

## Public Law 88-151

## AN ACT

To amend section 1820 of title 38 of the United States Code to provide for waiver of indebtedness to the United States in certain cases arising out of default on loans guaranteed or made by the Veterans' Administration.

October 17, 1963  
[H. R. 242]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 1820(a)(4) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after the semicolon the following: "and the authority to waive or release claims may include partial or total waiver of payment by the veteran, or his spouse, following default and loss of the property where the Administrator determines that the default arose out of compelling reasons without fault on the part of the veteran or that collection of the indebtedness would otherwise work a severe hardship upon the veteran;"

Veterans, waiver of indebtedness.  
72 Stat. 1213.

SEC. 2. The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs shall submit to the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives, not later than December 31 of each year, a written report concerning each case in which a waiver of indebtedness has been made under the authority of the amendment made by the first section of this Act. Such report shall include, together with such other information as the Administrator deems appropriate, the name and address of each person with respect to which a waiver of indebtedness has been made and the total amount of such waiver.

Report to Congress.

Approved October 17, 1963.

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## AN ACT

For the relief of Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mason.

October 17, 1963  
[H. R. 3369]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the award of death compensation which the Veterans' Administration has held that Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mason, of Houlton, Maine, is entitled to receive as a result of its finding, because of the death of her late husband, Major Theodore P. Mason, who was killed in combat in Belgium on September 9, 1944, shall be held and considered to be effective as of the day following the said Theodore P. Mason's death on the basis of her original claim for such death compensation which she filed in March 1945, six months after her husband's death; and the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to make retroactive payments in accordance with such entitlement.

Mrs. Elizabeth G. Mason.

SEC. 2. Section 104(b) of the Civil Rights Act of 1957, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1975c(b)), is amended by striking out "September 30, 1963" and inserting in lieu thereof "September 30, 1964".

Civil Rights Commission.  
71 Stat. 635;  
75 Stat. 559.

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