

establishments operated in connection therewith, including the operations under and the effectiveness of this Act."

Ante, pp. 796-805.

SEC. 18. The heading "**Designation**" preceding section 5 of said Act is hereby amended to read "**Federal and State cooperation**"; the heading "**Labeling**" preceding section 8 of said Act is hereby amended to read "**Labeling and containers; standards**"; the heading "**Records of interstate shipment**" preceding section 11 of said Act is hereby amended to read "**Articles not intended for human food; record and related requirements for processors of poultry products and related industries engaged in commerce; registration requirements for related industries engaged in commerce; regulation of transactions in commerce in dead, dying, disabled, or diseased poultry and carcasses thereof; authority to regulate comparable intrastate activities**"; and the heading "**Violations by exempted persons**" preceding section 16 of said Act is hereby amended to read "**Entry of materials into official establishments.**"

Separability.

SEC. 19. If any provisions of this Act or of the amendments made hereby or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Act and the remaining amendments and of the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

Effective date.

SEC. 20. This Act shall become effective upon enactment except as provided in paragraphs (a) through (c):

Ante, p. 800.

(a) The provisions of subparagraphs (a)(2)(A) and (a)(3) of section 9 of this Act, shall become effective upon the expiration of sixty days after enactment hereof.

Ante, p. 803.

(b) Section 14 of this Act, amending section 15 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, shall become effective upon the expiration of sixty days after enactment hereof.

Ante, p. 801.

(c) Paragraph 11(d) of the Poultry Products Inspection Act, as added by section 11 of this Act, shall become effective upon the expiration of sixty days after enactment hereof.

Approved August 18, 1968, 10:20 a.m.

## Public Law 90-493

### AN ACT

August 19, 1968  
[H. R. 16027]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide increases in rates of compensation for disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) section 314 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

Veterans.  
Disability compensation, increase.  
79 Stat. 1154.

(1) by striking out "\$21" in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$23";

(2) by striking out "\$40" in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$43";

(3) by striking out "\$60" in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$65";

(4) by striking out "\$82" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$89";

(5) by striking out "\$113" in subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$122";

(6) by striking out "\$136" in subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$147";

(7) by striking out "\$161" in subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$174";

(8) by striking out "\$186" in subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$201";

(9) by striking out "\$209" in subsection (i) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$226";

(10) by striking out "\$300" in subsection (j) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$400";

(11) by striking out "\$600" in subsections (k), (o), and (p) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$700";

(12) by striking out "\$400" in subsection (l) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$500";

(13) by striking out "\$450" in subsection (m) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$550";

(14) by striking out "\$525" in subsection (n) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$625";

(15) by striking out "\$250" in subsection (r) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$300";

(16) by striking out "\$350" in subsection (s) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$450";

(17) by striking out "\$400" in subsection (k) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$500".

(b) The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 who are not in receipt of compensation pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 2. The compensation payable pursuant to the amendments made by this Act shall be payable beginning with the first day of January 1969.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 617 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

**"§ 617. Invalid lifts and other devices**

"The Administrator may furnish an invalid lift, or any type of therapeutic or rehabilitative device, as well as other medical equipment and supplies (excluding medicines), if medically indicated, to any veteran who is receiving (1) compensation under subsections 314 (1)-(p) (or the comparable rates provided pursuant to section 334) of this title, or (2) pension under chapter 15 of this title by reason of being in need of regular aid and attendance."

(b) The analysis of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out

"Sec. 617. Invalid lifts and other devices for pensioners."

and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Sec. 617. Invalid lifts and other devices."

SEC. 4. (a) Section 314(q) and section 356 of title 38, United States Code, are hereby repealed.

(b) The repeals made by subsection (a) of this section shall not apply in the case of any veteran who, on the date of enactment of this Act, was receiving or entitled to receive compensation for tuberculosis which in the judgment of the Administrator had reached a condition of complete arrest.

SEC. 5. Any veteran determined by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs to have received overpayments of educational benefits under former chapter 33 of title 38, United States Code, in connection with the institutional on-farm training program conducted by the Tangipahoa Parish School Board, Amite, Louisiana, shall be relieved of all liability to the United States for the amount of such overpayment,

81 Stat. 190.

Rate adjustments.

72 Stat. 1263.  
38 USC note  
prec. 101.  
38 USC 301.

78 Stat. 504;  
81 Stat. 180.

72 Stat. 1123.  
38 USC 501.

Repeals.

Tangipahoa  
Parish School  
Board, La., over-  
payments.  
38 USC 1601.

remaining due on the effective date of this section, if he makes application for relief within two years following the date of enactment of this Act, and if the Administrator finds that such veteran—

(1) owned, or operated under a valid lease, a farm which met the requirements of the law and implementing Veterans' Administration regulations;

(2) was engaged in the cultivation of such farm and was not employed on a full-time basis in a non-farm occupation; and

(3) participated in the institutional instruction furnished by the Tangipahoa Parish School Board in connection with the institutional on-farm training program, even though such instruction may not have met all of the requirements of the law and implementing Veterans' Administration regulations.

In the audit and settlement of the accounts of any certifying or disbursing officer of the United States, credit shall be given for amounts for which liability is relieved by this section.

Approved August 19, 1968.

### Public Law 90-494

#### AN ACT

August 20, 1968  
[S. 633]

To promote the foreign policy of the United States by strengthening and improving the Foreign Service personnel system of the United States Information Agency through establishment of a Foreign Service Information Officer Corps.

Foreign Service  
Information Officer  
Corps.  
Establishment.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby established a category of officers of the United States Information Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Agency") to be known as Foreign Service information officers.

#### STATEMENT OF POLICY

SEC. 2. It is the sense of the Congress that the establishment of a permanent career service for officers of the Agency who serve our country throughout the world in a vital function of the foreign relations of the United States is essential to enable the Director of the United States Information Agency (hereinafter referred to as "the Director") to carry out effectively such functions and responsibilities assigned to the Agency.

#### STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

SEC. 3. The Congress of the United States hereby declares that the purposes of this Act are—

(a) to provide a statutory basis necessary for a worldwide career officer personnel system designed to meet the continuing needs of both the Agency and those qualified citizens who shall serve as Foreign Service information officers in this vital activity;

(b) to give the Director the full range of personnel authority necessary to establish and administer the Foreign Service Information Officer Corps;

(c) to regularize the personnel system of the Agency by establishing a career service in which qualified Foreign Service information officers may be recruited, trained, and serve;

(d) to assure maximum efficiency and flexibility in the utilization of the talents of Foreign Service information officers; and