

section] shall take effect on September 1, 2003. No payment may be made pursuant to subsection (f) of section 1562 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (c) of this section, before October 1, 2003.

“(2) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall not make any adjustment under subsection (e) of section 1562 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection (b) of this section, in 2003.”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-368, title III, §301(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3332, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on the first day of the first month beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 11, 1998].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1993 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 103-161, §1(b), Nov. 30, 1993, 107 Stat. 1967, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to months beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 30, 1993].”

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-479 effective Jan. 1, 1979, see section 401(b) of Pub. L. 95-479, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1975 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-169, title I, §106, Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1017, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective Jan. 1, 1976.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1961 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 87-138, §4, Aug. 14, 1961, 75 Stat. 339, provided that: “The amendments made by this Act [amending this section and sections 560 and 561 [renumbered 1560 and 1561] of this title] shall take effect on the first day of the first month which begins after the date of the enactment of this Act [Aug. 14, 1961], except that the amendments made by subsection (b) of the first section [amending section 560 [renumbered 1560] of this title] and by section 2 [amending section 561 [renumbered 1561] of this title] shall not apply with respect to any application under section 560 [renumbered 1560] of title 38, United States Code, made before such first day by any person who fulfilled the qualifications prescribed by subsection (b) of such section at the time such application was made.”

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

For transfer of authorities, functions, personnel, and assets of the Coast Guard, including the authorities and functions of the Secretary of Transportation relating thereto, to the Department of Homeland Security, and for treatment of related references, see sections 468(b), 551(d), 552(d), and 557 of Title 6, Domestic Security, and the Department of Homeland Security Reorganization Plan of November 25, 2002, as modified, set out as a note under section 542 of Title 6.

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AMENDMENTS

2016—Pub. L. 114-315, title VI, §§604(b), 605(c), 606(b), title VIII, §802(2), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1571, 1572, 1575, 1591, added items 1705A, 1720H, and 1784A and substituted “Traumatic brain injury: comprehensive program for long-term rehabilitation” for “Traumatic brain injury: comprehensive plan for long-term rehabilitation” in item 1710D and “Traumatic brain injury: use of non-Department facilities for rehabilitation” for “Traumatic brain injury: use of non-Departmental facilities for rehabilitation” in item 1710E.

Pub. L. 114-218, §2(a)(2), July 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 843, added item 1712C.

2015—Pub. L. 114-2, §2(a)(2), Feb. 12, 2015, 129 Stat. 31, added item 1709B.

2012—Pub. L. 112-154, title I, §§102(b)(2), 103(b), 106(b), 108(a)(2), Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1168, 1169, 1173, 1174, added items 1709, 1709A, 1722B, and 1787.

2010—Pub. L. 111-163, title I, §§101(a)(2), 103(c), title II, §206(b), title V, §511(b), May 5, 2010, 124 Stat. 1137, 1140, 1146, 1164, added items 1720G, 1730A, 1782, and 1786 and

struck out former item 1782 “Counseling, training, and mental health services for immediate family members”.

2008—Pub. L. 110-387, title IV, §406(b), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4130, added item 1729B.

Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title XVII, §§1702(b), 1703(b), 1708(a)(3), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 489, 490, 494, substituted “Presumptions: psychosis after service in World War II and following periods of war; mental illness following service in the Persian Gulf War” for “Presumption relating to psychosis” in item 1702 and added items 1710C to 1710E.

2007—Pub. L. 110-110, §3(a)(2), Nov. 5, 2007, 121 Stat. 1033, which directed amendment of the analysis for this chapter by adding item 1720F at the end, was executed by adding item 1720F after item 1720E, to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2006—Pub. L. 109-461, title II, §211(a)(4), Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3419, added item 1745.

2004—Pub. L. 108-422, title II, §201(a)(2), Nov. 30, 2004, 118 Stat. 2382, added item 1744.

2003—Pub. L. 108-7, div. K, title I, §113(a)(2), Feb. 20, 2003, 117 Stat. 482, struck out item 1729B “Health Services Improvement Fund”.

2002—Pub. L. 107-287, §4(a)(2), Nov. 7, 2002, 116 Stat. 2029, added item 1785.

Pub. L. 107-135, title II, §§201(b)(2), 208(f)(1), Jan. 23, 2002, 115 Stat. 2457, 2464, substituted “Limitations” for “Restriction on use of funds for assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing” in item 1707, struck out item 1713 “Medical care for survivors and dependents of certain veterans”, substituted “guide dogs; service dogs” for “seeing-eye dogs” in item 1714, and added item for subchapter VIII and items 1781 to 1784.

2001—Pub. L. 107-95, §5(g)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 918, struck out subchapter VII heading “TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION FOR SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND HOMELESS VETERANS” and items 1771 “General treatment”, 1772 “Therapeutic housing”, 1773 “Additional services at certain locations”, and 1774 “Coordination with other agencies and organizations”.

2000—Pub. L. 106-419, title II, §221(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1845, added item 1708.

1999—Pub. L. 106-117, title I, §§101(a)(2), (c)(2), 111(b)(2), title II, §202(b), Nov. 30, 1999, 113 Stat. 1548, 1549, 1556, 1561, added items 1710A, 1710B, 1725, and 1729B.
 1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title IX, §901(b), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3360, added item 1720E.

1997—Pub. L. 105-114, title II, §§202(d), 206(b)(3), Nov. 21, 1997, 111 Stat. 2287, 2289, substituted “Treatment and rehabilitative services for persons with drug or alcohol dependency” for “Treatment and rehabilitation for alcohol or drug dependence or abuse disabilities” in item 1720A, struck out “: pilot program” after “home care” in item 1720C, and added item for subchapter VII and items 1771 to 1774.

Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §8023(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 667, added item 1729A.

Pub. L. 105-12, §9(i)(2), Apr. 30, 1997, 111 Stat. 27, added item 1707.

1996—Pub. L. 104-262, title I, §§101(c)(2)(B), 104(a)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3179, 3184, added items 1705 and 1706 and substituted “Dental care; drugs and medicines for certain disabled veterans; vaccines” for “Eligibility for outpatient services” in item 1712.

1994—Pub. L. 103-452, title I, §101(f)(2)(B), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4784, substituted “and treatment” for “to women veterans” in item 1720D.

1992—Pub. L. 102-585, title I, §102(a)(2), title V, §§512(b), 514(b), Nov. 4, 1992, 106 Stat. 4946, 4958, added items 1704 and 1720D and struck out subchapter VII heading “PREVENTIVE HEALTH-CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM” and items 1761 “Purpose”, 1762 “Definition”, 1763 “Preventive health-care services”, and 1764 “Reports”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 601 to 664 as 1701 to 1764, respectively.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(5), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, substituted “non-Department” for “non-Veterans’ Administration” in item 603.