

3602 RECOMMENDATIONS OF VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS, 1968

Amend the table rates and income limitations under subsection 541(c) applicable to a widow with one child to provide that a widow with annual income of—

	<i>May receive a monthly pension of</i>		<i>May receive a monthly pension of</i>
\$100 or less-----	\$106	Between \$1,800 and \$1,900-----	\$70
Between \$100 and \$200-----	104	Between \$1,900 and \$2,000-----	68
Between \$200 and \$300-----	102	Between \$2,000 and \$2,100-----	66
Between \$300 and \$400-----	100	Between \$2,100 and \$2,200-----	64
Between \$400 and \$500-----	98	Between \$2,200 and \$2,300-----	62
Between \$500 and \$600-----	96	Between \$2,300 and \$2,400-----	60
Between \$600 and \$700-----	94	Between \$2,400 and \$2,500-----	58
Between \$700 and \$800-----	92	Between \$2,500 and \$2,600-----	56
Between \$800 and \$900-----	90	Between \$2,600 and \$2,700-----	54
Between \$900 and \$1,000-----	88	Between \$2,700 and \$2,800-----	52
Between \$1,000 and \$1,100-----	86	Between \$2,800 and \$2,900-----	50
Between \$1,100 and \$1,200-----	84	Between \$2,900 and \$3,000-----	48
Between \$1,200 and \$1,300-----	82	Between \$3,000 and \$3,100-----	45
Between \$1,300 and \$1,400-----	80	Between \$3,100 and \$3,200-----	42
Between \$1,400 and \$1,500-----	78	Between \$3,200 and \$3,300-----	39
Between \$1,500 and \$1,600-----	76	Between \$3,300 and \$3,400-----	36
Between \$1,600 and \$1,700-----	74	Between \$3,400 and \$3,500-----	33
Between \$1,700 and \$1,800-----	72	Between \$3,500 and \$3,600-----	30

With \$18 a month to be added to these rates for each additional child.

Amend 521(f) (1) to liberalize the spouse's income provisions by providing that where a veteran is living with his spouse, all income of the spouse which is reasonably available to or for the veteran in excess of whichever is the greater, \$1500 or the total earned income of the spouse, shall be considered as the income of the veteran.

Amend paragraph (4) of section 503 to provide for exclusion of not exceeding \$10,000 in aggregate face amount of (a) payments under policies of United States Government life insurance or National Service life insurance, (b) payments of servicemen's indemnity, and (c) in the case of claims for death pension, payments under policies or contracts of private or commercial life insurance.

Amend paragraph (6) of section 503 to provide for exclusion from determination of annual income 10 percent of payments to an individual under public or private retirement, annuity, endowment, or similar plans or programs; provided that where an individual has made contributions thereto, the exclusion under this paragraph shall not apply until there has been received an amount equal to his contributions.

Amend subparagraph 7(b) of section 503 to provide for exclusion from annual income determinations the expenses of the veteran's last illness paid before his death.

Add the following to the list of items in section 503 which may be excluded from annual income determinations:

(a) The unusual medical expenses of the veteran, widow, or child to the same extent as now applicable to income computation of dependent parents for dependency and indemnity compensation.

(b) Income of patients derived from participation in a Community-Hospital-Industrial Rehabilitation Program while hospitalized in a Veterans Administration, other Federal, or State hospital; and

that subsection 502(a) of title 38, United States Code, be amended to provide that an otherwise eligible veteran be deemed permanently and totally disabled if 65 years of age or over and unemployed, or is suffering from active tuberculosis and is hospitalized for such disease; and

that the provisions be repealed of subsection 3203(d) of title 38, United States Code, which require the reduction of a veteran's pension to \$30 a month after two months hospitalization or domiciliary care by the Veterans Administration; and restore the provisions of section 3203 of title 38, United States Code, as were in effect on June 30, 1960, relating to pension payments to veterans while in a Veterans Administration hospital or domiciliary home; and further

that chapter 15 of title 38, United States Code, be amended to provide that a person receiving death or disability pension based on service in World War I, World War II, or the Korean conflict, shall have the right to elect or re-