

HISTORICAL AND REVISION NOTES

<i>Revised section</i>	<i>Source (U.S. Code)</i>	<i>Source (Statutes at Large)</i>
6156	34 U.S.C. 608.	Feb. 14, 1927, ch. 134, 44 Stat. 1096.

The word “person” is substituted for the words “former members of the naval service”.

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6156 of this title as this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

§ 8270. Pension to persons serving ten years

(a) Every disabled person who has served in the Navy or Marine Corps as an enlisted member or petty officer, or both, for ten or more years, and has not been discharged for misconduct, may apply to the Secretary of the Navy for aid.

(b) Upon receipt of an application under subsection (a), the Secretary of the Navy may convene a board of not less than three naval officers (one of whom shall be a surgeon) to examine into the condition of the applicant, and to recommend a suitable amount for his relief, and for a specified time. If the Secretary of the Navy approves the recommendation, he shall so certify to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, who shall pay a pension in such amount monthly to the applicant.

(c) No naval pension under this section shall be paid at a rate in excess of the rate payable to a veteran of World War I for permanent and total non-service-connected disability, unless the applicant's disability is service-connected, in which case the naval pension payable to him shall not exceed the rate of disability compensation payable for total disability to a veteran of any war, or of peacetime service, as the case may be. In the case of any initial award of naval pension granted before July 14, 1943, where the person granted the naval pension is also entitled to pension or compensation under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, such naval pension shall not exceed one-fourth of such pension or compensation.

(Added Pub. L. 85-56, title XXII, § 2201(31)(C), June 17, 1957, 71 Stat. 161, § 6160; amended Pub. L. 85-857, § 13(v)(4), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1268; Pub. L. 99-145, title XIII, § 1301(c)(1), Nov. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 736; Pub. L. 101-189, div. A, title XVI, § 1621(a)(2), Nov. 29, 1989, 103 Stat. 1603; Pub. L. 101-510, div. A, title XIV, § 1484(j)(4), Nov. 5, 1990, 104 Stat. 1719; renumbered § 8270, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(b)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1835.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6160 of this title as this section.

1990—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 101-510 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Veterans’ Administration”.

1989—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 101-189 substituted “Secretary of Veterans Affairs” for “Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs”.

1985—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-145 substituted “enlisted member” for “enlisted man”.

1958—Pub. L. 85-857 limited naval pensions granted before July 14, 1943 to not more than one-fourth of any pension or compensation which the person is entitled to receive under laws administered by the Veterans’ Administration.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2018 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 115-232 effective Feb. 1, 2019, with provision for the coordination of amendments and special rule for certain redesignations, see section 800 of Pub. L. 115-232, set out as a note preceding section 3001 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1958 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 85-857, § 13(v)(4), Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1268, provided that the amendment made by that section is effective as of Jan. 1, 1958.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective Jan. 1, 1958, see section 2301 of Pub. L. 85-56.

§ 8271. Settlement of accounts: remission or cancellation of indebtedness of members

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Navy may have remitted or cancelled any part of the indebtedness of a person to the United States or any instrumentality of the United States incurred while the person was serving as a member of the naval service, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status, but only if the Secretary considers such action to be in the best interest of the United States.

(b) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY TO CERTAIN DEBTS.—The authority in subsection (a) may be exercised with respect to any debt covered by that subsection that is incurred on or after October 7, 2001.

(c) REGULATIONS.—This section shall be administered under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

(Added Pub. L. 86-511, § 1(a), June 11, 1960, 74 Stat. 207, § 6161; amended Pub. L. 109-163, div. A, title VI, § 683(b)(1), Jan. 6, 2006, 119 Stat. 3322; Pub. L. 109-364, div. A, title VI, § 673(b)(1), (2), (e)(2), Oct. 17, 2006, 120 Stat. 2271, 2272; Pub. L. 110-181, div. A, title X, § 1063(c)(7)(B), Jan. 28, 2008, 122 Stat. 323; Pub. L. 114-328, div. A, title VI, § 671(b)(2), Dec. 23, 2016, 130 Stat. 2173; renumbered § 8271, Pub. L. 115-232, div. A, title VIII, § 807(b)(10), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1835.)

AMENDMENTS

2018—Pub. L. 115-232 renumbered section 6161 of this title as this section.

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-328 substituted “as a member of the naval service, whether as a regular or a reserve in active status” for “on active duty as a member of the naval service”.

2008—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 110-181 made technical correction to directory language of Pub. L. 109-364, § 673(b)(1). See 2006 Amendment note below.

2006—Pub. L. 109-163 amended section catchline and text generally. Prior to amendment, text read as follows: “If he considers it in the best interest of the United States, the Secretary of the Navy may have remitted or canceled any part of an enlisted member's indebtedness to the United States or any of its instrumentalities remaining unpaid before, or at the time of that member's honorable discharge.”

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 109-364, § 673(e)(2), substituted “The Secretary of the Navy” for “If the Secretary of