

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in par. (2), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 7 (§301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

2001—Par. (2). Pub. L. 107-90 inserted “(or less than five years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995)” after “ten years of service” in two places and inserted “(or five or more years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995)” after “ten or more years of service”.

1981—Par. (2). Pub. L. 97-35 inserted “and section 216(i)” after “203”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-90 effective Jan. 1, 2002, see section 103(j) of Pub. L. 107-90, set out as a note under section 405 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Jan. 1, 1975, see section 1129(b)(2) of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 231 of this title.

§ 231r. Automatic benefit eligibility requirement adjustments

(a) Reduced benefits

If title II of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.] is amended at any time after December 31, 1974, to reduce the eligibility requirements for old-age insurance benefits, disability insurance benefits, wife’s insurance benefits payable to a wife, husband’s insurance benefits, child’s insurance benefits payable to a child of a deceased individual, widow’s insurance benefits payable to a widow, widower’s insurance benefits, mother’s insurance benefits payable to a widow, or parent’s insurance benefits, such reduced eligibility requirements shall be applicable, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board, to individuals, spouses, or survivors, as the case may be, under section 231a of this title to the extent that such reduced eligibility requirements would provide such individuals, spouses, or survivors with entitlement to annuities under such section 231a of this title to which they would not be entitled except for such reduced eligibility requirements: *Provided, however*, That no annuity shall be paid to any person pursuant to the provisions of this subsection if that person does not satisfy an eligibility requirement imposed by section 231a of this title of a kind not imposed by the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.] on December 31, 1974, or an eligibility requirement imposed by section 231a of this title of a kind which was imposed by the Social Security Act on December 31, 1974, but which was not reduced by the amendment to that Act: *Provided further*, That the annuity amounts to which such individuals, spouses, or survivors will be entitled under this subchapter by reason of the provisions of this subsection shall be only such amounts as are determined under the provisions of section 231b(a), 231c(a), or 231c(f), respectively, of this title.

(b) Additional eligible beneficiaries

If title II of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.] is amended at any time after Decem-

ber 31, 1974, to provide monthly insurance benefits under that Act to a class of beneficiaries not entitled to such benefits thereunder prior to January 1, 1975, every person who is a member of such class of beneficiaries shall be entitled to annuities under section 231a of this title, in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Board, in an amount equal to the amount of the monthly insurance benefit to which such person would have been entitled under the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.] if service as an employee after December 31, 1936, had been included in the term “employment” as defined in that Act.

(c) Reduced conditions of entitlement; expanded benefits

If section 226 [42 U.S.C. 426] or title XVIII [42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.] of the Social Security Act is amended at any time after December 31, 1974, to reduce the conditions of entitlement to, or to expand the nature of, the benefits payable thereunder, or if health care benefits in addition to, or in lieu of, the benefits payable under such section 226 or such title XVIII are provided by any provision of law which becomes effective at any time after December 31, 1974, such reductions in the conditions of entitlement to benefits, such expanded benefits, or such additional, or substituted, health care benefits shall be available to every employee (as defined in this subchapter), and those deriving from him, in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if his service as an employee after December 31, 1936, had been included in the term “employment” as defined in the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.]. The Board shall have the same authority, in accordance with regulations prescribed by it, to determine the rights of employees who will have completed ten years of service (or five or more years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995), and of those deriving from such employees, to benefits provided by reason of the provisions of this subsection as the Secretary of Health and Human Services has with respect to individuals insured under the Social Security Act.

(d) Limitations

Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section—

(1) No annuity or other benefit shall be payable to any person on the basis of the compensation and years of service of an individual by reason of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section if, and to the extent that, such annuity or other benefit would duplicate a benefit payable to such person on the basis of such compensation and years of service under a provision of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.], or any other Act of Congress, which becomes effective after December 31, 1974.

(2) No annuity shall be payable to a person by reason of subsection (a) or (b) of this section unless the individual upon whose compensation and years of service such annuity would be based will have (A) completed ten years of service (or five or more years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995), and (B) in the case of a survivor, had a current connection with the railroad industry at the time of his death.

(3) If the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. 301 et seq.] is amended after December 31, 1974, to remove any, or all, restriction on the receipt of more than one monthly insurance benefit thereunder, annuity amounts provided a person under section 231b(h), 231c(e), or 231c(h) of this title, or under section 204(a)(3), 204(a)(4), 206(3), or 207(3) of title II of this Act, shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of any annuity provided such person under this subchapter by reason of such amendment.

(4) If and to the extent that an annuity or other benefit payable to a person by reason of the provisions of subsection (a), (b), or (c) of this section duplicates an annuity or other benefit then payable to such person under other provisions of this subchapter, such annuity or other benefit then payable under other provisions of this subchapter shall be reduced (but not below zero) by the amount of the annuity or other benefit payable by reason of subsection (a), (b), or (c).

(Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, §19, as restated June 24, 1937, ch. 382, pt. I, 50 Stat. 307, as restated Pub. L. 93-445, title I, §101, Oct. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 1350; amended Pub. L. 96-88, title V, §509(b), Oct. 17, 1979, 93 Stat. 695; Pub. L. 107-90, title I, §103(h), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 881.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Social Security Act, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b), (c), and (d)(1), (3), is act Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, 49 Stat. 620, as amended, which is classified generally to chapter 7 (§301 et seq.) of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare. Titles II and XVIII of the Social Security Act are classified generally to subchapters II (§401 et seq.) and XVIII (§1395 et seq.), respectively, of chapter 7 of Title 42. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see section 1305 of Title 42 and Tables.

Sections 204(a)(3), 204(a)(4), 206(3), 207(3) of title II of this Act, referred to in subsec. (d)(3), are sections 204(a)(3), 204(a)(4), 206(3), 207(3) of title II of Pub. L. 93-445 and are set out as part of a Transitional Provisions note under section 231 of this title.

AMENDMENTS

2001—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-90, §103(h)(1), inserted “(or five or more years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995)” after “ten years of service”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 107-90, §103(h)(2), inserted “(or five or more years of service, all of which accrues after December 31, 1995)” after “ten years of service”.

CHANGE OF NAME

“Secretary of Health and Human Services” substituted for “Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare” in subsec. (c) pursuant to section 509(b) of Pub. L. 96-88 which is classified to section 3508(b) of Title 20, Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 107-90 effective Jan. 1, 2002, see section 103(j) of Pub. L. 107-90, set out as a note under section 405 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare.

§ 231s. Separability

If any provision of this subchapter, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, should be held invalid, the remainder of such subchapter, or the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

(Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, §20, as restated June 24, 1937, ch. 382, pt. I, 50 Stat. 307, as restated Pub. L. 93-445, title I, §101, Oct. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 1351.)

§ 231t. Short title

This subchapter may be cited as the “Railroad Retirement Act of 1974”.

(Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, §21, as restated June 24, 1937, ch. 382, pt. I, 50 Stat. 307, as restated Pub. L. 93-445, title I, §101, Oct. 16, 1974, 88 Stat. 1351.)

SHORT TITLE OF 2007 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-478, §1, Jan. 12, 2007, 120 Stat. 3573, provided that: “This Act [amending section 231a of this title and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 231a of this title] may be cited as the ‘Railroad Retirement Disability Earnings Act’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2006 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 109-305, §1, Oct. 6, 2006, 120 Stat. 1719, provided that: “This Act [amending section 231f of this title] may be cited as the ‘Railroad Retirement Technical Improvement Act of 2006’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 2001 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-90, §1(a), Dec. 21, 2001, 115 Stat. 878, provided that: “This Act [enacting section 231v of this title and subchapter E of chapter 22 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, amending sections 231a to 231f, 231n, 231n-1, 231q, 231r, and 231u of this title, sections 24, 72, 501, 3201, 3211, 3221, and 3231 of Title 26, and section 405 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 231b, 231c, and 231n of this title, sections 24 and 3211 of Title 26, and section 405 of Title 42] may be cited as the ‘Railroad Retirement and Survivors’ Improvement Act of 2001’.”

SHORT TITLE OF 1983 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 98-76, §1, Aug. 12, 1983, 97 Stat. 411, provided: “That this Act [enacting sections 231f-1, 231n-1 and 231v of this title and sections 3321 to 3323 and 6050G of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, amending sections 231 to 231f, 231m, 231n, 231u, 351 to 354, 358, and 360 of this title, sections 72, 86, 105, 3201, 3202, 3211, 3221, 3231, 6157, 6201, 6317, 6513, and 6601 of Title 26, and section 430 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 231 to 231d, 231f, 231m, 231n, 231n-1, 351, 352, and 362 of this title and sections 1, 72, 105, 3201, 3321, and 6302 of Title 26] may be cited as the ‘Railroad Retirement Solvency Act of 1983’.”

§ 231u. Benefit preservation

(a)(1) On or before May 1 of each year beginning in 1984, the Railroad Retirement Board shall prepare a five-year projection of anticipated revenues to and payments from the Railroad Retirement Account to determine the ability of such Account to pay benefits in each of the next succeeding five calendar years. On or before May 1 of each year beginning in 2003, the Railroad Retirement Board shall compute its projection of the account benefits ratio and the average account benefits ratio (as defined by section 3241(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [26 U.S.C. 3241(c)]) for each of the next succeeding five fiscal years. No later than July 1 of each year, the Board shall submit a written report to the President, the Speaker of the House, and the President of the Senate setting forth the results of the projections prepared pursuant to the preceding two sentences. If the projection indicates that the funds in the Railroad Retirement