

**§ 1821. Benefits for children of certain Korea service veterans born with spina bifida**

(a) **BENEFITS AUTHORIZED.**—The Secretary may provide to any child of a veteran of covered service in Korea who is suffering from spina bifida the health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance required to be paid to a child of a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from spina bifida under subchapter I of this chapter as if such child of a veteran of covered service in Korea were a child of a Vietnam veteran who is suffering from spina bifida under such subchapter.

(b) **SPINA BIFIDA CONDITIONS COVERED.**—This section applies with respect to all forms and manifestations of spina bifida, except spina bifida occulta.

(c) **VETERAN OF COVERED SERVICE IN KOREA.**—For purposes of this section, a veteran of covered service in Korea is any individual, without regard to the characterization of that individual's service, who—

(1) served in the active military, naval, or air service in or near the Korean demilitarized zone (DMZ), as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, during the period beginning on September 1, 1967, and ending on August 31, 1971; and

(2) is determined by the Secretary, in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, to have been exposed to a herbicide agent during such service in or near the Korean demilitarized zone.

(d) **HERBICIDE AGENT.**—For purposes of this section, the term "herbicide agent" means a chemical in a herbicide used in support of United States and allied military operations in or near the Korean demilitarized zone, as determined by the Secretary in consultation with the Secretary of Defense, during the period beginning on September 1, 1967, and ending on August 31, 1971.

(Added Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(a)(2), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1821 was renumbered section 1831 of this title.

Another prior section 1821 was renumbered section 3721 of this title.

A prior section 1822 was renumbered section 1832 of this title.

Another prior section 1822, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1214; Pub. L. 89-358, §5(c), Mar. 3, 1966, 88 Stat. 26; Pub. L. 89-623, §1, Oct. 4, 1966, 80 Stat. 873; Pub. L. 90-301, §2(b), May 7, 1968, 82 Stat. 113, provided for bringing of an action in district court, by veteran or Attorney General, against one who knowingly participated in sale of property to a veteran for consideration in excess of reasonable value of property, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 93-569, §§7(a), 10, Dec. 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 1866, 1867, effective Dec. 31, 1974.

A prior section 1823 was renumbered section 1833 of this title.

Another prior section 1823 was renumbered section 3723 of this title and subsequently repealed.

A prior section 1824 was renumbered section 1834 of this title.

Another prior section 1824 was renumbered section 3724 of this title and subsequently repealed.

Another prior section 1824 was renumbered section 3725 of this title and subsequently repealed.

A prior section 1825 was renumbered 3725 of this title and subsequently repealed.

Prior sections 1826 to 1830 were renumbered sections 3726 to 3730 of this title, respectively.

**SUBCHAPTER IV—GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Pub. L. 108-183, §102(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653, redesignated former subchapter III of this chapter as this subchapter.

**§ 1831. Definitions**

In this chapter:

(1) The term "child" means the following:

(A) For purposes of subchapters I and II of this chapter, an individual, regardless of age or marital status, who—

(i) is the natural child of a Vietnam veteran; and

(ii) was conceived after the date on which that veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era.

(B) For purposes of subchapter III of this chapter, an individual, regardless of age or marital status, who—

(i) is the natural child of a veteran of covered service in Korea (as determined for purposes of section 1821 of this title); and

(ii) was conceived after the date on which that veteran first entered service described in subsection (c) of that section.

(2) The term "Vietnam veteran" means an individual who performed active military, naval, or air service in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era, without regard to the characterization of that individual's service.

(3) The term "Vietnam era" with respect to—

(A) subchapter I of this chapter, means the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975; and

(B) subchapter II of this chapter, means the period beginning on February 28, 1961, and ending on May 7, 1975.

(Added Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, §401(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1859, §1821; renumbered §1831 and amended Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(a)(1), (b), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653, 2654.)

**PRIOR PROVISIONS**

A prior section 1831 was renumbered section 3731 of this title.

**AMENDMENTS**

2003—Pub. L. 108-183, §102(a)(1), renumbered section 1821 of this title as this section.

