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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS,
SEPTEMBER 27, 1989

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of June 11, 1947 (P.L.565, No.248), entitled
2 "An act providing compensation to certain persons who served
3 in the military or naval forces of the United States or of
4 any of her allies during World War II; providing the method
5 of making payment to representatives of persons who, because
6 of death or incapacity, cannot personally receive
7 compensation; imposing certain duties on the Adjutant
8 General; making an appropriation, and providing penalties,"
9 extending its provisions to the merchant marine.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Sections 2, 3 and 4 of the act of June 11, 1947
13 (P.L.565, No.248), known as the World War II Veterans'
14 Compensation Act, are amended to read:

15 Section 2. Definitions.--As used in this act the word
16 "veteran" includes any individual, a member of the military or
17 naval forces or the merchant marine of the United States, or of
18 any of her allies during World War II, between the seventh day
19 of December, one thousand nine hundred forty-one and the second

1 day of September, one thousand nine hundred forty-five, but does
2 not include, (a) any individual at any time during such periods,
3 or thereafter, separated from such forces under other than
4 honorable conditions, (b) any conscientious objector, who
5 performed no military duty whatsoever, or refused to wear the
6 uniform, or (c) any alien at any time during such periods, or
7 thereafter, discharged from military or naval forces or the
8 merchant marine on account of his alienage, (d) any individual
9 who renounced his United States citizenship during such period.

10 The term "legal resident of this Commonwealth" means any
11 individual who gave the State of Pennsylvania, or any specific
12 place in this Commonwealth, as his or her place of residence at
13 the time of entering the military or naval forces or the
14 merchant marine of the United States, or of any of her allies,
15 for such period without regard to the place of enlistment,
16 commission or induction. The proof of such residence shall be
17 either the official records on file in the War Department of the
18 United States, or on file in the comparable governmental agency
19 of any of her allies, or such other evidence of bona fide
20 residence as may be deemed sufficient by the Adjutant General of
21 Pennsylvania.

22 Section 3. Computation of Compensation.--Compensation shall
23 be payable under this act to any veteran a legal resident of
24 this Commonwealth, and shall be computed on the basis of ten
25 dollars (\$10) for every month and major fraction thereof of
26 active service within the United States, and fifteen dollars
27 (\$15) for every month and major fraction thereof of active
28 service without the United States in the military or naval
29 forces or the merchant marine of the United States, or of any of
30 her allies, as shown by the service or other record of the

1 veteran, except that the compensation of a veteran who died in
2 active military service during the period set forth in section
3 two of this act shall be five hundred dollars (\$500). No veteran
4 who served less than sixty (60) days active service shall be
5 entitled to receive any compensation under this act. Any veteran
6 who was in active service during the periods specified shall be
7 allowed the per monthly compensation, as designated, until the
8 second day of March, one thousand nine hundred forty-six, but no
9 veteran shall be entitled to receive compensation under this act
10 in a sum to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500).

11 Section 4. Time of Service Excluded From Compensation.--In
12 computing time in the service for compensation no allowance
13 shall be made to:

14 (a) Any civilian officer or employe of any branch of
15 military or naval forces or the merchant marine, contract
16 surgeon, cadet of the United States Military Academy, midshipmen
17 of the United States Naval Academy, or of the Coast Guard,
18 member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, member of the
19 Students' Army Training Corps (except an enlisted man detailed
20 to a training detachment of any of the foregoing) in each case
21 for the period of service as such;

22 (b) Any member of the Public Health Service for any period
23 during which he or she was not detailed for active duty with the
24 Army, Navy [or], Marine Corps or the merchant marine;

25 (c) Any individual granted a farm or industrial furlough for
26 the period of such furlough;

27 (d) Any individual who has received a bonus, gratuity or
28 compensation of a nature similar to that provided for by this
29 act from any other state in the Union, or from any of the allies
30 of the United States.

1 In computing the compensation of any veteran under this act,
2 effect shall be given to all sub-divisions of this section which
3 are applicable.

4 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.