

1976—Pub. L. 94-581, title II, §203(a), Oct. 21, 1976, 90 Stat. 2856, inserted "Nursing Home," in item for chapter 17.

1973—Pub. L. 93-43, §2(b), June 18, 1973, 87 Stat. 78, added item for chapter 24.

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2021—Pub. L. 117-16, §7(a)(1), (b)(3), June 8, 2021, 135 Stat. 284, 285, renumbered item 1164 "Specialized teams to evaluate claims involving military sexual trauma" as 1166 and made technical amendment to directory language of Pub. L. 116-315, §4101(b). See Amendment note below.

Pub. L. 116-315, title V, §§5501(a)(2), 5502(b), Jan. 5, 2021, 134 Stat. 5048, 5050, added item 1164 "Specialized teams to evaluate claims involving military sexual trauma" and item 1165.

Pub. L. 116-315, title IV, §4101(b), Jan. 5, 2021, 134 Stat. 5008, as amended by Pub. L. 117-16, §7(b)(3), June 8, 2021, 135 Stat. 285, added item 1164 "Presumptions of service-connection for Coronavirus Disease 2019".

2019—Pub. L. 116-23, §§2(b), 3(b), June 25, 2019, 133 Stat. 968, 970, added items 1116A and 1116B.

2008—Pub. L. 110-389, title II, §211(c), Oct. 10, 2008, 122 Stat. 4151, added item 1156.

2001—Pub. L. 107-103, title II, §201(c)(2)(B), Dec. 27, 2001, 115 Stat. 988, substituted "Presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents; presumption of exposure for veterans who served in the Republic of Vietnam" for "Presumptions of service connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents" in item 1116.

1998—Pub. L. 105-368, title X, §1005(a), Nov. 11, 1998, 112 Stat. 3364, renumbered item 1103 "Cost-of-living adjustments" as 1104.

Pub. L. 105-277, div. C, title XVI, §1602(a)(2), Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2681-744, added item 1118.

Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, §8202(a)(2), as added by Pub. L. 105-206, title IX, §9014(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 865, added item 1103 "Special provisions relating to claims based upon effects of tobacco products".

1997—Pub. L. 105-33, title VIII, §8031(a)(2), Aug. 5, 1997, 111 Stat. 668, added item 1103 "Cost-of-living adjustments".

1994—Pub. L. 103-446, title I, §106(a)(2), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4651, added item 1117.

1992—Pub. L. 102-568, title IV, §401(d)(2), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4336, substituted "Trial work periods and vocational rehabilitation for certain veterans with total disability ratings" for "Temporary program for trial work periods and vocational rehabilitation for certain veterans with total disability ratings" in item 1163.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(b)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406, renumbered items 301 to 363 as 1101 to 1163, respectively.

Pub. L. 102-4, §2(a)(2), Feb. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 13, added item 316.

1986—Pub. L. 99-576, title I, §109(a)(2), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3253, amended item 360 generally, substituting "loss of paired organs or extremities" for "blindness or bilateral kidney involvement or bilateral deafness".

1984—Pub. L. 98-543, title I, §111(a)(2), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2739, added item 363.

1982—Pub. L. 97-295, §4(9), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1305, added item 361.

1976—Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §§401(1), 404(5), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, 1378, substituted "surviving spouses" for "widows" in item 302 and struck out item 356 "Minimum rating for arrested tuberculosis".

1974—Pub. L. 93-295, title II, §206(c), May 31, 1974, 88 Stat. 183, struck out item 343 "Conditions under which wartime rates payable".

1972—Pub. L. 92-328, title I, §§103(b), 108(d), June 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 394, 396, struck out item 336 "Conditions under which wartime rates payable" and added item 362.

1970—Pub. L. 91-376, §3(c), Aug. 12, 1970, 84 Stat. 789, inserted reference to disabilities in item 312.

1966—Pub. L. 89-358, §7(b), Mar. 3, 1966, 80 Stat. 27, added item 337.

1965—Pub. L. 89-311, §3(c), Oct. 31, 1965, 79 Stat. 1155, inserted reference to bilateral deafness in item 360.

