

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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DINNIMAN, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

REFERRED TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS,
SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of April 12, 2006 (P.L.67, No.22), entitled "An
2 act providing a bonus to Pennsylvanians who are United States
3 Merchant Marine veterans who served during World War II;
4 imposing certain duties on the Adjutant General; providing
5 penalties; and making an appropriation," further providing
6 for the definition of "Merchant Marine veteran who served
7 during World War II" and for application of bonus.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. The definition of "Merchant Marine veteran who
11 served during World War II" in section 2 of the act of April 12,
12 2006 (P.L.67, No.22), known as the Merchant Marine World War II
13 Veterans Bonus Act, is amended to read:

14 Section 2. Definitions.

15 The following words and phrases when used in this act shall
16 have the meanings given to them in this section unless the
17 context clearly indicates otherwise:

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19 "Merchant Marine veteran who served during World War II."

(1) The term includes any individual who served active duty, including training, in the United States Merchant Marine between December 7, 1941, and [August 15, 1945] December 31, 1946.

(2) The term does not include:

(i) any individual at any time during such period, or thereafter, separated from the oceangoing United States Merchant Marine under other than honorable conditions;

(ii) any individual who renounced his United States citizenship during such period; or

(iii) any individual who, during such period, refused on conscientious, political, religious or other grounds to be subject to military discipline.

Section 2. Section 4(a) and (c) of the act are amended to read:

Section 4. Application for bonus.

(a) General rule.--Application for compensation shall be made to the Adjutant General on such forms and in such manner as the Adjutant General prescribes. A federally issued DD-214 form evidencing honorable discharge from service in the United States Merchant Marine for a period including any portion of the period from December 7, 1941, through [August 15, 1945] December 31, 1946, shall be deemed sufficient evidence of qualifying service. The Adjutant General shall assist applicants in obtaining copies of Federal DD-214 forms should the applicant desire assistance.

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(c) Acceptance and consideration of applications.--The Adjutant General shall not accept or consider any application filed with the Adjutant General after [December 31, 2006] June

1 30, 2007. The decisions of the Adjutant General in consideration
2 of applications shall be final and not subject to review by any
3 court or by any other officer.

4 Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.