

Veterans Affairs during the period beginning on February 1, 1992, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act [May 20, 1992] are hereby ratified with respect to that period:

“(1) A failure to reduce the disability rating of a veteran who began to engage in a substantially gainful occupation during that period.

“(2) The provision of a vocational training program (including related evaluations and other related services) to a veteran under section 1524 of title 38, United States Code, and the making of related determinations under that section.

“(3) The provision of health care and services to a veteran pursuant to section 1525 of title 38, United States Code.”

#### INFORMATION; TEMPORARY PROGRAM; ADMINISTRATOR

Pub. L. 98-543, title I, §111(b), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2739, directed Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to provide, not later than Apr. 1, 1985, to certain veterans with service-connected disabilities, a statement containing information explaining subsec. (b) of this section, information explaining purposes and availability of and eligibility for, and procedures for pursuing, a vocational rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of this title, and a summary description of scope of services and assistance available under chapter 31.

#### REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES; TRIAL PROGRAM

Pub. L. 98-543, title I, §111(c), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2739, as amended by Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §703(a)(2), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3303, directed Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to submit, not later than Apr. 15, 1988, to Committees on Veterans' Affairs of Senate and House of Representatives a report on results of implementation of this section during the three-year period beginning on Feb. 1, 1985.

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#### AMENDMENTS

1997—Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §8031(b)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 669, added item 1303.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(3)(B), 5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 405, 406, renumbered items 401 to 423 as 1301 to 1323, respectively, and in item 1323 substituted “with respect to circumstances of death” for “by Administrator”.

1988—Pub. L. 100-687, div. B, title XIV, §1403(a)(2), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4130, added item 418.

1982—Pub. L. 97-306, title I, §113(b)(2), Oct. 14, 1982, 96 Stat. 1432, struck out item 403 “Coverage of members of Reserve Officers' Training Corps”.

1976—Pub. L. 94-433, §405(6), (8), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1379, substituted “surviving spouses” for “widows” in item 404 and “surviving spouse” for “widow” in item 411.

1969—Pub. L. 91-96, §6, Oct. 27, 1969, 83 Stat. 145, substituted “Determination of pay grade” for “Computation of basic pay” in item 402 and “Certifications with respect to pay grade” for “Certifications with respect to basic pay” in item 421.

#### UNIFORMED SERVICES, PROMOTION OF MEMBERS IN MISSING STATUS; EFFECTIVE DATE

Provisions of section 552(a) of Title 37, Pay and Allowances of the Uniformed Services, for full effectiveness for all purposes of promotion of a member while in a missing status notwithstanding a determination of death before the making of the promotion effective as of Nov. 24, 1971, for the purposes of this chapter, see section 2 of Pub. L. 93-26, Apr. 27, 1973, 87 Stat. 26, set out as an Effective Date of 1973 Amendment note under section 552 of Title 37.

#### SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

##### § 1301. Definitions

As used in this chapter—

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

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1126, §401; Pub. L. 91-24, §4(a), June 11, 1969, 83 Stat. 33; Pub. L. 91-96, §5, Oct. 27, 1969, 83 Stat. 145; renumbered §1301, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 401 of this title as this section.

1969—Pub. L. 91-96 struck out par. (1) which defined “basic pay”.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 91-24 substituted “sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, or 207 of title 37” for “sections 232(a), 232(e), or 308 of Title 37”.

#### 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.

#### COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES IN COMPENSATION RATES

For limitation on increases in dependency and indemnity compensation payable under this chapter, see section 8005 of Pub. L. 101-508, set out as a note under section 1101 of this title.

##### § 1302. Determination of pay grade

(a) With respect to a veteran who died in the active military, naval, or air service, such veteran's pay grade shall be determined as of the date of such veteran's death or as of the date of a promotion after death while in a missing status.

(b) With respect to a veteran who did not die in the active military, naval, or air service, such veteran's pay grade shall be determined as of—

(1) the time of such veteran's last discharge or release from active duty under conditions other than dishonorable; or