

And provided further, That the commissioned officers described in subsection (a) (3) of this section shall receive the pay provided by this subsection only during periods of volunteer service.⁵

Pay during volunteer service.

SEC. 102. This title shall become effective on the first day of the first calendar month following its enactment, and the payments herein provided shall not accrue for any period prior thereto.

Effective date.

TITLE II

ORIGINAL APPOINTMENTS OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL OFFICERS

SEC. 201. Subject to any limitation of the commissioned strength of the Army and Navy prescribed by law the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to make original appointments to permanent commissioned grades, with rank not above that of colonel in the Medical and Dental Corps of the Army, and not above that of captain in the Medical and Dental Corps of the Navy in such numbers as the needs of the services may require. Such appointments shall be made only from qualified civilian doctors of medicine and dentists who are citizens of the United States, and who shall have such other qualifications as the Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy may prescribe for their respective services. The doctors of medicine and dentists so appointed in the Navy shall be carried as additional numbers in rank, but shall not increase the authorized numbers of commissioned officers of the Medical and Dental Corps of the Regular Navy. The doctors of medicine and dentists so appointed in the Army shall be credited for purposes of promotion with the minimum number of years of service now or hereafter required for promotion of officers of the Medical and Dental Corps to the grade in which appointed.

Appointments to permanent commissioned grades.

SEC. 202. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are authorized to prescribe from time to time such regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this title within their respective departments.

Authorized numbers.

Service credit.

Regulations.

Approved August 5, 1947.

[CHAPTER 495]

AN ACT

To amend the National Housing Act, as amended.

August 5, 1947
[S. 1720]

[Public Law 366]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 603 (a) of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by (1) striking out "\$2,800,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,000,000,000" and (2) striking out "\$3,800,000,000" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$4,200,000,000".

55 Stat. 56; 60 Stat. 212.
12 U. S. C. § 1738 (a).
Ante, p. 193; *post*, p. 945.

SEC. 2. Title VI of the National Housing Act, as amended, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

55 Stat. 55.
12 U. S. C. §§ 1736-1743.
Ante, p. 193; *post*, p. 945.
Mortgage insurance.

"SEC. 610. Notwithstanding any of the provisions of this title, the Administrator is authorized, upon application by the mortgagee, to insure or to make commitments to insure under section 603 or section 608 of this title any mortgage executed in connection with the sale by the Government, or any agency or official thereof, of any housing acquired or constructed under Public Law 849, Seventy-sixth Congress, as amended; Public Law 781, Seventy-sixth Congress, as amended; or Public Laws 9, 73, or 353, Seventy-seventh Congress, as amended (including any property acquired, held or constructed in connection with such housing or to serve the inhabitants thereof), without regard to—

Supra.
56 Stat. 303.
12 U. S. C. § 1743.

54 Stat. 1125.
42 U. S. C. note prec. § 1501.
54 Stat. 872.
55 Stat. 14, 199, 820.

"(1) any limit as to the time when any mortgage may be insured under this title;

"(2) any limit as to the aggregate amount of principal obligations of all mortgages insured under this title, but the aggregate amount of principal obligations of all mortgages insured pursuant to this section shall not exceed \$750,000,000;

"(3) any requirement that the obligation be approved for mortgage insurance prior to the beginning of construction or that the construction be new construction;

"(4) any of the provisions of section 603 (b) (2) or paragraphs (B) and (C) of the first sentence of section 608 (b) (3):

Provided, That such mortgage shall (1) otherwise be eligible for insurance under section 603 or section 608, as the case may be, (2) have a maturity not exceeding twenty-five years from the date of insurance, and (3) involve a principal obligation (including such initial service charges, appraisal, inspection, and other fees as the Administrator shall approve) in an amount not exceeding 90 per centum of the appraised value of the mortgage property as determined by the Administrator."

Approved August 5, 1947.

55 Stat. 56; 56 Stat. 303.

12 U. S. C. §§ 1738 (b) (2), 1743 (b) (3) (B), (C).

Eligibility of mortgage, etc.

Ante, p. 777.

[CHAPTER 496]

AN ACT

August 5, 1947

[H. R. 479]

[Public Law 367]

Relating to the income-tax liability of members of the armed forces dying in the service.

Internal Revenue Code, amendment. 57 Stat. 149. 26 U. S. C. § 421.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 421 of the Internal Revenue Code (relating to abatement of tax for members of armed forces upon death) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 421. ABATEMENT OF TAX FOR MEMBERS OF ARMED FORCES UPON DEATH.

"In the case of any individual who dies on or after December 7, 1941, while in active service as a member of the military or naval forces of the United States or of any of the other United Nations and prior to January 1, 1948—

"(a) the tax imposed by this chapter shall not apply with respect to the taxable year in which falls the date of his death, or with respect to any prior taxable year (ending on or after December 7, 1941) during any part of which he was a member of such forces; and

"(b) the tax under this chapter and under the corresponding title of each prior revenue law for taxable years preceding those specified in clause (a) which is unpaid at the date of his death (including interest, additions to the tax, and additional amounts) shall not be assessed, and if assessed the assessment shall be abated, and if collected shall be credited or refunded as an overpayment."

Credit or refund of overpayment.

Supra.

53 Stat. 471. 26 U. S. C. § 3801.

SEC. 2. If at any time prior to January 1, 1948, the allowance of a credit or refund of an overpayment of the tax for any taxable year specified in section 421 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code (as amended by this Act) is prevented (except for the provisions of section 3801) by the operation of any law or rule of law, a credit or refund of the overpayment of such tax to the extent that the overpayment is attributable to the change in law made by this Act may, nevertheless, be allowed or made if a claim therefor is filed before January 1, 1949.

Approved August 5, 1947.