

SEC. 1002. As used in this Act, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "Commissioners" shall mean the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or its designated agent.

SEC. 1003. Any word or term used in any title of this Act, unless the context requires otherwise, shall have the same meaning as that applicable to such word or term in the Act to which such title applies.

SEC. 1004. If any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

SEC. 1005. The Commissioners are authorized to make rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this Act.

SEC. 1006. The Commissioners are authorized to enter into such agreements with the States of Maryland and Virginia and with political subdivisions of such States as may be necessary to develop a continuing comprehensive transportation planning process for the National Capital region for the purpose of complying with the requirements of section 134 of title 23, United States Code, except that no such agreement shall require the District of Columbia to pay more than its pro rata share of the costs of such planning process. In developing such transportation planning process the Commissioners shall consult and cooperate with the National Capital Planning Commission and the National Capital Regional Planning Council. For the purpose of this section, the term "National Capital region" shall have the same meaning as is given it in section 103 of the National Capital Transportation Act of 1960 (74 Stat. 537; D.C. Code, sec. 1-1401).

76 Stat. 1148.

D.C. Code
1-1402.

Approved September 30, 1966, 3:36 p.m.

Public Law 89-611

JOINT RESOLUTION

Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1967, and for other purposes.

September 30, 1966
[H. J. Res. 1308]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the joint resolution of August 31, 1966 (Public Law 89-549), is hereby amended by striking out "September 30, 1966" and inserting in lieu thereof "October 22, 1966".

Continuing ap-
propriations, 1967.
Ante, pp. 234,
371.

Approved September 30, 1966.

Public Law 89-612

AN ACT

To provide for extension and expansion of the program of grants-in-aid to the Republic of the Philippines for the hospitalization of certain veterans, and for other purposes.

September 30, 1966
[H. R. 16330]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 622 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking "and" and inserting "and section 632 (b)" after "section 624 (c)".

Philippine
veterans.
Hospitalization.
72 Stat. 1144.
72 Stat. 1145;
77 Stat. 66.

SEC. 2. Section 632 of title 38, United States Code, is hereby amended as follows:

(1) Insert "(a)" before "The President".

(2) Insert before the period at the end of the first sentence in paragraph (2) the words "subject to necessary provisions for veterans

covered by any modified agreement which may be made pursuant to subsection (b) of this section”.

(3) Add at the end the following new subsections:

“(b) Subject to the conditions set forth in subsection (c) of this section, such agreement may be further modified after the effective date of this amendment to authorize extension of the contract specified in paragraph (1) of subsection (a) for an additional period ending June 30, 1973, and may authorize expansion of such contract to include payments for hospital care at the Veterans Memorial Hospital of Commonwealth Army veterans determined by the Administrator to need such care for non-service-connected disabilities if they are unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. Such modified agreement may also provide for payments for hospital care, determined by the Administrator to be necessary, at the Veterans Memorial Hospital of new Philippine Scouts for service-connected disabilities, and for non-service-connected disabilities if they enlisted before July 4, 1946, and if they qualify as veterans of a war unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. The total of such payments plus any payments for authorized travel expenses in connection with hospital care pursuant to any such modified agreement shall not exceed \$1,200,000 for fiscal year 1967, including payments for any period in that year prior to the modified agreement, nor \$2,000,000 for any one fiscal year thereafter. Such modified agreement may also provide that during the period covered by such contract medical services shall be continued as provided by the last sentence of paragraph (1) of subsection (a) for Commonwealth Army veterans for service-connected disabilities and medical services for new Philippine Scouts determined by the Administrator to be in need thereof for service-connected disabilities shall be provided as authorized for Commonwealth Army veterans.

“(c) Any agreement or contract extended and modified pursuant to subsection (b) shall be conditioned on a commitment by the Republic of the Philippines and the Veterans Memorial Hospital that the equipment of such hospital will be replaced and upgraded as needed and that the existing physical plant and facilities of such hospital will be rehabilitated as soon as practicable to place the hospital on a sound and effective operating basis. It shall provide that failure to fulfill such commitment or to maintain the hospital in a well-equipped and effective operating condition, as determined by the Administrator, shall be a ground for stopping payments under the agreement upon reasonable notice as stipulated by the contract.

“(d) To assist the Republic of the Philippines in replacement and upgrading of equipment and in rehabilitating the physical plant and facilities of the Veterans Memorial Hospital, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$500,000 to be used by the Administrator for making grants to the Veterans Memorial Hospital for this purpose on such terms and conditions as the Administrator may prescribe. Any such appropriation shall remain available until expended.

“(e) To further assure the effective care and treatment of patients in the Veterans Memorial Hospital, and having due regard for the special kinds of diseases from which these patients frequently suffer, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year during the six years beginning with fiscal year 1967 the sum of \$100,000 to be used by the Administrator for making grants to the Veterans Memorial Hospital for medical research and the training of health service personnel at the hospital. Such grants shall be made on terms and conditions prescribed by the Administrator, including approval by him of all research protocols, principal investigators, and training programs.”

Limitation.

Appropriations.

SEC. 3. Paragraph (1) of section 634 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to add at the end thereof the following sentence: "The term 'new Philippine Scouts' means persons who served in the Philippine Scouts under section 14 of the Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945, and who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable."

Approved September 30, 1966.

"New Philippine Scouts."
59 Stat. 543.

Public Law 89-613

AN ACT

September 30, 1966
[H. R. 16367]

To extend the benefits of the War Orphans' Educational Assistance program to the children of those veterans of the Philippine Commonwealth Army who died or have become permanently and totally disabled by reason of their service during World War II, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 35 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof a new subchapter as follows:

Philippine veterans.
War orphans educational assistance.
72 Stat. 1192;
Ante, pp. 19-21.
38 USC 1701-1762.

"Subchapter VII—Philippine Commonwealth Army and Philippine Scouts

"§ 1765. Children of certain Philippine veterans

"BASIC ELIGIBILITY

"(a) The term 'eligible person' as used in section 1701(a)(1) of this title includes the children of those Commonwealth Army veterans and 'New' Philippine Scouts who meet the requirements of service-connected disability or death, based on service as defined in section 1766.

"Eligible person."
38 USC 1701.
Infra

"ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS

"(b) The provisions of this chapter and chapter 36 shall apply to the educational assistance for children of Commonwealth Army veterans and 'New' Philippine Scouts, except that—

77 Stat. 158;
Ante, pp. 20-23.
38 USC 1770-1790.

"(1) educational assistance allowances authorized by section 1732 of this title and the special training allowance authorized by section 1742 of this title shall be paid at a rate in Philippine pesos equivalent to \$0.50 for each dollar, and

72 Stat. 1198,
1200; 79 Stat. 896.
38 USC 1732, 1742.

"(2) any reference to a State approving agency shall be deemed to refer to the Administrator.

"DELIMITING DATES

"(c) In the case of any individual who is an 'eligible person' solely by virtue of subsection (a) of this section, and who is above the age of seventeen years and below the age of twenty-three years on the date of enactment of this section, the period referred to in section 1712 of this title shall not end until the expiration of the five-year period which begins on the date of enactment of such section.

38 USC 1712.

"§ 1766. Definitions

"(a) The term 'Commonwealth Army veterans' means persons who served before July 1, 1946, in the organized military forces of the Government of the Philippines, while such forces were in the service of the Armed Forces pursuant to the military order of the Presi-

"Commonwealth Army veterans."