

limit for monthly benefit of \$86, maximum income limit of \$3,200 for monthly benefit of \$41 for former \$3,000 limit for monthly benefit of \$45, and twenty-five other in-between limits in one hundred dollar increments from more than \$600 to less than \$3,100 for monthly benefits of \$89 to \$43 for former in-between limit of more than \$1,000 but less than \$2,000 for monthly benefit of \$67.

1967—Pub. L. 90-77, § 202(f), inserted reference to Vietnam era in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-77, § 202(d), inserted reference to Vietnam era.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 90-77, § 106(a), increased monthly pension rate in column II from \$64, \$48, and \$27 to \$70, \$51, and \$29, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 90-77, § 106(b), increased monthly pension rate in column II from \$80, \$64, and \$43 to \$86, \$67, and \$45, respectively.

Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 90-77, § 106(c), substituted “\$16” for “\$15”.

Subsec. (e)(1). Pub. L. 90-77, § 202(e), added item (D).

Subsec. (e)(2). (3). Pub. L. 90-77, § 101(a), qualified widow of a veteran for a pension by reducing in par. (2) the requisite marriage period from five years to one year and by making her eligible for benefits in par. (3) in event of antenuptial birth.

1964—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 88-664, § 3(c), increased monthly pension rate in column II from \$60, \$45, and \$25 to \$64, \$48, and \$27, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 88-664, § 3(d), increased monthly pension rate in column II from \$75, \$60, and \$40 to \$80, \$64, and \$48, respectively.

1959—Pub. L. 86-211 included widows of World War II and Korean conflict veterans in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-211 included widows of World War II and Korean conflict veterans, and struck out provisions which authorized payment of a monthly pension of \$50.40 to a widow with no child and \$63 to a widow with one child, with \$7.56 for each additional child. See subsecs. (b) to (d) of this section.

Subsecs. (b) to (e). Pub. L. 86-211 added subsecs. (b) to (d), redesignated former subsec. (b) as (e), and inserted provisions relating to the date by which a widow was required to be married to a veteran of World War II or the Korean conflict.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-275 applicable with respect to pensions paid on or after Dec. 1, 2009, see section 608(d) of Pub. L. 111-275, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-588 effective Jan. 1, 1979, see section 401 of Pub. L. 95-588, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-204 effective Jan. 1, 1978, see section 302 of Pub. L. 95-204, set out as a note under section 1122 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

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 I, §§101, 106, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1013, 1017, provided that the amendments made by those sections are effective Jan. 1, 1976.

Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 103, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1016, as amended by Pub. L. 94-432, title I, § 101, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1369, 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. 93-527 effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 10 of Pub. L. 93-527, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-177 effective Jan. 1, 1974, see section 8 of Pub. L. 93-177, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-198 effective Jan. 1, 1972, see section 6 of Pub. L. 92-198, set out as a note under section 1521 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 1968 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-275 effective Jan. 1, 1969, see section 6(a) of Pub. L. 90-275, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-77 effective first day of first calendar month which begins more than ten days after Aug. 31, 1967, see section 405 of Pub. L. 90-77, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1964 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 88-664 effective Jan. 1, 1965, see section 11 of Pub. L. 88-664, set out as a note under section 1503 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 86-211 effective July 1, 1960, see section 10 of Pub. L. 86-211, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

PENSION, DEPENDENCY, AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION; RELATION TO SOCIAL SECURITY AMENDMENTS OF 1967

Payments for balance of calendar year 1968 and calendar year 1969, calendar year 1970, and during each successive calendar year at prescribed monthly rates when payments would be less under this title as a result of increase in monthly insurance benefits provided by Social Security Amendments of 1967, see section 3 of Pub. L. 90-275, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

§ 1542. Children of veterans of a period of war

The Secretary shall pay to each child (1) who is the child of a deceased veteran of a period of war who met the service requirements prescribed in section 1521(j) of this title, or who at the time of death was receiving (or entitled to receive) compensation or retirement pay for a service-connected disability, and (2) who is not in the custody of a surviving spouse eligible for pension under section 1541 of this title, pension at the annual rate of \$2,020, as increased from time to time under section 5312 of this title and reduced by the amount of such child's annual income; or, if such child is residing with a person who is legally responsible for such child's support, at an annual rate equal to the amount by which the appropriate annual rate provided under section 1541(c) of this title exceeds the sum of the annual income of such child and such person, but in no event may such annual rate of pension exceed the amount by which \$2,020, as increased from time to time under section 5312