Par. (1). Pub. L. 108-183, §102(b), added par. (1) and struck out former par. (1) which read as follows: "The term 'child' means an individual, regardless of age or marital status, who—

"(A) is the natural child of a Vietnam veteran; and

"(B) was conceived after the date on which that veteran first entered the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam era."

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

Subchapter effective on the first day of the first month beginning more than one year after Nov. 1, 2000, see section 401(g) of Pub. L. 106-419, set out as a note under section 1811 of this title.

### § 1832. Applicability of certain administrative provisions

(a) **APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO COMPENSATION.**—The provisions of this title specified in subsection (b) apply with respect to benefits and assistance under this chapter in the same manner as those provisions apply to compensation paid under chapter 11 of this title.

(b) **SPECIFIED PROVISIONS.**—The provisions of this title referred to in subsection (a) are the following:

- (1) Section 5101(c).
- (2) Subsections (a), (b)(3), (g), and (i) of section 5110.
- (3) Section 5111.
- (4) Subsection (a) and paragraphs (1), (6), (9), and (10) of subsection (b) of section 5112.

(Added Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, §401(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1859, §1822; renumbered §1832, Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653; amended Pub. L. 114-58, title VI, §601(8), Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 538.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1832 was renumbered section 3732 of this title.

Another prior section 1832 was renumbered section 3733(d) of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2015—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 114-58 substituted “(b)(3)” for “(b)(2)”.

2003—Pub. L. 108-183 renumbered section 1822 of this title as this section.

### § 1833. Treatment of receipt of monetary allowance and other benefits

(a) **COORDINATION WITH OTHER BENEFITS PAID TO THE RECIPIENT.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, receipt by an individual of a monetary allowance under this chapter shall not impair, infringe, or otherwise affect the right of the individual to receive any other benefit to which the individual is otherwise entitled under any law administered by the Secretary.

(b) **COORDINATION WITH BENEFITS BASED ON RELATIONSHIP OF RECIPIENTS.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, receipt by an individual of a monetary allowance under this chapter shall not impair, infringe, or otherwise affect the right of any other individual to receive any benefit to which such other individual is entitled under any law administered by the Secretary based on the relationship of such other individual to the individual who receives such monetary allowance.

(c) **MONETARY ALLOWANCE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED AS INCOME OR RESOURCES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a monetary allowance paid an individual under this chapter shall not be considered as income or resources in determining eligibility for, or the amount of benefits under, any Federal or federally assisted program.

(Added Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, §401(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1860, §1823; renumbered §1833, Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(a)(1), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 1833 was renumbered section 3733 of this title.

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-183 renumbered section 1823 of this title as this section.

### § 1834. Nonduplication of benefits

(a) **MONETARY ALLOWANCE.**—In the case of an eligible child under subchapter II of this chapter whose only covered birth defect is spina bifida, a monetary allowance shall be paid under subchapter I of this chapter. In the case of an eligible child under subchapter II of this chapter who has spina bifida and one or more additional covered birth defects, a monetary allowance shall be paid under subchapter II of this chapter. In the case of a child eligible for benefits under subchapter I or II of this chapter who is also eligible for benefits under subchapter III of this chapter, a monetary allowance shall be paid under the subchapter of this chapter elected by the child.

(b) **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION.**—An individual may only be provided one program of vocational training under this chapter.

(Added Pub. L. 106-419, title IV, §401(b), Nov. 1, 2000, 114 Stat. 1860, §1824; renumbered §1834 and amended, Pub. L. 108-183, title I, §102(a)(1), (c), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2653, 2654.)

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior sections 1834, 1835, and 1841 to 1851 were renumbered sections 3734, 3735, and 3741 to 3751 of this title, respectively.

#### AMENDMENTS

2003—Pub. L. 108-183, §102(a)(1), renumbered section 1824 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-183, §102(c), inserted at end: “In the case of a child eligible for benefits under subchapter I or II of this chapter who is also eligible for benefits under subchapter III of this chapter, a monetary allowance shall be paid under the subchapter of this chapter elected by the child.”

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