Public Law 87-268

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase dependency and indemnity compensation in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) section 412 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately before "In the case of any veteran" and by adding at the end of the section the following new subsection:

"(b) In any case where the amount of dependency and indemnity compensation payable under this chapter is less than the amount of pension which would be payable under chapter 15 of this title had the death occurred under circumstances authorizing payment of death pension, the Administrator shall pay dependency and indemnity compensation in an amount equal to such amount of pension."

(b) The following provisions of title 38, United States Code, are each amended by striking out "section 412" each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "section 412(a)": Sections 107, 411(d)(1), 415(g)(1), 422(c), and 503(3).

(c) Section 422(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out "412(2)" and "412(3)" and inserting in lieu thereof "412(a)(2)" and "412(a)(3)" respectively, and by striking out "section 412" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 412(a)".

SEC. 2. Increased benefits provided by this Act shall be payable from the effective date of the Act in the case of any person receiving dependency and indemnity compensation on such date only if application therefor is filed in the Veterans' Administration within one year from such date and evidence of entitlement is of record or received within one year from the date of request therefor.

SEC. 3. The amendments made by this Act shall take effect as of the first day of the first calendar month which begins after the date of its enactment.

Approved September 21, 1961.

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AN ACT

To amend the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act to provide for the immediate disposition of certain waterfowl feathers and down.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Administrator of General Services is hereby authorized and directed to dispose of not more than two million pounds of waterfowl feathers and down, determined by the Director of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization to be obsolescent for use in time of war, in accordance with the notice of proposed disposition published in the Federal Register of April 6, 1961, volume 26, number 65, page 2881. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act (50 U.S.C. 98b(e)) such disposition may be commenced immediately.

Approved September 21, 1961.