

Public Law 100-140  
100th Congress

An Act

Oct. 26, 1987  
[S. 1666]

To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for the extension of physicians comparability allowances and to amend title 37, United States Code, to provide for special pay for psychologists in the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. FEDERAL PHYSICIANS COMPARABILITY ALLOWANCE AMENDMENTS.**

(a) **PHYSICIANS COMPARABILITY ALLOWANCES.**—Section 5948(a) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1) by striking out “\$7,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$14,000”;

(2) in paragraph (2) by striking out “\$10,000” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$20,000”; and

(3) by adding at the end thereof (after and below paragraph (2)) the following:

“For the purpose of determining length of service as a Government physician, service as a physician under section 4104 or 4114 of title 38 or active service as a medical officer in the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service under Title II of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. ch. 6A) shall be deemed service as a Government physician.”

(b) **EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY.**—The second sentence of section 5948(d) of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: “No agreement shall be entered into under this section later than September 30, 1990, nor shall any agreement cover a period of service extending beyond September 30, 1992.”

**SEC. 2. SPECIAL PAY FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.**

(a) **SPECIAL PAY.**—Chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 302b the following new section:

37 USC 302c.

**“§ 302c. Special pay: psychologists in the Public Health Service Corps**

“(a) A member who is—

“(1) an officer in the Regular or Reserve Corps of the Public Health Service and is designated as a psychologist; and

“(2) has been awarded a diploma as a Diplomate in Psychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology, is entitled to special pay, as provided in subsection (b).

“(b) The rate of special pay to which an officer is entitled pursuant to subsection (a) shall be—

“(1) \$2,000 per year, if the officer has less than 10 years of creditable service;

“(2) \$2,500 per year, if the officer has at least 10 but less than 12 years of creditable service;

“(3) \$3,000 per year, if the officer has at least 12 but less than 14 years of creditable service;

“(4) \$4,000 per year, if the officer has at least 14 but less than 18 years of creditable service; or

“(5) \$5,000 per year, if the officer has 18 or more years of creditable service.”

(b) **CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.**—(1) Section 303a of title 37, United States Code, is amended by inserting “302c,” after “302b,” each place it appears.

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 302b the following new item:

“302c. Special pay: psychologists in the Public Health Service Corps.”

(c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by this section shall take effect on October 1, 1987 or on the date of the enactment of this Act, whichever is later, and shall apply with respect to pay periods beginning on or after that effective date.

37 USC 302c  
note.

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**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—S. 1666:**

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Oct. 28, Presidential statement.