1962—Pub. L. 87-610, §2, Aug. 28, 1962, 76 Stat. 406, added item 360.

1960—Pub. L. 86-501, §2, June 10, 1960, 74 Stat. 195, added item 359.

SUBCHAPTER I—GENERAL

§ 1101. Definitions

For the purposes of this chapter—

(1) The term "veteran" includes a person who died in the active military, naval, air, or space service.

(2) The term "period of war" includes, in the case of any veteran—

(A) any period of service performed by such veteran after November 11, 1918, and before July 2, 1921, if such veteran served in the active military, naval, air, or space service after April 5, 1917, and before November 12, 1918; and

(B) any period of continuous service performed by such veteran after December 31, 1946, and before July 26, 1947, if such period began before January 1, 1947.

(3) The term "chronic disease" includes—

Anemia, primary
 Arteriosclerosis
 Arthritis
 Atrophy, progressive muscular
 Brain hemorrhage
 Brain thrombosis
 Bronchiectasis
 Calculi of the kidney, bladder, or gallbladder
 Cardiovascular-renal disease, including hypertension
 Cirrhosis of the liver
 Coccidioidomycosis
 Diabetes mellitus
 Encephalitis lethargica residuals
 Endocarditis
 Endocrinopathies
 Epilepsies
 Hansen's disease
 Hodgkin's disease
 Leukemia
 Lupus erythematosus, systemic
 Myasthenia gravis
 Myelitis
 Myocarditis
 Nephritis
 Organic diseases of the nervous system
 Osteitis deformans (Paget's disease)
 Osteomalacia
 Palsy, bulbar
 Paralysis agitans
 Psychoses
 Purpura idiopathic, hemorrhagic
 Raynaud's disease
 Sarcoidosis
 Scleroderma
 Sclerosis, amyotrophic lateral
 Sclerosis, multiple
 Syringomyelia

Thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger's disease)

Tuberculosis, active

Tumors, malignant, or of the brain or spinal cord or peripheral nerves

Ulcers, peptic (gastric or duodenal)

and such other chronic diseases as the Secretary may add to this list.

(4) The term "tropical disease" includes—

Amebiasis
 Blackwater fever
 Cholera
 Dracontiasis
 Dysentery
 Filiariasis
 Hansen's disease
 Leishmaniasis, including kala-azar
 Loiasis
 Malaria
 Onchocerciasis
 Oroya fever
 Pinta
 Plague
 Schistosomiasis
 Yaws
 Yellow fever

and such other tropical diseases as the Secretary may add to this list.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1118, §301; Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §§401(2), (3), 404(1), Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1377, 1378; Pub. L. 98-160, title VII, §702(2), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 1009; Pub. L. 100-322, title III, §313, May 20, 1988, 102 Stat. 535; renumbered §1101 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §926(a)(5), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830.)

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AMENDMENTS

2021—Pars. (1), (2)(A). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted "air, or space service" for "or air service".

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 301 of this title as this section.

Pars. (3), (4). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator".

1988—Par. (3). Pub. L. 100-322 inserted "Lupus erythematosus, systemic" after "Leukemia".

1983—Par. (3). Pub. L. 98-160 substituted a period for the semicolon at end of paragraph following "may add to this list".

1976—Par. (2)(A), (B). Pub. L. 94-433, §404(1), substituted "such veteran" for "him" in subpars. (A) and (B).

Par. (3). Pub. L. 94-433, §401(2), substituted "Hansen's disease" for "Leprosy".

Par. (4). Pub. L. 94-433, §401(3), inserted "Hansen's disease" after "Filiariasis" and struck out "Leprosy" before "Loiasis".

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 94-433, title IV, §406, Sept. 30, 1976, 90 Stat. 1380, provided that: "The provisions of this Act [see Tables for classification] shall become effective on October 1, 1976."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF FUTURE INCREASES

Pub. L. 98-223, title I, §108, Mar. 2, 1984, 98 Stat. 40, provided that: "It is the sense of the Congress that any