

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1239, §3501; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(82), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3298; renumbered §6101, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-54, §14(d)(7), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(e)(17), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4686; Pub. L. 108-454, title V, §501(c), Dec. 10, 2004, 118 Stat. 3618.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

2004—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 108-454, §501(c), substituted “fiduciary (as defined in section 5506 of this title) for the benefit of a minor, incompetent, or other beneficiary under laws administered by the Secretary,” for “guardian, curator, conservator, committee, or person legally vested with the responsibility or care of a claimant or a claimant’s estate, or any other person having charge and custody in a fiduciary capacity of money heretofore or hereafter paid under any of the laws administered by the Secretary for the benefit of any minor, incompetent, or other beneficiary.”

1994—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-446 inserted a comma after “title 18”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 3501 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “administered by the Secretary” for “administered by the Veterans’ Administration”.

Pub. L. 102-54 amended subsec. (a) as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 102-40 by substituting “in accordance with title 18” for “not more than \$2,000”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-576 substituted “a claimant’s” for “his” before “estate”, and “such fiduciary’s” for “his” in three places.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2004 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 108-454 effective on the first day of the seventh month beginning after Dec. 10, 2004, see section 507(a) of Pub. L. 108-454, set out as an Effective Date of 2004 Amendment note under section 5312 of this title.

§ 6102. Fraudulent acceptance of payments

(a) Any person entitled to monetary benefits under any of the laws administered by the Secretary whose right to payment thereof ceases upon the happening of any contingency, who thereafter fraudulently accepts any such payment, shall be fined in accordance with title 18, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(b) Whoever obtains or receives any money or check under any of the laws administered by the Secretary without being entitled to it, and with intent to defraud the United States or any beneficiary of the United States, shall be fined in accordance with title 18, or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1239, §3502; renumbered §6102, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-54, §14(d)(7), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403.)

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AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 3502 of this title as this section.

Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “administered by the Secretary” for “administered by the Veterans’ Administration” in subsecs. (a) and (b).

Pub. L. 102-54 amended section as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 102-40 by substituting “in accordance with title 18” for “not more than \$2,000” in subsecs. (a) and (b).

§ 6103. Forfeiture for fraud

(a) Whoever knowingly makes or causes to be made or conspires, combines, aids, or assists in, agrees to, arranges for, or in any way procures the making or presentation of a false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, statement, voucher, or paper, concerning any claim for benefits under any of the laws administered by the Secretary (except laws pertaining to insurance benefits) shall forfeit all rights, claims, and benefits under all laws administered by the Secretary (except laws pertaining to insurance benefits).

(b) Whenever a veteran entitled to disability compensation has forfeited the right to such compensation under this section, the compensation payable but for the forfeiture shall thereafter be paid to the veteran’s spouse, children, and parents. Payments made to a spouse, children, and parents under the preceding sentence shall not exceed the amounts payable to each if the veteran had died from service-connected disability. No spouse, child, or parent who participated in the fraud for which forfeiture was imposed shall receive any payment by reason of this subsection. An apportionment award under this subsection may not be made in any case after September 1, 1959.

(c) Forfeiture of benefits by a veteran shall not prohibit payment of the burial allowance, death compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, or death pension in the event of the veteran’s death.

(d)(1) After September 1, 1959, no forfeiture of benefits may be imposed under this section or section 6104 of this title upon any individual who was a resident of, or domiciled in, a State at the time the act or acts occurred on account of which benefits would, but not for this subsection, be forfeited unless such individual ceases to be a resident of, or domiciled in, a State before the expiration of the period during which criminal prosecution could be instituted. This subsection shall not apply with respect to (A) any forfeiture occurring before September 1, 1959, or (B) an act or acts which occurred in the Philippine Islands before July 4, 1946.

(2) The Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to review all cases in which, because of a false or fraudulent affidavit, declaration, certificate, statement, voucher, or paper, a forfeiture of gratuitous benefits under laws administered by the Secretary was imposed, pursuant to this section or prior provisions of law, on or before September 1, 1959. In any such case in which the Secretary determines that the forfeiture would not have been imposed under the provisions of this section in effect after September 1, 1959, the Secretary shall remit the forfeiture, effective June 30, 1972. Benefits to which the individual concerned becomes eligible by virtue of any such remission may be awarded, upon application therefor, and the effective date of any award of

compensation, dependency and indemnity compensation, or pension made in such a case shall be fixed in accordance with the provisions of section 5110(g) of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1240, §3503; Pub. L. 86-222, §1, Sept. 1, 1959, 73 Stat. 452; Pub. L. 91-24, §13(a), June 11, 1969, 83 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 92-328, title II, §206, June 30, 1972, 86 Stat. 397; Pub. L. 98-160, title VII, §703(6), Nov. 21, 1983, 97 Stat. 1011; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(83), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3298; renumbered §6103 and amended Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), (d)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238, 239; Pub. L. 102-54, §14(d)(8), June 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 286; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), (b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403-405; Pub. L. 103-446, title XII, §1201(e)(18), (f)(5), Nov. 2, 1994, 108 Stat. 4686, 4687.)

Editorial Notes

AMENDMENTS

1994—Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 103-446, §1201(e)(18), in second sentence substituted “(A) any” for “(a) any”, “(B) an act” for “(b) an act”, and “before July 4, 1946” for “prior to July 4, 1946”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 103-446, §1201(f)(5), substituted “June 30, 1972” for “the date of enactment of this amendatory Act”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40, §402(b)(1), renumbered section 3503 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), substituted “administered by the Secretary” for “administered by the Veterans’ Administration” in two places.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-54, §14(d)(8)(A), amended subsec. (b) as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 102-40 by inserting at end “An apportionment award under this subsection may not be made in any case after September 1, 1959.”

Subsec. (d)(1). Pub. L. 102-40, §402(d)(1), substituted “6104” for “3504”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” in three places.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), substituted “administered by the Secretary” for “administered by the Veterans’ Administration”.

Pub. L. 102-40, §402(d)(1), substituted “5110(g)” for “3010(g)”.

Subsec. (e). Pub. L. 102-54, §14(d)(8)(B), amended section as in effect immediately before the enactment of Pub. L. 102-40 by striking out subsec. (e) which read as follows: “No apportionment award under subsection (b) of this section shall be made in any case after the date of enactment of this subsection.”

1986—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(83)(A), substituted “the veteran’s” for “his”.

Subsec. (d)(2). Pub. L. 99-576, §701(83)(B), substituted “the Administrator” for “he” in two places in second sentence.

1983—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 98-160 substituted “the right” for “his right”, “the veteran’s spouse” for “his wife”, and “spouse” for “wife” in two places.

1972—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 92-328 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

1969—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 91-24 substituted “September 1, 1959” for “the date of enactment of this subsection” wherever appearing.

1959—Subsecs. (d) and (e). Pub. L. 86-222 added subsecs. (d) and (e).

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1972 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 92-328 effective June 30, 1972, see section 301(c) of Pub. L. 92-328, set out as a note under section 3713 of this title.

§ 6104. Forfeiture for treason

(a) Any person shown by evidence satisfactory to the Secretary to be guilty of mutiny, treason, sabotage, or rendering assistance to an enemy of the United States or of its allies shall forfeit all accrued or future gratuitous benefits under laws administered by the Secretary.

(b) The Secretary, in the Secretary’s discretion, may apportion and pay any part of benefits forfeited under subsection (a) to the dependents of the person forfeiting such benefits. No dependent of any person shall receive benefits by reason of this subsection in excess of the amount to which the dependent would be entitled if such person were dead.

(c) In the case of any forfeiture under this section there shall be no authority after September 1, 1959 (1) to make an apportionment award pursuant to subsection (b) or (2) to make an award to any person of gratuitous benefits based on any period of military, naval, air, or space service commencing before the date of commission of the offense.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1240, §3504; Pub. L. 86-222, §2, Sept. 1, 1959, 73 Stat. 452; Pub. L. 91-24, §13(b), June 11, 1969, 83 Stat. 34; Pub. L. 97-295, §4(78), Oct. 12, 1982, 96 Stat. 1311; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §701(84), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3298; renumbered §6104, Pub. L. 102-40, title IV, §402(b)(1), May 7, 1991, 105 Stat. 238; Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), (b)(1), (2)(E), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 403-405; Pub. L. 116-283, div. A, title IX, §926(a)(56), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 3830.)

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2021—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 116-283 substituted “air, or space service” for “or air service”.

1991—Pub. L. 102-40 renumbered section 3504 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

Pub. L. 102-83, §4(a)(1), substituted “administered by the Secretary” for “administered by the Veterans’ Administration”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator” and “Secretary’s” for “Administrator’s”.

1986—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 99-576 substituted “the Administrator’s” for “his” and “the dependent” for “he”.

1982—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-295 inserted “to” before “be guilty”.

1969—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 91-24 substituted “September 1, 1959” for “the date of enactment of this subsection”.

1959—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 86-222 added subsec. (c).

§ 6105. Forfeiture for subversive activities

(a) Any individual who is convicted after September 1, 1959, of any offense listed in subsection (b) of this section shall, from and after the date of commission of such offense, have no right to gratuitous benefits (including the right to burial in a national cemetery) under laws administered by the Secretary based on periods of military, naval, air, or space service commencing before the date of the commission of such offense and no other person shall be entitled to such benefits on account of such individual. After receipt of notice of the return of an indictment for such an offense the Secretary shall suspend payment