

§ 1985. Decisions by the Secretary

Except in the event of suit as provided in section 1984 of this title, or other appropriate court proceedings, all decisions rendered by the Secretary under the provisions of this chapter shall be final and conclusive on all questions of law or fact, and no other official of the United States shall have jurisdiction to review any such decisions.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1167, §785; renumbered §1985 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 785 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted "1984" for "784".

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator" in section catchline and in text.

§ 1986. Deposits in and disbursements from trust funds

All cash balances in the United States Government Life Insurance Fund and the National Service Life Insurance Fund on January 1, 1959, together with all moneys thereafter accruing to such funds, including premiums, appropriated moneys, the proceeds of any sales of investments which may be necessary to meet current expenditures, and interest on investments, shall be available for disbursement for meeting all expenditures and making investments authorized to be made from such funds.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1167, §786; renumbered §1986, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 786 of this title as this section.

§ 1987. Penalties

(a) Any person who shall knowingly make or cause to be made, or conspire, combine, aid, or assist in, agree to, arrange for, or in anywise procure the making or presentation of a false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, statement, voucher, or paper, or writing purporting to be such, concerning any application for insurance or reinstatement thereof, waiver of premiums or claim for benefits under National Service Life Insurance, United States Government life insurance, or yearly renewable term insurance for any person, shall be fined not more than \$1,000, or be imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.

(b) Whoever in any claim for National Service Life Insurance, United States Government life insurance, or yearly renewable term insurance makes any sworn statement of a material fact knowing it to be false, shall be guilty of perjury and shall be fined not more than \$5,000, or be imprisoned for not more than two years, or both.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1167, §787; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(47), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3294; renumbered §1987, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 787 of this title as this section.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-576 substituted "any" for "himself or any other".

§ 1988. Savings provision

Nothing in this title or any amendment or repeal made by the Act enacting this title shall affect any right, remedy, liability, authorization or requirement pertaining to Government insurance, the respective insurance funds, or the insurance appropriations, authorized or prescribed under the provisions of the War Risk Insurance Act, the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, the National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, or any related Act, which was in effect on December 31, 1958.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1167, §788; renumbered §1988, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The War Risk Insurance Act, referred to in text, is act Sept. 2, 1914, ch. 293, 38 Stat. 711, as amended. Sections 600 and 601 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924 (act June 7, 1924, ch. 320, 43 Stat. 607, 629) repealed the War Risk Insurance Act subject to certain limitations provided in section 602 thereof.

The World War Veterans' Act, 1924, referred to in text, is act June 7, 1924, ch. 320, 43 Stat. 607, as amended, which was classified generally to chapter 10 (§§421 to 574) of former Title 38, Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief, and which was repealed by Pub. L. 85-857, §14(51), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1271. For distribution of sections 421 to 574 of former Title 38 in this title, see Table preceding section 101 of this title.

The National Service Life Insurance Act of 1940, referred to in text, is act Oct. 8, 1940, ch. 757, title VI, part I, 54 Stat. 1008, as amended, which was classified generally to chapter 13 (§801 et seq.) of former Title 38, Pensions, Bonuses, and Veterans' Relief, and which was repealed and the provisions thereof reenacted as this subchapter by Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1105.

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2000 was renumbered section 4100 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 788 of this title as this section.

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2016—Pub. L. 114-315, title VII, §§712(a)(2), 713(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1587, 1588, added items 2013, 2014, and 2067 and struck out former item 2013 “Authorization of appropriations”.

2010—Pub. L. 111-275, title II, §202(b), Oct. 13, 2010, 124 Stat. 2874, added item 2021A.

2008—Pub. L. 110-387, title VI, §§602(e), 604(b)(2), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4132, 4136, substituted “Referral and counseling services: veterans at risk of homelessness who are transitioning from certain institutions” for “Demonstration program of referral and counseling for veterans transitioning from certain institutions who are at risk for homelessness” in item 2023 and added item 2044.

SUBCHAPTER I—PURPOSE; DEFINITIONS; ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

§ 2001. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to provide for the special needs of homeless veterans.

(Added Pub. L. 107-95, §5(a)(1), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 905.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

A prior section 2001 was renumbered section 4101 of this title.

Another prior section 2001, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1217, related to compensation for veterans under agreements with States, prior to repeal by section 1(a) of Pub. L. 87-675.

NATIONAL GOAL TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG VETERANS

Pub. L. 109-461, title VII, §701, Dec. 22, 2006, 120 Stat. 3439, provided that:

“(a) REAFFIRMATION.—Congress reaffirms the national goal to end chronic homelessness among veterans within a decade of the enactment of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-95; 115 Stat. 903) [Dec. 21, 2001].

“(b) REAFFIRMATION OF ENCOURAGEMENT OF COOPERATIVE EFFORTS.—Congress reaffirms its encouragement, as specified in the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act of 2001 (Public Law 107-95; 115 Stat. 903), that all departments and agencies of the Federal, State, and local governments, quasi-governmental organizations, private and public sector entities, including community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals, work cooperatively to end chronic homelessness among veterans.”

Pub. L. 107-95, §3, Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 903, provided that:

“(a) NATIONAL GOAL.—Congress hereby declares it to be a national goal to end chronic homelessness among veterans within a decade of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 21, 2001].

“(b) COOPERATIVE EFFORTS ENCOURAGED.—Congress hereby encourages all departments and agencies of Federal, State, and local governments, quasi-governmental organizations, private and public sector entities, including community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, and individuals to work cooperatively to end chronic homelessness among veterans within a decade.”

SENSE OF THE CONGRESS REGARDING THE NEEDS OF HOMELESS VETERANS AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF FEDERAL AGENCIES

Pub. L. 107-95, §4, Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 904, provided that: “It is the sense of the Congress that—

“(1) homelessness is a significant problem in the veterans community and veterans are disproportionately represented among homeless men;

“(2) while many effective programs assist homeless veterans to again become productive and self-sufficient members of society, current resources provided to such programs and other activities that assist homeless veterans are inadequate to provide all needed essential services, assistance, and support to homeless veterans;

“(3) the most effective programs for the assistance of homeless veterans should be identified and expanded;

“(4) federally funded programs for homeless veterans should be held accountable for achieving clearly defined results;

“(5) Federal efforts to assist homeless veterans should include prevention of homelessness; and

“(6) Federal agencies, particularly the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Labor, should cooperate more fully to address the problem of homelessness among veterans.”

EVALUATION CENTERS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS PROGRAMS

Pub. L. 107-95, §6(a), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 919, provided that: “The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall support the continuation within the Department of Veterans Affairs of at least one center for evaluation to monitor the structure, process, and outcome of programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs that address homeless veterans.”

DEFINITIONS IN PUB. L. 107-95

Pub. L. 107-95, §2, Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 903, provided that: “For purposes of this Act [see Short Title of 2001 Amendments note set out under section 101 of this title]:

“(1) The term ‘homeless veteran’ has the meaning given such term in section 2002 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 5(a)(1).

“(2) The term ‘grant and per diem provider’ means an entity in receipt of a grant under section 2011 or 2012 of title 38, United States Code, as so added.”