

Vietnam Veterans" and "1802" for "Benefits for Children of Vietnam Veterans Who Are Born With Spina Bifida" and "1801", respectively, in item for chapter 18.
 1996—Pub. L. 104-204, title IV, §421(b)(2), Sept. 26, 1996, 110 Stat. 2926, added item for chapter 18.
 1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(2), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered references to section numbers by substituting "1101" for "301" in item for chapter 11, "1301" for "401" in item for chapter 13, "1501" for "501" in item for chapter 15, "1701" for "601" in item for chapter 17, "1901" for "701" in item for chapter 19, "2101" for "801" in item for chapter 21, "2301" for "901" in item for chapter 23, and "2400" for "1000" in item for chapter 24.
 1976—Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §203(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2856, inserted "Nursing Home," in item for chapter 17.
 1973—Pub. L. 93-43, §2(b), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 78, added item for chapter 24.

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2008—Pub. L. 110-389, title II, §211(c), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4151, added item 1156.
 2001—Pub. L. 107-103, title II, §201(c)(2)(B), Dec. 27, 2001, 115 Stat. 988, substituted "Presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents; presumption of exposure for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam" for "Presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents" in item 1116.
 1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title X, §1005(a), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3364, renumbered item 1103 "Cost-of-living adjustments" as 1104.
 Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title XVI, §1602(a)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-744, added item 1118.
 Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, §8202(a)(2), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, §9014(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 865, added item 1103 "Special provisions relating to claims based upon effects of tobacco products".
 1997—Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §8031(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 668, added item 1103 "Cost-of-living adjustments".
 1994—Pub. L. 103-446, title I, §106(a)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4651, added item 1117.
 1992—Pub. L. 102-568, title IV, §401(d)(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4336, substituted "Trial work periods and vocational rehabilitation for certain veterans with total disability ratings" for "Temporary program for trial work periods and vocational rehabilitation for certain veterans with total disability ratings" in item 1163.
 1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 301 to 363 as 1101 to 1163, respectively.
 Pub. L. 102-4, §2(a)(2), Feb. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 13, added item 316.
 1986—Pub. L. 99-576, title I, §109(a)(2), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3253, amended item 360 generally, substituting "loss of paired organs or extremities" for "blindness or bilateral kidney involvement or bilateral deafness".
 1984—Pub. L. 98-543, title I, §111(a)(2), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2739, added item 363.
 1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §4(9), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1305, added item 361.
 1976—Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §§401(1), 404(5), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, 1378, substituted "surviving spouses" for "widows" in item 302 and struck out item 356 "Minimum rating for arrested tuberculosis".
 1974—Pub. L. 93-295, title II, §206(c), May 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 183, struck out item 343 "Conditions under which wartime rates payable".
 1972—Pub. L. 92-328, title I, §§103(b), 108(d), June 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 394, 396, struck out item 336 "Conditions under which wartime rates payable" and added item 362.
 1970—Pub. L. 91-376, §3(c), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 789, inserted reference to disabilities in item 312.
 1966—Pub. L. 89-358, §7(b), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 27, added item 337.
 1965—Pub. L. 89-311, §3(c), Oct. 31, 1965, 79 Stat. 1155, inserted reference to bilateral deafness in item 360.
 1962—Pub. L. 87-610, §2, Aug. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 406, added item 360.
 1960—Pub. L. 86-501, §2, June 10, 1960, 74 Stat. 195, added item 359.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 1101. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) The term “veteran” includes a person who died in the active military, naval, or air service.

(2) The term “period of war” includes, in the case of any veteran—

(A) any period of service performed by such veteran after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, if such veteran served in the active military, naval, or air service after April 5, 1917, and before November 12, 1918; and

(B) any period of continuous service performed by such veteran after December 31, 1946, and before July 26, 1947, if such period began before January 1, 1947.

(3) The term “chronic disease” includes—

Anemia, primary
 Arteriosclerosis
 Arthritis
 Atrophy, progressive muscular
 Brain hemorrhage
 Brain thrombosis
 Bronchiectasis
 Calculi of the kidney, bladder, or gallbladder
 Cardiovascular-renal disease, including hypertension
 Cirrhosis of the liver
 Coccidioidomycosis
 Diabetes mellitus
 Encephalitis lethargica residuals
 Endocarditis
 Endocrinopathies
 Epilepsies
 Hansen's disease
 Hodgkin's disease
 Leukemia
 Lupus erythematosus, systemic
 Myasthenia gravis
 Myelitis
 Myocarditis
 Nephritis
 Organic diseases of the nervous system
 Osteitis deformans (Paget's disease)
 Osteomalacia
 Palsy, bulbar
 Paralysis agitans
 Psychoses
 Purpura idiopathic, hemorrhagic
 Raynaud's disease
 Sarcoidosis
 Scleroderma
 Sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral
 Sclerosis, multiple
 Syringomyelia
 Thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger's disease)
 Tuberculosis, active
 Tumors, malignant, or of the brain or spinal cord or peripheral nerves
 Ulcers, peptic (gastric or duodenal)

and such other chronic diseases as the Secretary may add to this list.

(4) The term “tropical disease” includes—

Amebiasis
 Blackwater fever
 Cholera
 Dracontiasis
 Dysentery

Filiariasis
 Hansen's disease
 Leishmaniasis, including kala-azar
 Loiasis
 Malaria
 Onchocerciasis
 Oroya fever
 Pinta
 Plague
 Schistosomiasis
 Yaws
 Yellow fever

and such other tropical diseases as the Secretary may add to this list.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1118, §301; Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §§401(2), (3), 404(1), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, 1378; Pub. L. 98-160, title VII, §702(2), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 1009; Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §313, May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 535; renumbered §1101 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 301 of this title as this section.

Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

1988—Par. (3). Pub. L. 100-322 inserted “Lupus erythematosus, systemic” after “Leukemia”.

1983—Par. (3). Pub. L. 98-160 substituted a period for the semicolon at end of paragraph following “may add to this list”.

1976—Par. (2)(A), (B). Pub. L. 94-433, §404(1), substituted “such veteran” for “him” in subpars. (A) and (B).

Par. (3). Pub. L. 94-433, §401(2), substituted “Hansen's disease” for “Leprosy”.

Par. (4). Pub. L. 94-433, §401(3), inserted “Hansen's disease” after “Filiariasis” and struck out “Leprosy” before “Loiasis”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §406, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1380, provided that: “The provisions of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall become effective on October 1, 1976.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF FUTURE INCREASES

Pub. L. 98-223, title I, §108, Mar. 2, 1984, 98 Stat. 40, provided that: “It is the sense of the Congress that any increase provided by law to take effect after fiscal year 1984 in the rates of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation payable under chapters 11 and 13, respectively, of title 38, United States Code, shall take effect on December 1 of the fiscal year involved and that the budgets for any such fiscal year include amounts to achieve such purpose.”

[Section 108 of Pub. L. 98-223 effective Apr. 1, 1984, see section 107 of Pub. L. 98-223, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.]

VETERANS' DISABILITY BENEFITS COMMISSION

Pub. L. 108-136, div. A, title XV, Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1676, as amended by Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title V, §590, Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3279, provided that:

“SEC. 1501. ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSION.—There is hereby established a commission to be known as the Veterans' Disability Benefits Commission (hereinafter in this title referred to as the ‘commission’).

“(b) MEMBERSHIP.—(1) The commission shall be composed of 13 members, appointed as follows:

“(A) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, at least one of whom shall