Public Law 85-209

AN ACT

August 28, 1957
[H. R. 3658]

To liberalize certain criteria for determining eligibility of widows for benefits.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) sections 302, 432 (d), 434 (c), 436 (c), and 441 (b) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 are each amended by striking out paragraph (2) and inserting in lieu of such paragraph the following new paragraphs:

Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957, amendments.
Ante, p. 96 *et seq.*

"(2) for five or more years; or

"(3) for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage."

(b) Section 443 of such Act is amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Ante, p. 109.

"(b) No pension shall be paid to a widow of a veteran under this section unless she was married to him—

"(1) before January 1, 1957, in the case of a widow of a veteran of World War II, or before February 1, 1965, in the case of a widow of a veteran of the Korean conflict; or

"(2) for five or more years; or

"(3) for any period of time if a child was born of the marriage."

SEC. 2. (a) Section 103 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended to read as follows:

Ante, p. 90.

"SPECIAL CASES INVOLVING CLAIMS OF WIDOWS

"SEC. 103. (a) Whenever, in the consideration of any claim filed by a woman as the widow of a veteran for gratuitous death benefits under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, it is established by evidence satisfactory to the Administrator that she, without knowledge of any legal impediment, entered into a marriage with such veteran which, but for a legal impediment, would have been valid, and thereafter cohabited with him for five or more years immediately before his death, the purported marriage shall be deemed to be a valid marriage, but only if no claim has been filed by a legal widow of such veteran who is found to be entitled to such benefits. No duplicate payments shall be made by virtue of this section.

"(b) Where a widow has been legally married to a veteran more than once, the date of original marriage will be used in determining whether the statutory requirement as to date of marriage has been met."

(b) The Table of Contents contained in the first section of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by striking out

Ante, p. 83.

"Sec. 103. Determination of date of marriage."

and inserting:

"Sec. 103. Special cases involving claims of widows."

SEC. 3. Veterans Regulation Numbered 10 is amended by inserting immediately after paragraph IX thereof the following:

38 USC ch. 12A.

"X. (a) The date on which a woman married a veteran shall not disqualify her for pension or compensation under any of the laws administered by the Veterans' Administration if she was married to him—

"(1) for five or more years; or

"(2) for any period of time and a child was born of the marriage.

"(b) Whenever, in the consideration of any claim filed by a woman as the widow of a veteran for gratuitous death benefits under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, it is established by

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evidence satisfactory to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs that she, without knowledge of any legal impediment, entered into a marriage with such veteran which, but for a legal impediment, would have been valid, and thereafter cohabited with him for five or more years immediately before his death, the purported marriage shall be deemed to be a valid marriage, but only if no claim has been filed by a legal widow of such veteran who is found to be entitled to such benefits. No duplicate payments shall be made by virtue of this subsection."

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[S. 1866]

AN ACT

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to require the inspection and certification of certain vessels carrying passengers", approved May 10, 1956, in order to provide adequate time for the formulation and consideration of rules and regulations to be prescribed under such Act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 8 of the Act entitled "An Act to require the inspection and certification of certain vessels carrying passengers", approved May 10, 1956, is amended by striking out "January 1, 1957" and inserting in lieu thereof "June 1, 1958".

70 Stat. 154.
46 USC 390 note.

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Public Law 85-211

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[H. R. 5924]

AN ACT

Relating to the International Convention To Facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Matter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph 1629 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U. S. C., sec. 1201, par. 1629), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

Tariff Act of 1930, amendments.

62 Stat. 176.

Advertising matter.

"(c) Any catalog, price list, or trade notice relating to offers, by a person whose principal place of business or bona fide residence is in a foreign country, to sell or rent products of a foreign country or to furnish foreign or international transportation or commercial insurance services."

46 Stat. 672.

SEC. 2. Section 201 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U. S. C., sec. 1201), is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

Samples.

"PAR. 1821. (a) Except as provided in subparagraphs (b), (c), and (d), any sample to be used in the United States only for soliciting orders for products of foreign countries.

"(b) Subparagraph (a) shall apply to a sample only if its value does not exceed $1, except that this limitation shall not apply to (1) any sample which is marked, torn, perforated, or otherwise treated, in such a manner that such sample is unsuitable for sale or for use otherwise than as a sample, or (2) any sample which is covered by subparagraph (c) or (d).

"(c) In the case of samples of alcoholic beverages, subparagraph (a) shall apply only to samples for the use of persons importing alcoholic beverages in commercial quantities. In no case shall subparagraph