

Public Law 92-455

AN ACT

October 2, 1972
[H. R. 10486]

To make the basic pay of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard comparable to the basic pay of the senior enlisted advisers of the other Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 1401 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by deleting the word "or" between the phrases "Air Force," and "sergeant major" in the second sentence of footnote 4 of the table in that section and adding the words "or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard," between the phrase "Marine Corps," and the word "compute".

Coast Guard.
Master Chief
Petty Officer,
pay increase.
81 Stat. 653.

SEC. 2. Section 423 of title 14, United States Code, is amended by adding the following new sentence between the first and second sentences of the section: "In the case of an enlisted member who served as the master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, his retired pay shall be computed at the highest basic pay applicable to him while he so served, if that basic pay is greater than the basic pay of the grade or rating to which he was otherwise entitled at the time of retirement."

63 Stat. 525.

SEC. 3. Section 203(a) of title 37, United States Code, is amended by deleting the word "or" between the phrases "Air Force," and "Sergeant Major" in footnote 1 of the "ENLISTED MEMBERS" pay table in that section and adding the words "or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard," between the phrase "Marine Corps," and the word "basic".

85 Stat. 357.

SEC. 4. Section 411 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by deleting the word "or" between the phrases "Air Force," and "sergeant major" in footnote 1 of the table in that section and adding the words "or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard," between the phrase "Marine Corps," and the word "at".

Widow depend-
ency and indemn-
ity compensation.
85 Stat. 660.

SEC. 5. An enlisted member of the Coast Guard who has served as the master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard before enactment of this Act is entitled to recover the differences between the basic pay (including proficiency pay) received while so serving and the amount he would have received if his basic pay had been the same as the basic pay of the senior enlisted advisers of the other Armed Forces from the time of his original appointment to serve as the master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard.

Pay recovery.

SEC. 6. (a) Section 6 of the Act of June 20, 1918 (33 U.S.C. 763) is amended—

Lighthouse
Service retirement
benefits.
40 Stat. 608;
81 Stat. 519.

(1) by striking out "or" at the end of clause (1) of the first sentence and by inserting after "Government," in clause (2) of that sentence the following: "or (3) are involuntarily separated from further performance of duty, except by removal for cause on charges of misconduct or delinquency, after completing twenty-five years in the active service of the Government, or after completing twenty years of such service and after reaching the age of fifty years,";

(2) by striking out "five years of service" in the first proviso of the first sentence and inserting in lieu thereof "three years of service"; and

(3) by inserting immediately after the colon at the end of the first proviso the following: "Provided further, That the retirement pay computed under the preceding proviso for any such officer or employee retiring under clause (3) shall be reduced by one-sixth of 1 per centum for each full month the officer or employee is under fifty-five years of age at the date of retirement:".

(b) The amendments made by subsection (a) of this section shall apply with respect to officers and employees to which such section 6 applies who are involuntarily separated or retired on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

Effective date.

Approved October 2, 1972.