

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3555

Whereas, certain income such as GI insurance; VA compensation; pension or other VA benefits is not considered as income for the parents in order for the veteran to be eligible to receive additional compensation for his dependent parents under the compensation laws; and

Whereas, upon the veteran's death parents who submit proof of dependency and meet certain income limitations are eligible for death compensation payments; and

Whereas, under present laws and regulations such income as GI insurance; VA compensation; pensions; other VA benefits and certain other income are considered as income in computing a dependent parents' income for eligibility to receive death compensation benefits,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, go on record requesting the necessary action to obtain a revision of the laws and regulations for computing income of dependent parents for eligibility for death compensation benefits to conform with and on the same basis for computing income for dependent parents when considering eligibility for a veteran to receive additional compensation for dependent parents.

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(RESOLUTION No. 308, LEGISLATIVE)

EXTENDING PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FROM ONE TO SEVEN YEARS FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE

Whereas, under present laws and regulations presumptive period for Parkinsons Disease is one year, and

Whereas, Parkinsons Disease is an insidious neurological disorder with confusing symptoms that remain dormant for long periods of time, is confused with other neurological disorders difficult to diagnose as Parkinsons Disease for several years in many cases, and

Whereas, advanced medical knowledge has resulted in the extension of presumptive period for similar neurological disorders, such as Multiple Sclerosis, to seven years by the Veterans' Administration.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, go on record recommending that the presumptive period for Parkinsons Disease be extended to seven years.

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(RESOLUTION No. 319, LEGISLATIVE)

INCREASED DISABILITY COMPENSATION PAYMENTS TO VETERANS FOR SERVICE CONNECTED DISABILITIES

Whereas, the historic policy of this nation as its first duty to the wars' disabled is to provide adequate compensation to veterans with service-incurred disabilities and to compensate them for the pain and suffering, loss of employment opportunities, loss of health, vitality, life expectancy and financial opportunities and therefore regarded as earned benefits, and

Whereas, compensation payments are based on the loss of earning capacity and based on cost of living, and

Whereas, the cost of living has increased considerably since the last increase in disability compensation rates, December 1, 1965, and

Whereas, disability compensation rates for wartime disabilities have lagged very far behind the rapid increase in the government cost of living index, and

Whereas, a veteran rated 100% disabled and unable to follow a gainful occupation receives \$300.00 per month, or \$3600.00 per year, as compared to the average wage earner's income of \$7000 per year, and

Whereas, totally disabled veteran is unemployable, has been denied the opportunity of this average earning because of his service connected disabilities; and veterans rated less than 100% disabled also have had their earning power curtailed because of the service connected disabilities, and

Whereas, although we do not oppose liberal and ever-increasing nonservice connected pension payments to veterans who served a mere 90 days statewide and received no disability from such service, we do feel that veterans with serv-