

Public Law 310

CHAPTER 99

AN ACT

To amend the Act of July 26, 1947 (61 Stat. 493), relating to the relief of certain disbursing officers.

March 17, 1954
[H. R. 2567]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of July 26, 1947 (61 Stat. 493), is hereby amended to read as follows: "That the Comptroller General of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, through such officer as he may designate, (a) to relieve disbursing and certifying officers, including special disbursing agents of the Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, Department of the Air Force, and of the Coast Guard, from accountability or responsibility for losses, occurring between September 8, 1939, and July 1, 1948, of funds, or of accounts, papers, records, vouchers, or data pertaining to said funds, for which said officers or agents were accountable or responsible; and (b) to allow credits, in the settlement of accounts of said officers or agents, for payments made in good faith on public account during said period, notwithstanding failure to comply with the requirements of existing law or regulations pursuant thereto: *Provided*, That in cases of losses or payments involving more than \$2,500 the Comptroller General shall exercise the authority herein only upon the written recommendation of the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Air Force, or the Secretary of the Treasury, which recommendations shall be concurred in by the Attorney General if the amount exceeds \$10,000 and which recommendation shall also set forth the facts relative to such loss or payment and shall state that such transaction, expenditure, loss, or payment appears to be free from fraud or collusion and incurred or made in good faith: *Provided further*, That the Comptroller General in all cases shall certify that such transaction, expenditure, loss, or payment appears to be free from fraud or collusion and incurred or made in good faith."

Armed Forces
disbursing officers.
31 USC 95a note.

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CHAPTER 100

AN ACT

To prohibit reduction of any rating of total disability or permanent total disability for compensation, pension, or insurance purposes which has been in effect for twenty or more years.

March 17, 1954
[H. R. 2984]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a rating of total disability or permanent total disability which has been made for compensation, pension, or insurance purposes under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration, and which has been continuously in force for twenty or more years shall not be reduced thereafter, except upon a showing that such rating was based on fraud.

Veterans.
Disability ratings.

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