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CHAPTER 158

AN ACT

To amend the Universal Military Training and Service Act, so as to provide for special registration, classification, and induction of certain medical, dental, and allied specialist categories, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection 4 (i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraphs:

“(4) As used in this subsection, the term ‘active duty’ and ‘active service’ shall include (A) active duty, as defined in subsection 101 (b) of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 481); (B) active service subsequent to September 16, 1940, in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or the United States Public Health Service, including the reserve components thereof; (C) service in the national health, safety, or interest performed pursuant to subsection 6 (j) of this Act and work of national importance performed pursuant to subsection 5 (g) of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940; (D) prior to September 2, 1945, equivalent service in the armed forces of any country allied with the United States in World War II, while so allied; and (E) service performed as physicians or dentists by United States citizens employed by the Panama Canal Health Department between September 16, 1940, and September 2, 1945.

“(5) For the purposes of computation of the periods of active duty or active service referred to in this subsection, credit shall be given for all periods of one day or more performed under competent orders except that no credit shall be allowed for—

“(A) periods in which the duty or service consisted solely of training under the Army specialized training program, the Army Air Corps college training program, or any similar program under the jurisdiction of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard;

“(B) periods spent in intern training, residency training, other postgraduate training, or in senior student programs prior to receipt of the appropriate professional degree;

“(C) periods of active service performed for the sole purpose of undergoing a physical examination;

“(D) periods of active duty for training entered into subsequent to the enactment of this subparagraph, as defined in subsection 101 (c), Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 481); and
“(E) periods of active service which terminate subsequent to
April 30, 1953, in other than an Armed Force terminated by orders
which specify that such termination is without the approval of the
agency concerned.
“(6) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection or
the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended, except in time of war or
national emergency hereafter declared by the Congress, no person
who has served in the active service since September 16, 1940, for a
period of twenty-one months or more, shall be liable for induction,
or reinduction, under this subsection or liable for call or order to active
duty under the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended.
“(7) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except section
314 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (66 Stat. 163, 241), no
person liable for induction under this subsection shall be held to be
ineligible for appointment as a commissioned officer of an armed force
of the United States on the sole ground that he is not a citizen of the
United States or has not made a declaration of intent to become a
citizen thereof: Provided, That any such person who is not a citizen
of the United States, who is appointed as a commissioned officer, may
in lieu of the oath prescribed by section 1757 of the Revised Statutes,
as amended (5 U. S. C. 16), take such oath of service and obedience
as the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.”

SEC. 2. Subsection 4 (j) of the Universal Military Training and
Service Act (64 Stat. 826) is amended by adding the following at
the end thereof:
“It shall be the duty of the National Advisory Committee in con­
junction with the State and local volunteer advisory committees to
make determinations with respect to persons in residency training
programs who shall be recommended for deferment for the purpose
of completing such residency programs, and in making such deter­
minations shall give appropriate consideration to the respective needs
of the Armed Forces and the civilian population. The National
Advisory Committee in conjunction with the State and local volun­
tee advisory committees are further authorized to make appropriate
recommendations with respect to members of the faculties of medical,
dental, veterinary, and allied specialists schools, schools of public
health, and with respect to physicians, dentists and veterinarians
engaged in essential laboratory and clinical research, having due re­
gard to the respective needs of the Armed Forces and the civilian
population.”

SEC. 3. Section 4 of the Act of September 9, 1950 (64 Stat. 826),
is amended to read as follows:
“SEC. 4. (a) Notwithstanding subsection 217 (c) of the Armed
Forces Reserve Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 481) or any other provision of
law, any person liable for induction under the Act of September 9,
1950, as amended, or any member of a reserve component who has been
or shall be ordered to active duty on or before July 1, 1955, as a physi­
cian, dentist, or in an allied specialist category in the Armed Forces
(including the Public Health Service) of the United States shall,
under regulations prescribed by the President, be appointed, reap­
pointed, or promoted to such grade or rank as may be commensurate
with his professional education, experience, or ability.
“(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any person who
registers under the provisions of subsection 4 (i) of the Universal
Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, but
who is not at the time of such registration or thereafter registered
under section 3 of the same Act, and who subsequently accepts a com­
mision in a reserve component of the Armed Forces and thereafter
serves on active duty for a period of twelve months or more after
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September 9, 1950, shall upon his release from active duty or within six months after the date of enactment of this subsection, whichever is later, be discharged from such commission, provided he is not otherwise obligated to serve on active military training and service in the Armed Forces or in training in a reserve component by law or contract: Provided, That any person who is not required to register under the provisions of subsection 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, for the sole reason that he was a member of a reserve component of the Armed Forces and who is not or was not required to register under section 3 of the same Act, and who is called or ordered to active duty from a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States after September 9, 1950, and thereafter serves on active duty for a period of twelve months or more shall, upon his release from active duty or within six months after the date of enactment of this subsection, whichever is later, be afforded an opportunity to resign his commission from the reserve component of which he is a member provided he is not otherwise obligated to serve on active military training and service in the Armed Forces or in training in a reserve component by law or contract: Provided further, That except in time of war or national emergency hereafter declared by the Congress, any person who is discharged or who resigns his commission under the provisions of this subsection shall not thereafter be subject to induction under the provisions of subsection 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended. This subsection shall be effective as of September 9, 1950.

