

“(4) On October 1, 2024, for everyone not described in paragraph (1), with respect to subparagraphs (A), (B), (D), (E), (F), [former] (G), and (K) [now (J)] of section 1120(b)(2) of such title, as so added.

“(5) On October 1, 2025, for everyone not described in paragraph (1), with respect to subparagraphs (H) [now (G)] and (J) [now (I)] of section 1120(b)(2) of such title, as so added.”

### SUBCHAPTER III—WARTIME DEATH COMPENSATION

#### § 1121. Basic entitlement

The surviving spouse, child or children, and dependent parent or parents of any veteran who died before January 1, 1957 as the result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military, naval, or air service, in line of duty, during a period of war, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the monthly rates specified in section 1122 of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1122, § 321; Pub. L. 92-197, § 6, Dec. 15, 1971, 85 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, § 404(12), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1378; renumbered § 1121 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), renumbered section 321 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “1122” for “322”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-433 substituted “spouse” for “widow”.

1971—Pub. L. 92-197 struck out eligibility clause when the veteran died after April 30, 1957, under circumstances described in section 417(a) of this title.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-433 effective Oct. 1, 1976, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-433, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-197 effective Jan. 1, 1972, see section 10 of Pub. L. 92-197, set out as a note under section 1311 of this title.

#### § 1122. Rates of wartime death compensation

(a) The monthly rates of death compensation shall be as follows:

- (1) Surviving spouse but no child, \$87;
- (2) Surviving spouse with one child, \$121 (with \$29 for each additional child);
- (3) No surviving spouse but one child, \$67;
- (4) No surviving spouse but two children, \$94 (equally divided);
- (5) No surviving spouse but three children, \$122 (equally divided) (with \$23 for each additional child, total amount to be equally divided);
- (6) Dependent parent, \$75;
- (7) Both dependent parents, \$40 each.

(b) The monthly rate of death compensation payable to a surviving spouse or dependent parent under subsection (a) of this section shall be increased by \$79 if the payee is (1) a patient in a nursing home or (2) blind, or so nearly blind or significantly disabled as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1122, § 322; Pub. L. 91-96, § 7, Oct. 27, 1969, 83 Stat. 146; Pub. L. 91-588, § 3(a), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1583; Pub. L. 92-197, § 9, Dec. 15, 1971, 85 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 93-295, title II, § 204, May 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 183; Pub. L. 94-169, title II, § 202, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1021; Pub. L. 94-432, title IV, § 401, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1372; Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, § 404(13)-(17), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1378, 1379; Pub. L. 95-204, title III, § 301, Dec. 2, 1977, 91 Stat. 1459; renumbered § 1122, Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 109-233, title V, § 502(3), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 415.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### AMENDMENTS

2006—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 109-233 substituted “blind, or so nearly blind or significantly disabled as to” for “helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 322 of this title as this section.

1977—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 95-204 substituted “\$79” for “\$74”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-433, § 404(13)-(16), substituted “Surviving spouse” for “Widow” in pars. (1) and (2); “surviving spouse” for “widow” in pars. (3), (4), and (5); “parent” for “mother or father” in par. (6); and “Both dependent parents” for “Dependent mother and father” in par. (7).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-433, § 404(17), substituted “surviving spouse” for “widow”.

Pub. L. 94-432 substituted “\$74” for “\$69”.

1975—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 94-169 substituted, effective for period beginning Jan. 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, “\$69” for “\$64”.

1974—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 93-295 substituted “\$64” for “\$55”.

1971—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 92-197 extended benefits to dependent parents under subsec. (a) of this section and increased the increase in benefits from \$50 to \$55.

1970—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 91-588 substituted “\$55” for “\$50”.

1969—Pub. L. 91-96 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 95-204, title III, § 302, Dec. 2, 1977, 91 Stat. 1459, provided that: “The provisions of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall take effect January 1, 1978.”

