

included in this Act shall be used for publicity or propaganda purposes to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress.

Short title.

This Act may be cited as the "Department of Agriculture and Farm Credit Administration Appropriation Act, 1959".

Approved June 13, 1958.

Public Law 85-460

AN ACT

June 18, 1958
[H. R. 7251]

To amend the definition of the term "State" in the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act and the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act to clarify the question of whether the benefits of those Acts may be afforded to persons pursuing a program of education or training in the Panama Canal Zone.

Panama Canal
Zone.
Veterans educa-
tion, etc.
66 Stat. 664; 70
Stat. 411.
38 USC 911,
1032.
Post, p. 1274.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 201 (9) of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 and section 102 (a) (11) of the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act of 1956 are each amended by striking all words after the word "State" and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "means each of the several States, the Territories and possessions of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal Zone".

Effective date.

SEC. 2. The amendment made by this Act to section 201 (9) of the Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1952 shall be deemed to have been in effect since July 16, 1952.

38 USC 1064.
Post, p. 1274.

SEC. 3. (a) Section 304 (c) of the War Orphans' Educational Assistance Act of 1956 is amended by inserting immediately after "State" the following: "or in the Republic of the Philippines".

38 USC 1068.

(b) Section 308 (b) (2) of such Act is amended by inserting immediately after "State law" the following: "(or in the case of the Republic of the Philippines, Philippine law)".

38 USC 1033.

(c) Section 501 of such Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(f) Where any provision of this Act authorizes or requires any function, power, or duty to be exercised by a State, or by any officer or agency thereof, such function, power, or duty shall, with respect to the Republic of the Philippines, be exercised by the Administrator."

Approved June 18, 1958.

Public Law 85-461

AN ACT

June 18, 1958
[H. R. 6908]

To authorize modification and extension of the program of grants-in-aid to the Republic of the Philippines for the hospitalization of certain veterans, to restore eligibility for hospital and medical care to certain veterans of the Armed Forces of the United States residing in the Philippines, and for other purposes.

Philippines.
Veterans hos-
pitalization.
71 Stat. 113.
38 USC 2524.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That—

(a) Section 524 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended to read as follows:

"HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES ABROAD

"SEC. 524. (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c), the Administrator shall not furnish hospital or domiciliary care or medical services outside the continental limits of the United States, or a Territory, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States.

“(b) The Administrator may furnish necessary hospital care and medical services for any service-connected disability—

“(1) if incurred during a period of war, to any veteran who is a citizen of the United States temporarily sojourning or residing abroad except in the Republic of the Philippines; or

“(2) whenever incurred, to any otherwise eligible veteran in the Republic of the Philippines.”

“(c) Within the limits of those facilities of the Veterans Memorial Hospital at Manila, Republic of the Philippines, for which the Administrator may contract, he may furnish necessary hospital care to a veteran of any war for any non-service-connected disability if such veteran is unable to defray the expenses of necessary hospital care. The Administrator may enter into contracts to carry out this section.”

(b) Section 522 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by striking out “section 510 (a) (1) and section 510 (b) (2)” and inserting “sections 510 (a) (1), 510 (b) (2), and 524 (c)”.

38 USC 2522.

SEC. 2. (a) Title V of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new part:

71 Stat. 114.

“PART D—HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CARE FOR COMMONWEALTH OF THE PHILIPPINES ARMY VETERANS

“GRANTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

“SEC. 531. The President is authorized to assist the Republic of the Philippines in providing medical care and treatment for Commonwealth Army veterans in need of such care and treatment for service-connected disabilities through grants to reimburse the Republic of the Philippines for expenditures incident to hospital care of Commonwealth Army veterans in need thereof for such disabilities. The total of such grants shall not exceed \$1,500,000 for the calendar year 1958, and \$1,000,000 for the calendar year 1959. If agreement is reached to modify the plan of assistance as provided for in paragraph (1) of section 532, the total of grants for 1958 up to July 1 may be as much as \$1,000,000.

“MODIFICATION OF AGREEMENT WITH THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES EFFECTUATING THE ACT OF JULY 1, 1948

“SEC. 532. The President, with the concurrence of the Republic of the Philippines, is authorized to modify the agreement between the United States and the Republic of the Philippines respecting hospitals and medical care for Commonwealth Army veterans (63 Stat. 2593) in either or both of the following respects:

“(1) To provide that in lieu of any grants being made after July 1, 1958, under section 531, the Administrator may enter into a contract with the Veterans Memorial Hospital, with the approval of the appropriate department of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, under which the United States will pay for hospital care in the Republic of the Philippines of Commonwealth Army veterans determined by the Administrator to need such hospital care for service-connected disabilities. Such contract must be entered into before July 1, 1958, may be for a period of not more than five consecutive fiscal years beginning July 1, 1958, and shall provide for payments for such hospital care at a per diem rate to be jointly determined for each fiscal year by the two Governments to be fair and reasonable; but the total of such payments plus any payments for authorized travel

expenses in connection with such hospital care shall not exceed \$2,000,000 for any one fiscal year. In addition, such modified agreement may provide that, during the period covered by such contract, medical services for Commonwealth Army veterans determined by the Administrator to be in need thereof for service-connected disabilities shall be provided either in Veterans' Administration facilities, or by contract, or otherwise, by the Administrator in accordance with the conditions and limitations applicable generally to beneficiaries under section 512.

"(2) To provide for the use by the Republic of the Philippines of beds, equipment, and other facilities of the Veterans Memorial Hospital at Manila, not required for hospital care of Commonwealth Army veterans for service-connected disabilities, for hospital care of other persons in the discretion of the Republic of the Philippines. If such agreement is modified in accordance with this paragraph, such agreement (A) shall specify that priority of admission and retention in such hospital shall be accorded Commonwealth Army veterans needing hospital care for service-connected disabilities, and (B) shall not preclude the use of available facilities in such hospital on a contract basis for hospital care or medical services for persons eligible therefor from the Veterans' Administration.

In addition, such agreement may provide for the payment of travel expenses pursuant to section 2101 for Commonwealth Army veterans in connection with hospital care or medical services furnished them.

71 Stat. 154.
38 USC 2121.

"SUPERVISION OF PROGRAM BY THE PRESIDENT

"SEC. 533. The President, or any officer of the United States to whom he may delegate his authority under this section, may from time to time prescribe such rules and regulations and impose such conditions on the receipt of financial aid as may be necessary to carry out this part.

"DEFINITIONS

"SEC. 534. For the purposes of this part—

"(1) 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 President dated July 26, 1941, including among such military forces organized guerrilla forces under commanders appointed, designated, or subsequently recognized by the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, or other competent authority in the Army of the United States, and who were discharged or released from such service under conditions other than dishonorable.

"(2) The term 'service-connected disabilities' means disabilities determined by the Administrator under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration to have been incurred in or aggravated by the service described in paragraph (1) in line of duty."

SEC. 3. Section 2105 (a) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by inserting immediately after "1941," the following: "including among such military forces organized guerrilla forces under commanders appointed, designated, or subsequently recognized by the Commander in Chief, Southwest Pacific Area, or other competent authority in the Army of the United States."

71 Stat. 156.
38 USC 2125.

SEC. 4. Section 2306 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by inserting "(a)" immediately after "SEC. 2306." and by adding at the end thereof the following new subsection:

38 USC 2101 note.

"(b) The availability and use of appropriations made for the purposes of the Act of July 1, 1948 (62 Stat. 1210; 50 App. U. S. C., secs. 1991-1996), shall not be affected by the repeal of such Act."

SEC. 5. The Act of July 1, 1948 (62 Stat. 1210; 50 App. U. S. C., secs. 1991-1996), is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. The table of contents in the first section of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by inserting immediately below:

71 Stat. 85.

"SEC. 527. Persons eligible under prior law." the following:

"Part D—Hospital and Medical Care for Commonwealth of the Philippines Army Veterans

"SEC. 531. Grants to the Republic of the Philippines.

"SEC. 532. Modification of agreement with the Republic of the Philippines effectuating the Act of July 1, 1948.

"SEC. 533. Supervision of program by the President.

"SEC. 534. Definitions."

Approved June 18, 1958.

Public Law 85-462

AN ACT

To revise the basic compensation schedules of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, and for other purposes.

June 20, 1958 [S. 734]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act may be cited as the "Federal Employees Salary Increase Act of 1958".

Federal Employees Salary Increase Act of 1958.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 603 (b) of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended (69 Stat. 172, 70 Stat. 740; 5 U. S. C. 1113 (b)), is amended to read as follows:

"(b) The compensation schedule for the General Schedule shall be as follows:

General Schedule.

Grade	Per annum rates						
	\$2,960	\$3,055	\$3,150	\$3,245	\$3,340	\$3,435	\$3,530
GS-1	3,255	3,350	3,445	3,540	3,635	3,730	3,825
GS-2	3,495	3,590	3,685	3,780	3,875	3,970	4,065
GS-3	3,755	3,850	3,945	4,040	4,135	4,230	4,325
GS-4	4,040	4,190	4,340	4,490	4,640	4,790	4,940
GS-5	4,490	4,640	4,790	4,940	5,090	5,240	5,390
GS-6	4,980	5,130	5,280	5,430	5,580	5,730	5,880
GS-7	5,470	5,620	5,770	5,920	6,070	6,220	6,370
GS-8	5,965	6,115	6,265	6,415	6,565	6,715	6,865
GS-9	6,505	6,655	6,805	6,955	7,105	7,255	7,405
GS-10	7,030	7,270	7,510	7,750	7,990	8,230	8,470
GS-11	8,330	8,570	8,810	9,050	9,290	9,530	9,770
GS-12	9,890	10,130	10,370	10,610	10,850	11,090	11,330
GS-13	11,355	11,595	11,835	12,075	12,315	12,555	12,795
GS-14	12,770	13,070	13,370	13,670	13,970	14,270	14,570
GS-15	14,190	14,430	14,670	14,910	15,150	15,390	15,630
GS-16	15,375	15,615	15,855	16,095	16,335	16,575	16,815
GS-17	17,500	17,740	17,980	18,220	18,460	18,700	18,940
GS-18	19,750	20,000	20,250	20,500	20,750	21,000	21,250

(b) The rates of basic compensation of officers and employees to whom this section applies shall be adjusted as follows:

Adjustment of compensation.

(1) If the officer or employee is receiving basic compensation immediately prior to the effective date of this section at one of the scheduled or longevity rates of a grade in the General Schedule of the Classification Act of 1949, as amended, he shall receive a rate of basic compensation at the corresponding scheduled or longevity rate in effect on and after such date.

5 USC 1113.