

Public Law 94-454  
94th Congress

An Act

Oct. 2, 1976  
[H.R. 13549]

To provide for additional income for the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home by requiring the Board of Commissioners of such home to collect a fee from the members of such home and by increasing deductions for the support of such home from the pay of enlisted men and warrant officers, and for other purposes.

United States  
Soldiers' and  
Airmen's Home.  
Additional  
income.  
24 USC 44b.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Board of Commissioners of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home shall collect from members of the home a fee which may be used solely for the operation of the home. The amount of the fee shall be determined by the Board of Commissioners on the basis of financial needs of the home and the ability of the members to pay, but in no case may the fee collected in any month in the case of any member exceed an amount equal to 25 per centum of the monthly—

- (1) military retired pay paid to such member;
- (2) civil service annuity paid to such member where such annuity is based in part on years of military service;
- (3) disability compensation or pension paid to such member by the Veterans' Administration; or
- (4) military retired pay and disability compensation or pension where such member is receiving both retired pay and disability compensation or pension.

Enlisted men and  
warrant officers,  
pay deductions.  
24 USC 44c.

SEC. 2. (a) There shall be deducted each month from the pay of each enlisted man and warrant officer on the active list of the Regular Army and Regular Air Force a sum not to exceed 50 cents which shall be deposited to the credit of the permanent fund, United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home (trust fund) in the Treasury of the United States. The sums to be deducted shall be fixed from time to time, within the limit prescribed above, by the Secretary of the Army and the Secretary of the Air Force in consultation with the Board of Commissioners of such home so as to meet the annual operating requirements of such home. Such sums may be fixed at different amounts for such enlisted men and warrant officers on the basis of grade or time in service, or both, except that the sums fixed shall be the same for both the Army and Air Force.

Repeal.

(b) The Act entitled "An Act to provide further for the maintenance of United States Soldiers' Home", approved February 13, 1936 (49 Stat. 1137; 24 U.S.C. 44a), is repealed.

Study.  
24 USC 41 note.

SEC. 3. (a) The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study of the operations of the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home with a view to determining the short- and long-term financial needs of such home, the appropriate functions of such home, and the operating efficiency of such home.

(b) The Comptroller General shall transmit the results of such study to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives on or before August 1, 1977, together with such comments and recommendations as he deems appropriate.

Report to congressional committees.

SEC. 4. The Act of August 29, 1974 (Public Law 93-397; 10 U.S.C. 8202 note), is amended by striking out "through September 30, 1976" and inserting in place thereof "through September 30, 1978".

Approved October 2, 1976.

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