“(c) Until July 1, 1955, the President is authorized to order to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States, with or without their consent, those members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces of the United States who are registered under section 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, and those persons who would be, but for such membership, liable for registration under the provisions of said subsection. Such persons shall so far as practicable be ordered to active duty under this subsection in accordance with the priorities established under subsection 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended. The period of active duty that any such person may be required to perform shall not exceed (A) twenty-four months if he has had less than nine months of active service, as defined in paragraphs 4(i)(4) and (5) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended; (B) twenty-one months if he has had at least nine but less than twelve months of such service; (C) eighteen months if he has had at least twelve but less than fifteen months of such service; (D) fifteen months if he has had at least fifteen or more months of such service; since September 16, 1940, but prior to the date of his order to active duty under this subsection.

“(d) Nothing in subsection (c) of this section shall be construed to affect or limit the authority to order members of the reserve components to active duty contained in section 233 of the Armed Forces Reserve Act of 1952 (66 Stat. 481).”

Sec. 4. Any person now serving on active duty who was required to register under the provisions of subsection 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, or who, but for membership in a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, would have been required to register under said subsection, and, who, on the basis of active service, as defined in section 4(i) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, rendered prior to the date of his latest entry on active duty, would not, on July 1, 1953, be subject to induction or order to active duty as a member of a
reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall, if he makes application therefor, be released to inactive duty, discharged, or afforded an opportunity to resign his commission, as otherwise provided in the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended, as soon as practicable, but in no event later than ninety days after the effective date of this amendatory Act: Provided, That no person required to register under section 3 of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, shall have his commission terminated under the provisions of the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended.

Sec. 5. Persons in medical, dental, and allied specialist categories ordered to active duty under the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, or under this amendatory Act, who hold a commission in a reserve component of the Armed Forces, or in the Army of the United States without component or Air Force of the United States without component which by operation of law would expire before the end of the period of active duty which they may be required to serve under the provisions of the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended, may be retained on active duty until they have completed such period of duty and such commissions shall be deemed to be continued in effect until the date of their release from active duty.

Sec. 6. (a) Section 4 (i) (2) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, is amended by striking out the words “twenty-one months” where it appears therein and inserting in lieu thereof “seventeen months”.

(b) Section 4 (i) (2) of the Universal Military Training and Service Act (64 Stat. 826), as amended, is amended by striking out the words “subsequent to the completion of or release from the program or course of instruction”, where it appears in two instances.

Sec. 7. Any physician or dentist who meets the qualifications for a reserve commission in the respective military departments shall, so long as there is a need for the services of such a physician or dentist, be afforded an opportunity to volunteer for a period of active duty of not less than twenty-four months. Any physician or dentist who so volunteers his service, and meets the qualifications for a reserve commission shall be ordered to active duty for not less than twenty-four months, notwithstanding the grade or rank to which such physician or dentist is entitled under the provisions of the Act of September 9, 1950, as amended.

Sec. 8. Section 203 of the Career Compensation Act of 1949, as amended, is amended (1) by deleting in subsection (a) thereof, the date “July 1, 1953”, wherever it appears therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the date “July 1, 1955”; (2) by deleting in subsection (b) thereof, “subsection (a)”, where it first appears therein, and inserting in lieu thereof “subsections (a) and (c)”; and (3) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

“(c) Effective July 1, 1953, the term ‘commissioned officer’, as used in this section, shall, in addition to those categories defined in subsection (a) hereof, include (1) those commissioned officers in the Veterinary Corps of, or designated as veterinary officers in, the Regular Army and Air Force and commissioned veterinary officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service who are on active duty on the date of enactment of this subsection; (2) those commissioned officers of the Veterinary Corps of, or designated as veterinary officers in, the Regular Army and Air Force and commissioned veterinary officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service, who were retired prior to the date of enactment of this subsection and who thereafter but prior to July 1, 1955, have been or may be assigned to active duty; (3) those officers who subsequent to the date of enactment of this subsection but prior to July 1, 1955, may be commissioned
in the Veterinary Corps of, or designated as veterinary officers in, the Regular Army and Air Force or as veterinary officers of the Regular Corps of the Public Health Service; (4) such officers who on the date of enactment of this subsection are or who hereafter may be commissioned in the Veterinary Corps of, or designated as veterinary officers in, the Army Reserve, the Air Force Reserve, the Army of the United States, the Air Force of the United States, or as veterinary officers of the Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service and who are on active duty on the date of enactment of this subsection as a result of having been called or ordered to extended active duty of one year or longer, or who may, prior to July 1, 1955, be called or ordered to extended active duty of one year or longer; (5) general officers appointed from the Veterinary Corps of, or previously designated as veterinary officers in, the Regular Army, the Army Reserve, the Army of the United States, the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve and the Air Force of the United States who are on active duty on the date of enactment of this subsection and (6) general officers who, subsequent to the date of enactment of this subsection, may be appointed from those officers of the Veterinary Corps of, or from those officers designated as veterinary officers in, the Regular Army, the Army Reserve, the Army of the United States, the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, and the Air Force of the United States who are included in parts (1), (2), (3), or (4) of this subsection."

Sec. 9. Section 7 of the Act of September 9, 1950 (64 Stat. 826), as amended, is amended by striking out "July 1, 1953" and by inserting in lieu thereof "July 1, 1955".

Approved June 29, 1953.

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AN ACT

To provide for the more effective prevention, detection, and punishment of crime in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "District of Columbia Law Enforcement Act of 1953".

TITLE I—TABLE OF CONTENTS AND DEFINITIONS

Sec. 101. This Act is divided into titles and sections according to the following table of contents:

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