Public Law 100-565
100th Congress

An Act

To amend title 31, United States Code, to increase from $25,000 to $40,000 the maximum amount that the United States may pay in settlement of a claim against the United States made by a member of the uniformed services or by an officer or employee of the Government.

Oct. 31, 1988
[H.R. 3685]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. INCREASE IN SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY.

Section 3721 of title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (b) by striking out "$25,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "$40,000"; and

(2) by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

"(c) On paying a claim under this section, the Government is subrogated for the amount of the payment to a right or claim that the claimant may have against a foreign country for the damage or loss for which the Government made the payment.".

SEC. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

31 USC 3721 note.

The amendments made by this Act shall apply only to claims arising on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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