"(b) An adjustment under this section shall have the force and effect of law and shall—

"(1) carry the same effective date as that applying to the compensation adjustments provided General Schedule employees;

"(2) be based on the rates of the various elements of compensation as defined in, or made under, section 8 of the Act of December 16, 1967 (Public Law 90–207; 81 Stat. 654), section 402 or 403 of this title, or this section; and

"(3) provide all eligible members with an increase in each element of compensation, set forth in subsection (a) of this section, which is of the same percentage as the overall average percentage increase in the General Schedule rates of basic pay for civilian employees."

SEC. 5. Until the effective date of the first upward adjustment in the rates of monthly basic pay for members of the uniformed services made by the President under section 1009 of title 37, United States Code, as added by section 4 of this Act, after the effective date of this Act, the rates of monthly basic pay for members of the uniformed services authorized by section 203(a) of that title are those prescribed by Executive Order 11740 of October 3, 1973, which became effective on October 1, 1973.

SEC. 6. Until the effective date of the first upward adjustment in the rates of basic allowance for subsistence for enlisted members and officers made by the President under section 1009 of title 37, United States Code, as added by section 4 of this Act, after the effective date of this Act, the rates prescribed under section 402 of title 37, United States Code, as it existed on the date before the effective date of this Act, shall continue in effect.

SEC. 7. Until the effective date of the first adjustment in the rates of basic allowance for quarters for members of the uniformed services made by the President under section 1009 of title 37, United States Code, as added by section 4 of this Act, after the effective date of this Act, the rates prescribed in section 403 (a) of title 37, United States Code, as it existed on the day before the effective date of this Act, shall continue in effect.


SEC. 9. This Act is effective upon enactment.

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