of this title, exceeds the annual income of such child. The appropriate annual rate under such section 1541(c) for the purposes of the preceding sentence shall be determined in accordance with regulations which the Secretary shall prescribe.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1138, § 542; Pub. L. 86-211, § 4, Aug. 29, 1959, 73 Stat. 435; Pub. L. 88-664, § 4, Oct. 13, 1964, 78 Stat. 1095; Pub. L. 90-77, title I, § 107, title II, § 202(g), (h), Aug. 31, 1967, 81 Stat. 180, 182; Pub. L. 91-588, §§ 3(c), 9(e), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1583, 1585; Pub. L. 92-198, § 1(f), Dec. 15, 1971, 85 Stat. 664; Pub. L. 93-177, § 3, Dec. 6, 1973, 87 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 93-527, § 4, Dec. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 1703; Pub. L. 94-169, title I, §§ 101(2)(D), 104, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1014, 1016; Pub. L. 94-432, title II, § 204, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1371; Pub. L. 95-204, title I, § 103, Dec. 2, 1977, 91 Stat. 1457; Pub. L. 95-588, title I, § 110(a), Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2504; Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, § 402(d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 239; renumbered § 1542 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 111-275, title VI, § 608(c), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2887.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2010—Pub. L. 111-275 substituted “\$2,020” for “\$600” in two places.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), renumbered section 542 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “1521(j)” for “521(j)”, “1541” for “541”, and “1541(c)” for “541(c)” in two places.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in two places.

Pub. L. 102-40 substituted “5312” for “3112” in two places.

1978—Pub. L. 95-588 amended section generally to speak in terms of children of veterans of any period of war rather than children of veterans of specifically named conflicts, restructured section to eliminate subsection designations, struck out provision formerly comprising subsec. (b) of this section which related to payment of pensions to recipient children in equal shares, and inserted reference to periodic pension increases pursuant to section 3112 of this title.

1977—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 95-204, § 103(1), substituted “\$61” and “\$26” for “\$57” and “\$24”, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 95-204, § 103(2), substituted “\$3,080” for “\$2,890”.

1976—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-432, § 204(1), substituted “\$57” and “\$24” for “\$53” and “\$22”, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-432, § 204(2), substituted “\$2,890” for “\$2,700”.

1975—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 94-169, §§ 101(2)(D), 104(1), substituted “surviving spouse” for “widow”, struck out “his” before “death,” and, effective for period beginning Jan. 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, substituted “\$53” for “\$49” and “\$22” for “\$20”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 94-169, § 104, substituted, effective for period beginning Jan. 1, 1976, and ending Sept. 30, 1976, “\$2700” for “\$2400”.

1974—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-527, § 4(1), substituted “\$49” and “\$20” for “\$44” and “\$18”, respectively.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 93-527, § 4(2), substituted “\$2,400” for “\$2,000”.

1973—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 93-177 substituted “\$44” for “\$42” and “\$18” for “\$17”.

1971—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 92-198 substituted “\$42” and “\$17” for “\$40” and “\$16”, respectively.

1970—Pub. L. 91-588, § 9(e)(2), inserted reference to Mexican border period in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 91-588, § 9(e)(1), inserted reference to Mexican border period.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-588, § 3(c), substituted “\$2,000” for “\$1,800”.

1967—Pub. L. 90-77, § 202(h), inserted reference to Vietnam era in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 90-77, §§ 107, 202(g), substituted “\$40” and “\$16” for “\$38” and “\$15” and included reference to Vietnam era, respectively.

1964—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 88-664 increased monthly pension for one child from \$35 to \$38.

1959—Pub. L. 86-211 included children of World War II and Korean conflict veterans in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 86-211 included children of World War II and Korean conflict veterans, and substituted provisions authorizing the payment of a monthly pension of \$35 for one child with \$15 for each additional child for provisions which authorized the payment of \$27.30 for one child, \$40.95 for two children, \$54.60 for three children and \$7.56 for each additional child.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 86-211 added subsec. (c).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2010 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 111-275 applicable with respect to pensions paid on or after Dec. 1, 2009, see section 608(d) of Pub. L. 111-275, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-588 effective Jan. 1, 1979, see section 401 of Pub. L. 95-588, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1977 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-204 effective Jan. 1, 1978, see section 302 of Pub. L. 95-204, set out as a note under section 1122 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

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 I, § 101, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1013, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1976.

Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 104, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1016, as amended by Pub. L. 94-432, title I, § 101, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1369, 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. 93-527 effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 10 of Pub. L. 93-527, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1973 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-177 effective Jan. 1, 1974, see section 8 of Pub. L. 93-177, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1971 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-198 effective Jan. 1, 1972, see section 6 of Pub. L. 92-198, set out as a note under section 1521 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 1967 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 90-77 effective first day of first calendar month which begins more than ten days after Aug. 31, 1967, see section 405 of Pub. L. 90-77, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1964 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 88-664 effective Jan. 1, 1965, see section 11 of Pub. L. 88-664, set out as a note under section 1503 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 86-211 effective July 1, 1960, see section 10 of Pub. L. 86-211, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

§ 1543. Net worth limitation

(a)(1) The Secretary shall deny or discontinue payment of pension to a surviving spouse under section 1541 of this title when the corpus of the estate of the surviving spouse is such that under all the circumstances, including consideration of the income of the surviving spouse and the income of any child from whom the surviving spouse is receiving increased pension, it is reasonable that some part of the corpus of such estate be consumed for the surviving spouse's maintenance.

(2) The Secretary shall deny or discontinue the payment of increased pension under subsection (c), (d), or (e) of section 1541 of this title on account of a child when the corpus of such child's estate is such that under all the circumstances, including consideration of the income of the surviving spouse and such child and the income of any other child for whom the surviving spouse is receiving increased pension, it is reasonable that some part of the corpus of the child's estate be consumed for the child's maintenance. During the period such denial or discontinuance remains in effect, such child shall not be considered as the surviving spouse's child for purposes of this chapter.

(b) The Secretary shall deny or discontinue payment of pension to a child under section 1542 of this title when the corpus of the estate of the child is such that under all the circumstances, including consideration of the income of the child, the income of any person with whom such child is residing who is legally responsible for such child's support, and the corpus of the estate of such person, it is reasonable that some part of the corpus of such estates be consumed for the child's maintenance.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1138, § 543; Pub. L. 86-211, § 4, Aug. 29, 1959, 73 Stat. 435; Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 101(2)(E), Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1014; Pub. L. 95-588, title I, § 111, Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2504; renumbered § 1543 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), renumbered section 543 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “1541” for “541” in pars. (1) and (2).

Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in pars. (1) and (2).

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(c)(1), substituted “1542” for “542”.

Pub. L. 102-83, § 4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

1978—Pub. L. 95-588 designated existing provisions relating to denial or discontinuance of pension payments to surviving spouses as subsec. (a), expanded existing

provisions relating to denial or discontinuance of pension payments to children of veterans, and designated such expanded provisions as subsecs. (a)(2) and (b).

1975—Pub. L. 94-169 substituted “surviving spouse” for “widow”.

1959—Pub. L. 86-211 substituted provisions requiring the denial or discontinuance of payment of pension to a widow or child when the corpus of the estate of the survivor concerned is such that under all the circumstances, including consideration of income, it is reasonable that some part of the corpus be consumed for the survivor's maintenance for provisions which authorized the payment of a pension to widows of World War II or Korean conflict veterans. See section 1541 of this title.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-588 effective Jan. 1, 1979, see section 401 of Pub. L. 95-588, set out as a note under section 101 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 101, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1013, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1976.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1959 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 86-211 effective July 1, 1960, see section 10 of Pub. L. 86-211, set out as a note under section 1521 of this title.

[SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS OF ALL PERIODS OF WAR—REPEALED]

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1978—Pub. L. 95-588, title I, § 112(a)(2), Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2505, struck out heading “SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS OF ALL PERIODS OF WAR” below section 543 [now 1543].

1975—Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 101(2)(I), Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1014, substituted “SURVIVING SPOUSES” for “WIDOWS” in heading below section 543.

[\$ 1544. Vacant]

Editorial Notes

CODIFICATION

Prior to renumbering of sections 501 to 543 of this chapter as sections 1501 to 1543 by Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, section 544 of this chapter, added Pub. L. 90-77, title I, § 108(a), Aug. 31, 1967, 81 Stat. 180; amended Pub. L. 91-588, § 3(a), Dec. 24, 1970, 84 Stat. 1583; Pub. L. 93-527, § 5, Dec. 21, 1974, 88 Stat. 1704; Pub. L. 94-169, title I, § 105, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1017; Pub. L. 94-432, title II, § 205, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1371; Pub. L. 95-204, title I, § 104, Dec. 2, 1977, 91 Stat. 1457, which authorized an increase by \$79 of the monthly rate of pension payable to the surviving spouse if the surviving spouse was entitled to pension under this subchapter and was in need of regular aid and attendance, was repealed by Pub. L. 95-588, title I, § 112(a)(1), title IV, § 401, Nov. 4, 1978, 92 Stat. 2505, 2511, effective Jan. 1, 1979.

SUBCHAPTER IV—ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND COAST GUARD MEDAL OF HONOR ROLL

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1963—Pub. L. 88-77, § 5(3), July 25, 1963, 77 Stat. 96, substituted “ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND COAST