

## "LIMITATIONS ON FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

"SEC. 167. Programs assisted under this part shall be subject to the provisions of section 131 of this Act."

Approved December 30, 1969.

Public Law 91-178

AN ACT

December 30, 1969  
[H. R. 9334]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to promote the care and treatment of veterans in State veterans' homes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 641 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

"The Administrator shall pay each State at the per diem rate of—

"(1) \$3.50 for domiciliary care,

"(2) \$5 for nursing home care, and

"(3) \$7.50 for hospital care,

for each veteran of any war receiving such care in a State home, if, in the case of such a veteran receiving domiciliary or hospital care, such veteran is eligible for such care in a Veterans' Administration facility, or if, in the case of such a veteran receiving nursing home care, such veteran meets the requirements of paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 610(a) of this title, except that the requirements of clause (B) of such paragraph (1) shall for this purpose refer to the inability to defray the expenses of necessary nursing home care; however, in no case shall the payments made with respect to any veteran under this section exceed one-half of the cost of the veteran's care in such State home."

SEC. 2. (a) Subchapter V of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"§ 644. Authorization of appropriations

"(a) There is hereby authorized to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1970, and a like sum for each of the nine succeeding fiscal years. Subject to the conditions set forth in subsection (b) of this section, sums appropriated pursuant to this section shall be used for making grants to States which have submitted, and have had approved by the Administrator, applications for assistance in remodeling, modification, or alteration of existing hospital or domiciliary facilities in State homes providing care and treatment for veterans.

"(b) The amount which may be granted to a State home for purposes of subsection (a) shall not exceed 50 per centum of the estimated cost of the project, nor may any one State receive in any fiscal year more than 20 per centum of the amount appropriated for that fiscal year.

"(c) Grants under this section shall be made on such terms and conditions prescribed in regulations by the Administrator.

"(d) Sums appropriated pursuant to subsection (a) of this section shall remain available until the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which they are appropriated."

81 Stat. 687.  
42 USC 2748.

Veterans.  
Care and treat-  
ment in State  
homes.  
Payments.  
82 Stat. 448.

72 Stat. 1141,  
1142; 76 Stat.  
381; 80 Stat. 27.

*Supra*; 72 Stat.  
1146.  
38 USC 641-643.

(b) The analysis of chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting immediately below

38 USC 601-643.

“643. Applications.”

the following:

“644. Authorization of appropriations.”

Approved December 30, 1969.

### Public Law 91-179

#### AN ACT

December 30, 1969

To amend section 1401a(b) of title 10, United States Code, relating to adjustments of retired pay to reflect changes in Consumer Price Index.

[H. R. 14227]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the second sentence of section 1401a(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended to read as follows: “If the Secretary determines that, for three consecutive months, the amount of the increase is at least 3 per centum over the base index, the retired pay and retainer pay of members and former members of the armed forces who become entitled to that pay before the first day of the third calendar month beginning after the end of those three months shall, except as provided in subsection (c), be increased, effective on that day, by the per centum obtained by adding 1 per centum and the highest per centum of increase in the index during those months, adjusted to the nearest one-tenth of 1 per centum.”

Armed Forces.  
Retired pay,  
adjustment.  
81 Stat. 652.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this Act become effective on October 31, 1969.

Effective date.

Approved December 30, 1969.

### Public Law 91-180

#### AN ACT

December 30, 1969

To continue for two additional years the duty-free status of certain gifts by members of the Armed Forces serving in combat zones.

[H. R. 15071]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That (a) item 915.25 of the appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (19 U.S.C. 1202) is amended by striking out “On or before 12/31/69” and inserting in lieu thereof “On or before 12/31/71”.

Armed Forces.  
Gifts, duty-free  
status.  
80 Stat. 71;  
81 Stat. 776.

(b) The amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 1, 1970.

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