

available, no part of the funds appropriated by this Act shall be expended in the purchase of twine manufactured from commodities or materials produced outside of the United States.

SEC. 506. Not less than \$1,500,000 of the appropriations of the Department of Agriculture for research and service work authorized by the Acts of August 14, 1946, July 28, 1954, and September 6, 1958 (7 U.S.C. 427, 1621-1629; 42 U.S.C. 1891-1893), shall be available for contracting in accordance with said Acts.

SEC. 507. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 508. No part of the funds contained in this Act may be used to make production or other payments to a person, persons, or corporations who harvest or knowingly permit to be harvested for illegal use, marihuana, or other such prohibited drug-producing plants on any part of lands owned or controlled by such persons or corporations.

This Act may be cited as the "Agriculture-Environmental and Consumer Protection Appropriation Act, 1974".

Approved October 24, 1973.

Public Law 93-136

AN ACT

To liberalize eligibility for cost-of-living increases in civil service retirement annuities.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section 8340(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by renumbering paragraphs (1) and (2) thereof as paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively; and

(2) by inserting immediately above paragraph (2) (renumbered as such by paragraph (1) of this section), the following new paragraph:

"(1) An annuity (except a deferred annuity under section 8338 of this title or any other provision of law) which—

"(A) is payable from the Fund to an employee or Member who retires, or to the widow or widower of a deceased employee or Member; and

"(B) has a commencing date after the effective date of the then last preceding annuity increase under subsection (b) of this section;

shall not be less than the annuity which would have been payable if the commencing date of such annuity had been the effective date of the then last preceding annuity increase under subsection (b) of this section. In the administration of this paragraph, an employee or a deceased employee shall be deemed, for the purposes of section 8339(n) of this title, to have to his credit, on the effective date of the then last preceding annuity increase under subsection (b) of this section, a number of days of unused sick leave equal to the number of days of unused sick leave to his credit on the date of his separation from the service."

SEC. 2. The amendments made by this Act shall apply only with respect to annuities which commence on or after July 2, 1973.

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