

Public Law 85-272

AN ACT

To provide for the relief of certain female members of the Air Force, and for other purposes.

September 2, 1957
[H. R. 3028]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all payments of basic allowances for quarters at the rate prescribed for members without dependents which were made to female members of the Air Force whose husbands were also members of a uniformed service and were stationed at the same or adjacent installations, and which were paid before April 16, 1954, are validated to the extent that those basic allowances for quarters were paid, because family-type Government quarters were not available and because the Department of the Air Force did not assign those female members to single-type quarters, notwithstanding the availability of those quarters, on the grounds that the best interests of the service were considered to be served by permitting husbands and wives to reside together in nonpublic quarters. Any female member who has made a repayment to the United States of the amount so paid to her as basic allowance for quarters is entitled to be paid the amount involved, if such payment is otherwise proper.

Air Force.
Relief of certain
female members.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve disbursing officers, including special disbursing agents, of the Army, Navy, and Air Force from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of those officers or agents for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

Disbursing offi-
cers.
Relief.

SEC. 3. Appropriations available to the Department of the Air Force for the pay and allowances of military personnel are available for payments under this Act.

Funds available.

SEC. 4. The Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended (37 U. S. C. 231 et seq.), is further amended by adding the following new section at the end thereof:

63 Stat. 802.

“§ 534. Regulations affecting pay and allowances

“No regulation under this Act, or any other law relating to pay and allowances of military personnel, shall be prescribed by the Secretary of a military department within the Department of Defense, relating to the pay and allowances of members of the Armed Forces under such military department, unless such regulation be first approved under procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Regulations of the Secretaries of the Treasury, Commerce, and Health, Education, and Welfare, which relate to similar items of pay and allowances authorized for members of the Coast Guard, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and the Public Health Service, shall, to the extent practicable, agree with regulations so approved. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Secretary of Defense or the Secretaries of the Treasury, Commerce, and Health, Education, and Welfare from securing from the Comptroller General an advisory ruling with respect to a proposed regulation especially affecting the department or departments under such Secretary's jurisdiction.”

SEC. 5. The analysis to the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is amended by adding the following new section caption:

“Sec. 534. Regulations affecting pay and allowances.”

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