

the veteran elects to remodel a dwelling not adapted to his disability, to pay the cost of remodeling as an alternative to the present provisions still set out in this part, which authorize the Administrator to pay the total of 50 percent of the remodeling cost plus 50 percent of the dwelling's cost or the full amount of the unpaid balance of the cost of such dwelling, whichever sum is smaller.

1969—Pub. L. 91-22 substituted "\$12,500" for "\$10,000".

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 2003 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 108-183, title IV, § 402(c), Dec. 16, 2003, 117 Stat. 2664, provided that: "The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) [amending this section and section 3902 of this title] shall apply with respect to assistance furnished on or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Dec. 16, 2003]."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-178, title VIII, § 8204(b), June 9, 1998, 112 Stat. 494, provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall apply with respect to limitations under section 2102 of such title on assistance furnished to a veteran under section 2101 of such title on or after October 1, 1998."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Section 304 of Pub. L. 100-322 provided that: "The amendments made by sections 301, 302, and 303 [amending this section and sections 907 and 1902 [now 2307 and 3902] of this title] shall take effect on April 1, 1988."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1984 AMENDMENT

Section 304(b) of Pub. L. 98-543 provided that: "The amendments made by subsection (a) [amending this section] shall take effect on January 1, 1985."

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-66 effective Oct. 17, 1981, see section 701(b)(1) of Pub. L. 97-66, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96-385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 95-476 effective Oct. 1, 1978, see section 108(a) of Pub. L. 95-476, set out as a note under section 3702 of this title.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1974 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 93-569 effective Dec. 31, 1974, see section 10 of Pub. L. 93-569, set out as a note under section 3702 of this title.

§ 2102A. Assistance for veterans residing temporarily in housing owned by a family member

(a) PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE.—In the case of a disabled veteran who is described in subsection (a)(2) or (b)(2) of section 2101 of this title and who is residing, but does not intend to permanently reside, in a residence owned by a member of such veteran's family, the Secretary may assist the veteran in acquiring such adaptations to such residence as are determined by the Secretary to be reasonably necessary because of the veteran's disability.

(b) AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE.—The assistance authorized under subsection (a) may not exceed—

- (1) \$14,000, in the case of a veteran described in section 2101(a)(2) of this title; or
- (2) \$2,000, in the case of a veteran described in section 2101(b)(2) of this title.

(c) LIMITATION.—The assistance authorized by subsection (a) shall be limited in the case of any veteran to one residence.

(d) REGULATIONS.—Assistance under this section shall be provided in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.

(e) TERMINATION.—No assistance may be provided under this section after the end of the five-year period that begins on the date of the enactment of the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006.

(Added Pub. L. 109-233, title I, § 101(a), June 15, 2006, 120 Stat. 398.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of the enactment of the Veterans' Housing Opportunity and Benefits Improvement Act of 2006, referred to in subsec. (e), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 109-233, which was approved June 15, 2006.

§ 2103. Furnishing of plans and specifications

The Secretary is authorized to furnish to veterans eligible for assistance under this chapter, without cost to the veterans, model plans and specifications of suitable housing units.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1168, § 803; renumbered § 2103 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §§ 4(b)(1), (2)(E), 5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 404-406.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2103, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1223, related to payment of mustering-out payments to beneficiaries of deceased members, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-50, § 1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 803 of this title as this section and substituted "Secretary" for "Administrator".

§ 2104. Benefits additional to benefits under other laws

(a) Any veteran who accepts the benefits of this chapter shall not by reason thereof be denied the benefits of chapter 37 of this title; however, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the assistance authorized by section 2101 of this title shall not be available to any veteran more than once.

(b) A veteran eligible for assistance under section 2101(b) of this title shall not by reason of such eligibility be denied benefits for which such veteran becomes eligible under section 2101(a) of this title or benefits relating to home health services under section 1717(a)(2) of this title. However, no particular type of adaptation, improvement, or structural alteration provided to a veteran under section 1717(a)(2) of this title may be provided to such veteran under section 2101(b) of this title.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1169, § 804; Pub. L. 96-385, title III, § 301(c), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; renumbered § 2104 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, § 5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 104-262, title I, § 101(e)(2), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3180.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2104, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1223, related to time limitations, prior to repeal

by Pub. L. 89-50, §1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-275 substituted “section 1717(a)(2)” for “section 1712(a)” in two places.

