

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 85-857 effective Jan. 1, 1959, see section 2 of Pub. L. 85-857, set out as a note preceding Part I of Title 38, Veterans' Benefits.

**§ 1442. Recovery of annuity erroneously paid**

In addition to other methods of recovery provided by law, the Secretary concerned may authorize the recovery, by deduction from later payments to a person, of any amount erroneously paid to him under this subchapter. However, recovery is not required if, in the judgment of the Secretary concerned, there has been no fault by the person to whom the amount was erroneously paid and recovery would be contrary to the purposes of this subchapter or against equity and good conscience.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 111; Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(A), Sept. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 706; Pub. L. 104-316, title I, §105(a), Oct. 19, 1996, 110 Stat. 3830.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1442 .....	37:376.	Aug. 8, 1953, ch. 393, §7, 67 Stat. 504.

The words "In addition to other methods of recovery provided by law, the Secretary concerned may" are substituted for 37:376(a) (1st 15 words of 1st sentence). The words "from later payments to an annuitant" are substituted for 37:376(a) (2d sentence).

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

1996—Pub. L. 104-316 struck out "and the Comptroller General" after "judgment of the Secretary concerned".  
1972—Pub. L. 92-425 substituted "subchapter" for "chapter".

**[§ 1443. Repealed. Pub. L. 92-425, § 1(2)(B), Sept. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 706]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 111, related to Board of Actuaries, composed of Government Actuary, Chief Actuary of Social Security Administration, and an actuary who was a member of Society of Actuaries.

**§ 1444. Regulations; determinations**

(a) The President shall prescribe regulations to carry out this subchapter. Those regulations shall, so far as practicable, be uniform for the armed forces, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Public Health Service.

(b) Determinations and certifications of eligibility for, and payments of, annuities and other payments or refunds under this subchapter shall be made by the department concerned. However, in the case of a department other than a military department, payments shall be made through the disbursing facilities of the Department of the Treasury.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 111; Pub. L. 87-381, §5, Oct. 4, 1961, 75 Stat. 811; Pub. L. 89-718, §8(a), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1117; Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(A), (C), Sept. 21, 1972, 86 Stat. 706; Pub. L. 96-513, title V, §511(58), Dec. 12, 1980, 94 Stat. 2925.)

## HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
1444(a) .....	37:377 (1st sentence).	Aug. 8, 1953, ch. 393, §§6, 8
1444(b) .....	37:377 (2d sentence).	(1st and 2d sentences),
1444(c) .....	37:375.	67 Stat. 504.

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## AMENDMENTS

1980—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 96-513, §511(58)(A), substituted "National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration" for "Environmental Science Services Administration".

Subsecs. (b), (c). Pub. L. 96-513, §511(58)(B), redesignated subsec. (c) as (b).

1972—Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(C), struck out "reports to Congress" in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(A), substituted "subchapter" for "chapter".

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(C), struck out subsec. (b) which required President to submit annual reports to Congress on administration of this chapter.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 92-425, §1(2)(A), substituted "subchapter" for "chapter".

1966—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 89-718 substituted "Environmental Science Services Administration" for "Coast and Geodetic Survey".

1961—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 87-381 required report to contain a detailed account, including an actuarial analysis, of cases in which relief is granted under sections 1436(b) and 1552 of this title, or any other statutory or administrative procedure.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-513 effective Dec. 12, 1980, see section 701(b)(3) of Pub. L. 96-513, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

## REPEALS

The directory language of, but not the amendment made by, Pub. L. 89-718, §8(a), Nov. 2, 1966, 80 Stat. 1117, cited as a credit to this section, was repealed by Pub. L. 97-295, §6(b), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1314.

**Executive Documents**

## TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of functions of Public Health Service, see note set out under section 802 of this title.

**§ 1444a. Regulations regarding payment of annuity to a representative payee**

(a) The regulations prescribed pursuant to section 1444(a) of this title shall provide procedures for the payment of an annuity under this subchapter in the case of—

(1) a person for whom a guardian or other fiduciary has been appointed; and

(2) a minor, mentally incompetent, or otherwise legally disabled person for whom a guardian or other fiduciary has not been appointed.

(b) Those regulations may include the provisions set out in section 1455(d)(2) of this title.

(c) An annuity paid to a person on behalf of an annuitant in accordance with the regulations prescribed pursuant to subsection (a) discharges the obligation of the United States for payment to the annuitant of the amount of the annuity so paid.

(Added Pub. L. 102-190, div. A, title VI, §654(b)(1), Dec. 5, 1991, 105 Stat. 1390; amended Pub. L.