

RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968 3559

Whereas, those in the categories of paragraphs L, M, N, O, P and S represent less than 11,000 seriously injured and wounded, double amputee, paraplegic and blind veterans, and

Whereas, if hospitalized, their attendants draw pay while the veterans are hospitalized, and

Whereas, these men from paragraphs L, M, N and S need special assistance,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, that special compensation rates for aid and attendance be allowed as follows: para. L add \$125, para. M add \$150, para. N add \$175, para. O add \$250, para. P add \$250, para. S add \$125, and

Be it further resolved that while hospitalized at government expense these men shall continue to receive the same allowances and benefits.

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(RESOLUTION No. 359, LEGISLATIVE)

TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR REPAYMENT OF SEVERANCE PAY

Whereas, present laws and regulations provide for the repayment to the government of amounts paid former servicemen for Disability Severance Pay prior to the start of compensation benefits, and

Whereas, experience has shown that many veterans do not file claim for compensation benefits until long after their honorable separation from the service, when the veteran is oftentimes in dire need of the compensation benefits, and the withholding of the benefits for such repayment may cause distinct hardship to the veteran concerned, and

Whereas, it is not considered to be the true intent of the Congress to cause such veterans unnecessary hardships, particularly at time when the benefits are most needed,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967, recommend to the United States Congress that legislation which requires repayment of Disability Severance Pay prior to receipt of compensation benefits be changed to provide that the veteran will be given credit toward this repayment in an amount equal to the monetary benefits which he has been awarded eligibility, computed retroactively to the date following his honorable discharge from the active military service, and

Be it further resolved that no veteran will accrue any cash payments based on such retroactive eligibility for benefits which will serve only to repay such Disability Severance Pay.

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(RESOLUTION No. 370, LEGISLATIVE)

TO REVISE PARS. 29 AND 30 OF THE 1945 RATING SCHEDULE TO PROVIDE A TOTAL DISABILITY RATING AFTER 7 DAYS OF CONTINUOUS HOSPITAL TREATMENT

Whereas, Paragraph 29 and 30 of the 1945 Schedule for rating disabilities provide for a 100% rating, under certain conditions, where the veteran is hospitalized because of a service connected disability, and

Whereas, prior to April 8, 1959 the 100% rating was made effective from the 22nd day of hospitalization. At that time the schedule was changed to provide for the 100% rating to become effective from the day of admission, and

Whereas, since 1959 great progress has been made in medicine and hospital care. As a result, numerous veterans are admitted and it is not necessary that they remain on in-patient care for the 21-day period, and

Whereas, these veterans are discharged within a week or two and then carried on CBOC status, but are not permitted to return to work until their convalescence period at home is completed, and

Whereas, in some cases the veteran can't return to work for a period of six weeks to two months, and

Whereas, these veterans suffer undue hardship because they lose income from employment because of their service connected disability,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Disabled American Veterans in National Convention assembled at Denver, Colorado, July 31 through August 4, 1967,