

Public Law 547

CHAPTER 348

May 31, 1956
[H. R. 8904]

AN ACT

To amend certain laws relating to the grade of certain personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps upon retirement.

Armed Forces.
Retired lists,
advancement.

10 USC 1002,
1004.

10 USC 594.

10 USC 943a
note.
Effective date.
Retirement ap-
plication.

10 USC 943a,
971b.

34 USC 350i.

34 USC 350i.

10 USC 1005.

34 USC 410c.

Restriction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That—

(1) subsections 203 (a) and 203 (e) of the Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1085, 1086) are amended by striking the words “during the period September 9, 1940, to June 30, 1946,”; and

(2) section 5 of the Act of August 21, 1941, as amended (62 Stat. 1085), is further amended by striking the words “during the period September 9, 1940, to June 30, 1946,”.

SEC. 2. (a) Section 2 of the Act of July 16, 1953 (ch. 203, 67 Stat. 175), is amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 2. This Act takes effect on June 29, 1948.”

(b) A retired member of the Army or the Air Force who would have been eligible to be retired in a higher grade or advanced to a higher grade on a retired list if the amendment made by subsection (a) of this section had been in effect at the time of his discharge or release from active duty as a commissioned officer, shall, if he applies within one year after the effective date of this Act, be advanced on the applicable retired list to that higher grade, and be entitled to retired pay on and after the effective date of this Act at the rate prescribed by section 5 of the Act of July 31, 1935 (49 Stat. 507), as amended, for that grade.

SEC. 3. Section 10 (b) (2) of the Act of July 24, 1941, as added by subsection 8 (a) of the Act of February 21, 1946 (60 Stat. 28), is amended by adding after the word “Act” the words “or title III of the Act of August 7, 1947 (61 Stat. 829)”.

SEC. 4. (a) Subsection 10 (e) of the Act of July 24, 1941, as added by subsection 8 (a) of the Act of February 21, 1946 (60 Stat. 28), is repealed effective February 21, 1946.

(b) Subsection 203 (f) of the Army and Air Force Vitalization and Retirement Equalization Act of 1948 (62 Stat. 1086) is repealed.

(c) Section 1 (c) of the Act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 615), repealing section 7 (c) of the Act of February 21, 1946 (60 Stat. 26), is effective February 21, 1946.

(d) No part of this Act deprives any member or former member of the Armed Forces of entitlement to the retired or retirement pay to which he was entitled on the day before the day on which that part takes effect.

SEC. 5. No person is entitled to advancement on the retired list or to an increase in retired or retirement pay because of this Act for any period before the effective date of this Act.

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CHAPTER 349

June 4, 1956
[S. 460]

AN ACT

To amend section 4482 of the Revised Statutes, as amended (46 U. S. C. 475), relating to life preservers for river steamers.

River steamers.
Life preservers.
46 USC 475.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4482 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended to read as follows: