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(Added and amended Pub. L. 112-260, title II, §202(a), (b), Jan. 10, 2013, 126 Stat. 2423, 2424; Pub. L. 113-59, §6, Dec. 20, 2013, 127 Stat. 662; Pub. L. 113-175, title IV, §401, Sept. 26, 2014, 128 Stat. 1905; Pub. L. 114-58, title IV, §401, Sept. 30, 2015, 129 Stat. 534; Pub. L. 114-228, title IV, §401, Sept. 29, 2016, 130 Stat. 939; Pub. L. 115-62, title IV, §401, Sept. 29, 2017, 131 Stat. 1164; Pub. L. 115-251, title I, §161, Sept. 29, 2018, 132 Stat. 3171; Pub. L. 116-159, div. E, title II, §5204, Oct. 1, 2020, 134 Stat. 750; Pub. L. 116-315, title VII, §7001, Jan. 5, 2021, 134 Stat. 5054; Pub. L. 117-180, div. E, title II, §201, Sept. 30, 2022, 136 Stat. 2137.)

### Editorial Notes

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020, referred to in subsec. (b)(2)(A), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 116-315, which was approved Jan. 5, 2021.

#### AMENDMENTS

2022—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 117-180 substituted “September 30, 2024” for “September 30, 2022”.

2021—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 116-315 designated existing provisions as par. (1) and added par. (2).

2020—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 116-159 substituted “September 30, 2022” for “September 30, 2020”.

2018—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-251 substituted “September 30, 2020” for “September 30, 2019”.

2017—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 115-62 substituted “September 30, 2019” for “December 31, 2017”.

2016—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-228 substituted “December 31, 2017” for “December 31, 2016”.

2015—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 114-58 substituted “December 31, 2016” for “December 31, 2015”.

2014—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-175 substituted “December 31, 2015” for “December 31, 2014”.

2013—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 113-59 substituted “December 31, 2014” for “the date that is one year after the date of the enactment of this section”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 112-260, §202(b), transferred subsec. (h) of section 111 of this title to this section, redesignated it as subsec. (b), and inserted heading.

### § 112. Presidential memorial certificate program

(a) At the request of the President the Secretary may conduct a program for honoring the memory of deceased persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery by reason of any of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section 2402(a) of this title, by preparing and sending to eligible recipients a certificate bearing the signature of the President and expressing the country's grateful recognition of the deceased individual's service in the Armed Forces. The award of a certificate to one eligible recipient will not preclude authorization of another certificate if a request is received from some other eligible recipient.

(b) For the purpose of this section an “eligible recipient” means the next of kin, a relative or friend upon request, or an authorized service representative acting on behalf of such relative or friend.

(c) A certificate may not be furnished under the program under subsection (a) on behalf of a deceased person described in section 2411(b) of this title.

(Added Pub. L. 89-88, §1(a), July 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 264; amended Pub. L. 102-83, §4(b)(1), (2)(E), Aug.

6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404, 405; Pub. L. 107-330, title II, §201(a), Dec. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2823; Pub. L. 112-154, title VI, §603, Aug. 6, 2012, 126 Stat. 1201; Pub. L. 114-315, title III, §302(a), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1551.)

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#### AMENDMENTS

2016—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 114-315 substituted “persons eligible for burial in a national cemetery by reason of any of paragraphs (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section 2402(a) of this title,” for “veterans, discharged under honorable conditions, and persons who died in the active military, naval, or air service.”

2012—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 112-154 inserted “and persons who died in the active military, naval, or air service,” after “under honorable conditions,” and substituted “deceased individual's” for “veteran's”.

2002—Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 107-330 added subsec. (c).  
1991—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83 substituted “Secretary” for “Administrator”.

### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2016 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 114-315, title III, §302(b), Dec. 16, 2016, 130 Stat. 1551, provided that: “The amendment made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to the death of a person eligible for burial in a national cemetery by reason of paragraph (1), (2), (3), or (7) of section 2402(a) of title 38, United States Code, occurring before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2016].”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2002 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 107-330, title II, §201(d), Dec. 6, 2002, 116 Stat. 2823, provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 2301 and 2306 of this title] shall apply with respect to deaths occurring on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 6, 2002].”

### § 113. Treatment of certain programs under sequestration procedures

(a) The following programs shall be exempt from sequestration or reduction under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901 et seq.) or any other sequestration law and shall not be included in any report specifying reductions in Federal spending:

(1) Benefits under chapter 21 of this title, relating to specially adapted housing and mortgage-protection life insurance for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities.

(2) Benefits under section 2307 of this title, relating to burial benefits for veterans who die as the result of a service-connected disability.

(3) Benefits under chapter 39 of this title, relating to automobiles and adaptive equipment for certain disabled veterans and members of the Armed Forces.

(4) Assistance and services under chapter 31 of this title, relating to training and rehabilitation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities.

(5) Benefits under chapter 35 of this title, relating to educational assistance for survivors and dependents of certain veterans with service-connected disabilities.

(6) Benefits under subchapters I, II, and III of chapter 37 of this title, relating to housing loans for certain veterans and for the spouses and surviving spouses of certain veterans.