(b) The United States shall not be liable for any losses or damages suffered by any person as the result of any error made by any officer or employee of the United States in administering the allotment program authorized under subsection (a).

(c) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 13 of such title is amended by adding at the end thereof a new item as follows:

"707. Allotments: members of the National Guard."

SEC. 12. This Act shall become effective as follows:

(1) The amendments made by section 2, relating to Veterans' Special Life Insurance, shall become effective upon the date of enactment of this Act except that no dividend on such insurance shall be paid prior to January 1, 1974.

(2) The amendments relating to Servicemen's Group Life Insurance coverage on a full-time basis for certain members of the Reserves and National Guard shall become effective upon the date of enactment of this Act.

(3) The amendments increasing the maximum amount of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance shall become effective upon the date of enactment of this Act.

(4) The amendments made by sections 5(a) (4) and (5) of this Act, and those enacting a Veterans' Group Life Insurance program shall become effective on the first day of the third calendar month following the month in which this Act is enacted.

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AN ACT

To amend section 505 of title 10, United States Code, to establish uniform original enlistment qualifications for male and female persons.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The first sentence of section 505(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out "in the case of male persons and not less than eighteen years of age in the case of female persons".

(b) The second sentence of section 505(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by striking out "male" and by striking out ", or female person under twenty-one years of age,".

SEC. 2. Section 505(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) inserting "of persons for the duration of their minority or for a period of two, three, four, five, or six years," after "enlistments";

(2) inserting a period after "be" and by striking out the dash after "be"; and

(3) striking out paragraph (1) and paragraph (2).

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