

Public Law 89-138

AN ACT

August 26, 1965
[H. R. 208]

To amend chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, to extend to seriously disabled veterans the same liberalization of time limits for pursuing vocational rehabilitation training as was authorized for blinded veterans by Public Law 87-591, and to clarify the language of the law relating to the limiting of periods for pursuing such training.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding after section 1502 thereof the following new section 1503:

Disabled veterans.
Vocational rehabilitation.
72 Stat. 1170.

“§ 1503. Periods of eligibility

“(a) Unless a longer period of eligibility is authorized pursuant to subsection (b) or (c) of this section, vocational rehabilitation may not be afforded to a veteran after nine years following his discharge or release; except vocational rehabilitation may be afforded to any person until—

“(1) August 20, 1963, if such person was discharged or released before August 20, 1954, or

“(2) October 15, 1971, if such person is eligible for vocational rehabilitation by reason of a disability arising from service before October 15, 1962, but either after World War II, and before the Korean conflict, or after the Korean conflict.

“(b) Where a veteran is prevented from entering, or having entered, from completing vocational rehabilitation training within the period of eligibility prescribed in subsection (a) of this section because—

“(1) he had not timely attained, retained, or regained medical feasibility for training because of disability;

“(2) he had not timely met the requirement of a discharge or release under conditions other than dishonorable, but the nature of such discharge or release was later changed by appropriate authority; or

“(3) he had not timely established the existence of a compensable service-connected disability,

such training may be afforded him during a period not to exceed four years beyond the period of eligibility otherwise applicable to him.

“(c) A veteran who is found to be in need of vocational rehabilitation to overcome the handicap of blindness, or other serious disability, resulting from a service-connected disability which affords basic eligibility for vocational rehabilitation under section 1502 of this title may be afforded such vocational rehabilitation after the termination date otherwise applicable to him, but not beyond ten years after such termination date, or June 30, 1975, whichever date is the later, if—

“(1) he had not previously been rehabilitated (that is, rendered employable) as the result of training furnished under this chapter, or

“(2) such serious disability (whether blindness or otherwise) has developed from, or as a result of, the worsening of his service-connected disability since he was declared rehabilitated to the extent that it precludes his performing the duties of the occupation for which he was previously trained under this chapter.”

SEC. 2. Chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, is further amended by—

(1) deleting in the table of sections at the head thereof:

“1502A. Blinded veterans”

“1503. Training and training facilities”

and inserting in lieu thereof:

“1503. Periods of eligibility”

and adding to the end of such table the following:

“1511. Training and training facilities”.

(2) deleting subsection (c) of section 1502 (except paragraph (4) thereof), and changing “(4)” immediately preceding “Vocational rehabilitation” in such section to “(c)”;

(3) deleting section 1502A;

(4) redesignating section 1503 “**Training and training facilities**” as section 1511 and transferring that section, as so redesignated, to the end of the chapter.

SEC. 3. Any veteran entitled to vocational rehabilitation training under chapter 31 of title 38, United States Code, until July 25, 1965, pursuant to section 1502(c)(2) of such title, prior to the amendment made by this Act, shall continue to have the right to receive such training until such date, notwithstanding the amendments made by sections 1 and 2 hereof.

Approved August 26, 1965.

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JOINT RESOLUTION

To amend the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 to increase the amount authorized for the Interstate System for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, to authorize the apportionment of such amount, and for other purposes.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That subsection (b) of section 108 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956, as amended, is amended by striking out “the additional sum of \$2,900,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967,” and inserting in lieu thereof “the additional sum of \$3,000,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967;”.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Commerce is authorized to make the apportionment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, of the sum authorized to be appropriated for such year for expenditures on the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, using the apportionment factors contained in table 5 of House Document Numbered 42, Eighty-ninth Congress, but the Congress reserves the right to disapprove the cost estimate for completion of such National System submitted by the Secretary on January 11, 1965, and contained in such document.

SEC. 3. It is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of Commerce, acting under authority of existing law and through the Bureau of Public Roads, shall report to Congress in January, 1968, and in January of every second year thereafter, his estimates of the future highway needs of the Nation.

SEC. 4. (a) Chapter 1 of title 23 of the United States Code is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“§ 135. Highway safety programs

“After December 31, 1967, each State should have a highway safety program, approved by the Secretary, designed to reduce traffic acci-

72 Stat. 1171;
74 Stat. 820.

76 Stat. 393.
72 Stat. 1171.

Exception.

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Federal-Aid
Highway Act of
1956, amendment.
75 Stat. 122.
23 USC 101 note.

Apportionment
of funds.

Future highway
needs.
Report to
Congress.

23 USC 101-134.