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 804 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “2101” for “801”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “2101(b)” for “801(b)” in two places, “2101(a)” for “801(a)”, and “1712(a)” for “612(a)” in two places.

1980—Pub. L. 96-385 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a), substituted “except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the assistance authorized by section 801 of this title” for “the assistance authorized by this chapter”, and added subsec. (b).

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96-385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

§ 2105. Nonliability of United States

The Government of the United States shall have no liability in connection with any housing unit, or necessary land therefor, or adaptation acquired under the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1169, §805; Pub. L. 96-385, title III, §301(d), Oct. 7, 1980, 94 Stat. 1531; renumbered §2105, Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406.)

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Prior section 2105, Pub. L. 85-857, Sept. 2, 1958, 72 Stat. 1224, related to administration of mustering-out payments provisions, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 89-50, §1(a), June 24, 1965, 79 Stat. 173, effective July 1, 1966.

AMENDMENTS

1991—Pub. L. 102-83 renumbered section 805 of this title as this section.

1980—Pub. L. 96-385 made the United States not liable for any adaptation in connection with any housing unit.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1980 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 96-385 effective Oct. 1, 1980, see section 601(b) of Pub. L. 96-385, set out as a note under section 1114 of this title.

§ 2106. Veterans' mortgage life insurance

(a) The United States shall automatically insure any eligible veteran age 69 or younger who is or has been granted assistance in securing a suitable housing unit under this chapter against the death of the veteran unless the veteran (1) submits to the Secretary in writing the veterans' election not to be insured under this section, or (2) fails to respond in a timely manner to a request from the Secretary for information on which the premium for such insurance can be based.

(b) The amount of insurance provided a veteran under this section may not exceed the lesser of \$90,000 or the amount of the loan outstanding on the housing unit. The amount of such insurance shall be reduced according to the amortization schedule of the loan and may not at any time exceed the amount of the outstanding loan with interest. If there is no outstanding loan on the housing unit, insurance is not payable under

this section. If an eligible veteran elects not to be insured under this section, the veteran may thereafter be insured under this section, but only upon submission of an application, payment of required premiums, and compliance with such health requirements and other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.

(c) The premiums charged a veteran for insurance under this section shall be paid at such time and in such manner as the Secretary prescribes. The rates for such premiums shall be based on such mortality data as the Secretary considers appropriate to cover only the mortality cost of insuring standard lives. In the case of a veteran receiving compensation or other cash benefits paid to the veteran by the Secretary, the Secretary shall deduct from such compensation or other benefits the premiums charged the veteran under this section.

(d)(1) The United States shall bear the costs of insurance under this section to the extent that such costs exceed premiums established by the Secretary. Premiums collected on insurance under this section shall be credited to the “Veterans Insurance and Indemnities” appropriation account, and all disbursements of insurance proceeds under this section shall be made from that account.

(2) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for such account such amounts as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) Any amount of insurance in force under this section on the date of the death of an eligible veteran insured under this section shall be paid to the holder of the mortgage loan, for payment of which the insurance was granted, for credit on the loan indebtedness. Any liability of the United States under such insurance shall be satisfied when such payment is made. If the Secretary is the holder of the mortgage loan, the insurance proceeds shall be credited to the loan indebtedness and deposited in the Veterans Housing Benefit Program Fund established by section 3722 of this title.

(f) The Secretary may prescribe such regulations relating to eligibility for insurance under this section, the maximum amount of insurance, the effective date of insurance, the maximum duration of insurance, and other pertinent matters not specifically provided for in this section as the Secretary determines are in the best interest of veterans or the United States.

(g) The amount of the insurance in force at any time shall be the amount necessary to pay the mortgage indebtedness in full, except as otherwise limited by subsection (b) of this section or regulations prescribed by the Secretary under this section.

(h) The Secretary shall issue to each veteran insured under this section a certificate setting forth the benefits to which the veteran is entitled under the insurance.

(i) Insurance under this section shall terminate upon whichever of the following events first occurs:

(1) Satisfaction of the veteran's indebtedness under the loan upon which the insurance is based.

(2) Termination of the veteran's ownership of the property securing the loan.