
2536.

Effective date.  
37 USC 403 note.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by section 1 of this Act shall take effect December 12, 1985, and shall apply only with respect to housing for and payment of an allowance for quarters to dependents of members of the uniformed services who died on or after that date.

SEC. 3. SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM.—Section 401(c) of Public Law 99-166 is amended to read as follows:

*Ante*, p. 956.

"(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect on January 1, 1986.

38 USC 767  
note.

"(2) The amendment made by subsection (a)(1)(A) shall be deemed to have taken effect on December 12, 1985, with respect to members who—

"(A) died after December 11, 1985, and before January 1, 1986; and

"(B) were, on the date of death, insured in the amount of \$35,000 under subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code."

38 USC 765.

Approved December 28, 1985.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 3974 (S. 1956):

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Dec. 18, considered and passed House; considered and passed Senate, amended.  
Dec. 19, House concurred in Senate amendments.