

Public Law 88-283

AN ACT

For the relief of certain medical and dental officers of the Air Force.

March 13, 1964
[H. R. 8507]

Air Force.
Medical and
dental officers.
Relief.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any medical or dental officer, or former medical or dental officer, of the Air Force who was credited with an erroneous amount of service for pay purposes because of paragraph 5 of Personnel Orders Numbered 193, the National Guard Bureau, is relieved of all liability to the United States for amounts received by him as a result of such erroneous credit.

SEC. 2. In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, credit shall be given for amounts for which liability is relieved by this Act.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to each of the officers covered by section 1 of this Act an amount equal to the aggregate of the amounts paid by him, or withheld from sums otherwise due him, in complete or partial satisfaction of the liability to the United States described in section 1 of this Act.

SEC. 4. No part of the amount appropriated in this Act shall be paid or delivered to or received by any agent or attorney on account of services rendered in connection with this claim, and the same shall be unlawful, any contract to the contrary notwithstanding. Any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding \$1,000.

Approved March 13, 1964.

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AN ACT

To amend the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 to remove certain inequities in the application of such Act, to improve the administration thereof, and for other purposes.

March 17, 1964
[S. 1561]

Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959, amendment.
73 Stat. 708.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act of 1959 (5 U.S.C. 3001-3014) is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Section 2(c)(3) (5 U.S.C. 3001(c)(3)) is amended by striking out "as a result of injury sustained or illness contracted on or after such date of enactment".

(2) Section 2(c)(4) (5 U.S.C. 3001(c)(4)) is amended by striking out "on account of injury sustained or illness contracted on or after such date of enactment".

(3) Section 2(d) (5 U.S.C. 3001(d)) is amended—

(A) by inserting "foster child," immediately following "step-child"; and

(B) by striking out "nineteen" wherever occurring therein and inserting in lieu thereof "twenty-one".

(4) Section 2(e) (5 U.S.C. 3001(e)) is repealed.

(5) Section 3(b)(1) (5 U.S.C. 3002(b)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking out "whichever is shorter, or"; and

(B) by inserting in lieu thereof "or (C) the full period or periods of service beginning with the enrollment which became effective not later than December 31, 1964, and ending with the date on which he becomes an annuitant, whichever is shortest, or".

Repeal.

(6) Section 3 (5 U.S.C. 3002) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(g) Any annuitant (including an individual receiving monthly compensation as a result of injury sustained prior to the effective date specified in section 16 and who would be an annuitant if the injury or illness had been sustained or contracted on or after that date) who at the time he became an annuitant shall have been enrolled in a health benefits plan under this Act and who at the time he became an annuitant was ineligible to continue his enrollment may, upon his application before December 31, 1964, and under such other conditions of eligibility as the Commission may by regulation prescribe, prospectively enroll in an approved health benefits plan described in section 4, either as an individual or for self and family.”

Enrollment eli-
gibility.

5 USC 3001
note.

5 USC 3003.

(7) Section 6(d) (5 U.S.C. 3005(d)) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new sentence: “The Commission may terminate the contract of any carrier effective at the end of a contract term, if the Commission finds that at no time during the preceding two contract terms did the carrier have three hundred or more employees and annuitants (exclusive of family members) enrolled for its plan.”

Contract termi-
nations, conditions.

(8) Section 6(f) (5 U.S.C. 3005(f)) is amended by striking out “, on such terms or conditions as are prescribed by the carrier and approved by the Commission”.

(9) Section 6(g) (5 U.S.C. 3005(g)) is amended by striking out “, at the option of the employee or annuitant,”.

(10) Section 7(a) (1) (5 U.S.C. 3006(a)(1)) is amended—

(A) by striking out the comma at the end of clause (A) thereof and inserting “and” in lieu of such comma; and

(B) by striking out “(other than as provided in clause (C) of this paragraph), and (C) not less than \$1.75 or more than \$2.50 biweekly for a female employee or annuitant enrolled for self and family including a nondependent husband”.

(11) Section 7(a) (2) (5 U.S.C. 3006(a)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

73 Stat. 713.

“(2) For an employee or annuitant enrolled in a plan described under section 4 (3) or (4) for which the biweekly subscription charge is less than twice the Government contribution established under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Government contribution shall be 50 per centum of the subscription charge.”

Government con-
tributions.
5 USC 3003.

(12) Section 8(b) (5 U.S.C. 3007(b)) is amended by inserting immediately after the first sentence thereof the following new sentences: “The Commission, from time to time and in such amounts as it considers appropriate, may transfer unused funds for administrative expenses to the contingency reserves of the plans then under contract with the Commission. When funds are so transferred, each contingency reserve shall be credited in proportion to the total amount of the subscription charges paid and accrued to the plan for the contract term immediately preceding the contract term in which the transfer is made.”

Contingency
reserve.

(13) Section 8 (5 U.S.C. 3007) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(d)(1) Whenever the assets, liabilities, and membership of employee organizations sponsoring or underwriting plans approved under section 4(3) have been or are hereafter merged, the assets (including contingency reserves) and liabilities of the plans sponsored or underwritten by the merged organizations shall, at the beginning of the contract term next following the date of the merger or enactment of this subsection, be transferred to the plan sponsored or underwritten by the successor organization. Each employee or

Reserve funds,
transfer.

annuitant hereafter affected by a merger shall also be transferred to the plan sponsored or underwritten by the successor organization unless he enrolls in another plan under this Act.

"(2) Except as provided in paragraph (1) of this subsection, whenever a plan described under section 4(3) or 4(4) is or has been discontinued under this Act, the contingency reserve of that plan shall be credited to the contingency reserves of the plans continuing under this Act for the contract term following that in which termination occurs, each reserve to be credited in proportion to the amount of the subscription charges paid and accrued to the plan for the year of termination."

(14) Section 10(c) (5 U.S.C. 3009(c)) is amended to read as follows:

Reinstatement.

"(c) Any employee enrolled in a plan under this Act who is removed or suspended without pay and later reinstated or restored to duty on the ground that such removal or suspension was unjustified or unwarranted may, at his option, enroll as a new employee or have his coverage restored, with appropriate adjustments made in contributions and claims, to the same extent and effect as though such removal or suspension had not taken place."

Effective date.

SEC. 2. Paragraphs (4), (10), and (11) of the first section of this Act shall become effective on the first day of the first pay period which begins at least ninety days after the date of enactment of this Act.

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Public Law 88-285

AN ACT

To amend further the Peace Corps Act (75 Stat. 612), as amended.

March 17, 1964
[S. 2455]

Peace Corps.
Appropriation,
1965.
77 Stat. 359.
22 USC 2502.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 3(b) of the Peace Corps Act, as amended, which authorizes appropriations to carry out the purposes of that Act, is amended by striking out "1964" and "\$102,000,000" and substituting "1965" and "\$115,000,000", respectively.

Approved March 17, 1964.

Public Law 88-286

AN ACT

To amend Public Law 86-272, as amended, with respect to the reporting date.

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[H. R. 10051]

Interstate com-
merce.
Taxation
studies.
Reporting date,
extension.
15 USC 381 note.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 202 of Public Law 86-272 (73 Stat. 556), as amended, is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 202. The committees shall report to their respective Houses the results of such studies, together with their proposals for legislation, on or before June 30, 1965."

Approved March 18, 1964.