

orable conditions. This section does not modify section 772 or 773 of this title.

(b) Money received from sales under this section shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of the appropriation out of which the articles were purchased.

(Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 386.)

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

Revised section	Source (U.S. Code)	Source (Statutes at Large)
6156 .....	34 U.S.C. 608.	Feb. 14, 1927, ch. 134, 44 Stat. 1096.

The word “person” is substituted for the words “former members of the naval service”.

**[§ 6157. Repealed. Pub. L. 87-651, title I, § 123(b), Sept. 7, 1962, 76 Stat. 514]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 387, related to transportation of motor vehicles on permanent change of station.

**[§ 6158. Repealed. Pub. L. 90-235, § 7(b)(1), Jan. 2, 1968, 81 Stat. 763]**

Section, act Aug. 10, 1956, ch. 1041, 70A Stat. 387, exempted enlisted members of the Marine Corps, while on active duty, from personal arrest for debt or contract.

**[§ 6159. Repealed. Pub. L. 91-482, § 1(a), Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1082]**

Section, added Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, § 2201(31)(C), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 161, provided for a pension to disabled naval enlisted personnel serving 20 years or more, equal to one-half the pay of enlisted man’s rating at the time of his discharge.

PENSION CONTINUATION PROVISION

Pub. L. 91-482, § 3, Oct. 21, 1970, 84 Stat. 1082, provided that: “Notwithstanding the first section of this Act [repealing sections 4539, 4623, 5981, 6159, and 6406 of this title and section 208 of Title 37], a person who is entitled to a pension under section 6159 of title 10, United States Code, on the day before the date of enactment of this Act [which was approved Oct. 21, 1970] shall continue to be entitled to that pension on and after that date of enactment.”

**§ 6160. Pension to persons serving ten years**

(a) Every disabled person who has served in the Navy or Marine Corps as an enlisted member or petty officer, or both, for ten or more years, and has not been discharged for misconduct, may apply to the Secretary of the Navy for aid.

(b) Upon receipt of an application under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy may convene a board of not less than three naval officers (one of whom shall be a surgeon) to examine into the condition of the applicant, and to recommend a suitable amount for his relief, and for a specified time. If the Secretary of the Navy approves the recommendation, he shall so certify to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who shall pay a pension in such amount monthly to the applicant.

(c) No naval pension under this section shall be paid at a rate in excess of the rate payable to a veteran of World War I for permanent and total non-service-connected disability, unless the applicant’s disability is service-connected, in which case the naval pension payable to him shall not exceed the rate of disability compensa-

tion payable for total disability to a veteran of any war, or of peacetime service, as the case may be. In the case of any initial award of naval pension granted before July 14, 1943, where the person granted the naval pension is also entitled to pension or compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, such naval pension shall not exceed one-fourth of such pension or compensation.

(Added Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, § 2201(31)(C), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 161; amended Pub. L. 85-857, § 13(v)(4), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1268; Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, § 1301(c)(1), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 736; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, § 1621(a)(2), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1603; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1484(j)(4), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1719.)

AMENDMENTS

1990—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

1989—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “enlisted member” for “enlisted man”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-857 limited naval pensions granted before July 14, 1943 to not more than one-fourth of any pension or compensation which the person is entitled to receive under laws administered by the Veterans’ Administration.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 85-857, § 13(v)(4), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1268, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as of Jan. 1, 1958.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1958, see section 2301 of Pub. L. 85-56.

**§ 6161. Settlement of accounts: remission or cancellation of indebtedness of members**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy may have remitted or cancelled any part of the indebtedness of a person to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States incurred while the person was serving on active duty as a member of the naval service, but only if the Secretary considers such action to be in the best interest of the United States.

(b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN DEBTS.—The authority in subsection (a) may be exercised with respect to any debt covered by that subsection that is incurred on or after October 7, 2001.

(c) REGULATIONS.—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 86-511, § 1(a), June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 207; amended Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, § 683(b)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3322; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, § 673(b)(1), (2), (e)(2), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2271, 2272; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, § 1063(c)(7)(B), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323.)

AMENDMENTS

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 109-364, § 673(b)(1). See 2006 Amendment note below.