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENTS

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-433 effective Oct. 1, 1976, see section 406 of Pub. L. 94-433, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-432 effective Jan. 1, 1977, see section 405(b) of Pub. L. 94-432, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-169, title II, § 202, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1021, as amended by section 101 of Pub. L. 94-432, eff. Sept. 30, 1976, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1976.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-295 effective May 1, 1974, see section 401 of Pub. L. 93-295, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

##### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-197 effective Jan. 1, 1972, see section 10 of Pub. L. 92-197, set out as a note under section 1311 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1970 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-588 effective Jan. 1, 1971, see section 10(a) of Pub. L. 91-588, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1969 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 91-96 effective first day of second calendar month which begins after Oct. 27, 1969, see section 8 of Pub. L. 91-96, set out as a note under section 1302 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER IV—PEACETIME DISABILITY  
COMPENSATION**§ 1131. Basic entitlement**

For disability resulting from personal injury suffered or disease contracted in line of duty, or for aggravation of a preexisting injury suffered or disease contracted in line of duty, in the active military, naval, air, or space service, during other than a period of war, the United States will pay to any veteran thus disabled and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable from the period of service in which said injury or disease was incurred, or preexisting injury or disease was aggravated, compensation as provided in this subchapter, but no compensation shall be paid if the disability is a result of the veteran's own willful misconduct or abuse of alcohol or drugs.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1122, § 331; Pub. L. 101-508, title VIII, § 8052(a)(3), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1388-351; renumbered § 1131, Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, § 8202(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 492; Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, § 9014(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 865; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 926(a)(10), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “air, or space service” for “or air service”.

1998—Pub. L. 105-178, which directed the substitution of “, abuse of alcohol or drugs, or use of tobacco products” for “or abuse of alcohol or drugs” before the period at end, was amended generally by Pub. L. 105-206, which provided that the amendments made by that section as originally enacted shall be treated for all purposes as not having been made. See Effective Date of 1998 Amendment note below.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 331 of this title as this section.

1990—Pub. L. 101-508 substituted “a result of the veteran's own willful misconduct or abuse of alcohol or drugs” for “the result of the veteran's own willful misconduct”.

**Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 effective simultaneously with enactment of Pub. L. 105-178 and to be treated as included in Pub. L. 105-178 at time of enactment, and provisions of Pub. L. 105-178, as in effect on day before July 22, 1998, that are amended by title IX of Pub. L. 105-206 to be treated as not enacted, see section 9016 of Pub. L. 105-206, set out as a note under section 101 of Title 23, Highways.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 101-508 effective with respect to claims filed after Oct. 31, 1990, see section 8052(b) of

Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 105 of this title.

## CONSTRUCTION OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, § 9014(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 865, provided that section 8202 of Pub. L. 105-178 is amended generally and that the amendments made by that section as originally enacted shall be treated for all purposes as not having been made.

**§ 1132. Presumption of sound condition**

For the purposes of section 1131 of this title, every person employed in the active military, naval, air, or space service for six months or more shall be taken to have been in sound condition when examined, accepted and enrolled for service, except as to defects, infirmities, or disorders noted at the time of the examination, acceptance and enrollment, or where evidence or medical judgment is such as to warrant a finding that the disease or injury existed before acceptance and enrollment.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1122, § 332; renumbered § 1132 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 926(a)(11), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830.)

**Editorial Notes**

## AMENDMENTS

2021—Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “air, or space service” for “or air service”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), renumbered section 332 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “1131” for “331”.

**§ 1133. Presumptions relating to certain diseases**

(a) For the purposes of section 1131 of this title, and subject to the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this section, any veteran who served for six months or more and contracts a tropical disease or a resultant disorder or disease originating because of therapy administered in connection with a tropical disease, or as a preventative thereof, shall be deemed to have incurred such disability in the active military, naval, air, or space service when it is shown to exist within one year after separation from active service, or at a time when standard and accepted treatises indicate that the incubation period thereof commenced during active service.

(b) Service-connection shall not be granted pursuant to subsection (a), in any case where the disease or disorder is shown by clear and unmistakable evidence to have had its inception before or after active military, naval, air, or space service.

(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the granting of service-connection for any disease or disorder otherwise shown by sound judgment to have been incurred in or aggravated by active military, naval, air, or space service.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1123, § 333; renumbered § 1133 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, § 926(a)(12), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830.)