

erection and equipment of a building or buildings, including plumbing, lighting, heating, ventilation, general service, experimental equipment and apparatus, the necessary roads, walks, and ground improvements; and (b) \$250,000 annually for the maintenance and operation of the experiment station, including personal services, supplies, equipment, and expenses of travel and subsistence.

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[CHAPTER 342]

AN ACT

To provide for payment of amounts due mentally incompetent personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service.

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[Public Law 569]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the term "member of the uniformed services" as used in this Act means any person on the active or retired list of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, or Public Health Service, including transferred members of the Fleet Reserve and of the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve, and members of the Reserve components of the respective services entitled to Federal pay either on the active or any retired list of said services.

Uniformed services.  
Mentally incompetent personnel.

SEC. 2. Any active-duty pay and allowances, or any amounts due for accumulated or accrued leave, or any retired or retainer pay, otherwise payable to any member of the uniformed services who, in the opinion of competent medical authority, is mentally incapable of managing his own affairs, is authorized to be paid, for the use and benefit of such incompetent member, to such person or persons who may be designated by the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Federal Security Administrator, or such other officer or officers as the respective Secretaries or Administrator may designate for such purposes, without the necessity for appointment in judicial proceedings of a committee, guardian, or other legal representative, and any payments to the person or persons so appointed as provided herein shall constitute a complete discharge of the obligation of the United States as to the amounts so paid: *Provided*, That no person serving in a legal, medical, or fiduciary capacity, or in any other capacity, shall demand or accept any fee, commission, or charge for any services rendered under the authority of, or in connection with, the provisions of this Act: *Provided further*, That the provisions of this section shall not apply where a legal committee, guardian, or other representative has been appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, except as to any payments made hereunder prior to the receipt in the paying agency of the department or agency concerned of notice of such appointment: *And provided further*, That competent medical authority shall consist of a board of not less than three qualified medical officers one of whom shall be specially qualified in the treatment of mental disorders, appointed by the secretary of the department concerned or the Federal Security Administrator from available medical officers.

Payment of amounts due.

Nonapplicability.

SEC. 3. The secretary of the department concerned and the Federal Security Administrator shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out effectively the provisions of this Act, including a requirement that such person or persons designated to receive payments as provided in section 2 above shall furnish satisfactory assurances that amounts received have been and will be applied to the use and benefit of the incompetent and, in cases wherein the payments

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may be reasonably expected to exceed \$1,000, that a suitable bond shall be provided by such person or persons which may be paid for out of sums due the incompetent.

Finality of determination.

SEC. 4. The determination of the person or persons authorized to receive payments as provided in section 2 above, made by the respective secretaries or by the Federal Security Administrator, or by their duly designated subordinates pursuant to this Act, shall be final and conclusive and not subject to review by any court or Government official.

Approved June 21, 1950.

[CHAPTER 344]

AN ACT

To make certain revisions in titles I and III of the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Officer Personnel Act of 1947, as amended, is hereby further amended by:

(a) Deleting in the proviso to subsection (b) of section 114 the comma after the word "thirty-two" and substituting therefor a period and deleting the remainder of the said proviso.

(b) Deleting in subsection (r) of section 304 the words "four" and "thirty-four" and substituting therefor the words "five" and "thirty-five", respectively, and deleting the period at the end of the said subsection and substituting therefor a colon and adding the following proviso: "*Provided*, That those rear admirals of the line not restricted in the performance of duty who attained such status prior to the date of enactment of this amendatory Act shall be continued on the active list only upon the recommendation of the first such board convened thereafter."

(c) Amending paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of section 307 to read as follows:

"(1) Rear admirals not restricted in the performance of duty who attain a status of having completed five years of service in grade and thirty-five years of total commissioned service as defined in subsection 102 (d) of this Act shall be eligible for consideration for recommendation for continuation on the active list by a selection board convened in the fiscal year in which they first attain such status: *Provided*, That those rear admirals not restricted in the performance of duty who attained such status prior to the date of enactment of this amendatory Act shall be eligible for such recommendation by the first such board convened thereafter: *Provided further*, That a rear admiral not restricted in the performance of duty who will attain the age of sixty-two years in the fiscal year in which he would otherwise be eligible for consideration for continuation on the active list shall not be eligible for such consideration."

(d) Amending paragraph (8) of subsection (a) of section 308 to read as follows:

"(8) The number to be furnished the board in respect to rear admirals not restricted in the performance of duty to be continued on the active list shall be determined by the Secretary of the Navy as of the date of the convening of the board. Such number shall be based upon a consideration of the number of vacancies existing among rear admirals not restricted in the performance of duty, plus the number of vacancies estimated to occur during each of the ensuing five years in order to best assure to captains a flow of promotion to the grade of rear admiral and to best assure to rear admirals in succeeding years equality of opportunity for continuation on the active

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34 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 626 (b).

61 Stat. 841.  
34 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 211a (r).

61 Stat. 842.  
34 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 306b (a) (1).

61 Stat. 798.  
34 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 3a (d).

61 Stat. 845.  
34 U. S. C., Sup. III,  
§ 306c (a) (8).