

1988—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 100-687, §1303(a), substituted “is awarded pension during the program period, or a veteran who was awarded pension before the beginning of the program period,” for “who is awarded pension during the program period”.

Subsecs. (a)(4), (b)(4)(A). Pub. L. 100-687, §1303(b), substituted “1992” for “1989”.

1987—Subsec. (a)(3). Pub. L. 100-227 substituted “3,500” for “2,500”.

1986—Subsec. (a)(2). Pub. L. 99-576, §703(b)(1)(A), substituted “subsection (b) of this section” for “subsection (d) of this section”.

Subsec. (b)(4). Pub. L. 99-576, §703(b)(1)(B), substituted “subsection (a) of this section” for “subsection (a)(1) of this section”.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 99-576, §703(b)(1)(C), substituted “A veteran” for “Notwithstanding subsection (c) of section 525 of this title, a veteran” and “defined in subsection (b)(1) of that section” for “defined in subsection (b) of that section”, and inserted “without regard to the date on which the veteran’s entitlement to pension is terminated.”

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1992 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 102-291 effective Jan. 31, 1992, see section 2(d) of Pub. L. 102-291, set out as a note under section 1163 of this title.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1986 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-576 effective as if included in Pub. L. 98-543, see section 703(c) of Pub. L. 99-576, set out as a note under section 1313 of this title.

#### RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DURING LAPSED PERIOD

Provision of a vocational training program to a veteran under this section and the making of related determinations under this section ratified with respect to period beginning Feb. 1, 1992, and ending May 20, 1992, see section 2(e) of Pub. L. 102-291, set out as a note under section 1163 of this title.

#### REPORT TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES; NEW PENSION RECIPIENTS; HEALTH-CARE ELIGIBILITY

Section 301(b) of Pub. L. 98-543 directed Administrator of Veterans’ Affairs to submit to Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of Senate and House of Representatives not later than Apr. 15, 1988, a report on results of implementation of this section and section 525 [now 1525] of this title during period beginning on Feb. 1, 1985, and ending on Jan. 31, 1988.

### § 1525. Protection of health-care eligibility

(a) In the case of a veteran whose entitlement to pension is terminated after January 31, 1985, by reason of income from work or training, the veteran shall retain for a period of three years beginning on the date of such termination all eligibility for care and services under such chapter that the veteran would have had if the veteran’s entitlement to pension had not been terminated. Care and services for which such a veteran retains eligibility include, when applicable, drugs and medicines under section 1712(d) of this title.

(b) For purposes of this section, the term “terminated by reason of income from work or training” means terminated as a result of the veteran’s receipt of earnings from activity performed for remuneration or with gain, but only if the veteran’s annual income from sources other than such earnings would, taken alone, not result in the termination of the veteran’s pension.

(Added Pub. L. 98-543, title III, §301(a)(1), Oct. 24, 1984, 98 Stat. 2746, §525; amended Pub. L. 99-272,

title XIX, §19011(d)(1), Apr. 7, 1986, 100 Stat. 378; Pub. L. 99-576, title VII, §703(b)(2), Oct. 28, 1986, 100 Stat. 3303; Pub. L. 100-687, div. B, title XIII, §1303(c), Nov. 18, 1988, 102 Stat. 4128; renumbered §1525 and amended Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), (c)(1), Aug. 6, 1991, 105 Stat. 406; Pub. L. 102-291, §2(c), May 20, 1992, 106 Stat. 178; Pub. L. 102-568, title IV, §403(a), (b)(1), Oct. 29, 1992, 106 Stat. 4337; Pub. L. 104-262, title I, §101(e)(1), Oct. 9, 1996, 110 Stat. 3180.)

#### AMENDMENTS

1996—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 104-262, §101(e)(1)(A), substituted “section 1712(d) of this title” for “section 1712(h) of this title and special priority with respect to such care and services under clauses (5) and (6) of section 1712(i)”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 104-262, §101(e)(1)(B), substituted “remuneration” for “renumeration”.

1992—Pub. L. 102-568, §403(b)(1), substituted “Protection” for “Temporary protection” in section catchline. Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-568, §403(a)(1), substituted “after January 31, 1985,” for “during the program period”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 102-568, §403(a)(2), added subsec. (b) and struck out former subsec. (b) which read as follows: “For the purposes of this section:

“(1) The term ‘terminated by reason of income from work or training’ means terminated as a result of the veteran’s receipt of earnings from activity performed for remuneration or gain, but only if the veteran’s annual income from sources other than such earnings would, taken alone, not result in the termination of the veteran’s pension.

“(2) The term ‘program period’ means the period beginning on February 1, 1985, and ending on December 31, 1992.”

Pub. L. 102-291 substituted “December 31, 1992” for “January 31, 1992” in par. (2).

1991—Pub. L. 102-83, §5(a), renumbered section 525 of this title as this section.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 102-83, §5(c)(1), substituted “1712(h)” for “612(h)” and “1712(i)” for “612(i)”.

1988—Subsec. (b)(2). Pub. L. 100-687 substituted “1992” for “1989”.

1986—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 99-576 struck out “under section 521 of this title” after “entitlement to pension”.

Pub. L. 99-272 substituted “clauses (5) and (6) of section 612(i)” for “section 612(i)(5) of this title”.

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Amendment by Pub. L. 99-272 applicable to hospital care, nursing home care, and medical services furnished on or after July 1, 1986, see section 19011(f) of Pub. L. 99-272, set out as a note under section 1710 of this title.

#### RATIFICATION OF ACTIONS OF SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DURING LAPSED PERIOD

Provision of health care and services to a veteran pursuant to this section ratified with respect to period beginning Feb. 1, 1992, and ending May 20, 1992, see section 2(e) of Pub. L. 102-291, set out as a note under section 1163 of this title.

### SUBCHAPTER III—PENSIONS TO SURVIVING SPOUSES AND CHILDREN

#### AMENDMENTS

1975—Pub. L. 94-169, title I, §101(2)(G), Dec. 23, 1975, 89 Stat. 1014, substituted “SURVIVING SPOUSES” for “WIDOWS” in subchapter heading.