

law administered by the Veterans' Administration may be made directly to the beneficiary or to a relative or some other person for the use and benefit of the beneficiary, regardless of any legal disability on the part of the beneficiary. Where, in the opinion of the Administrator, any fiduciary receiving funds on behalf of a Veterans' Administration beneficiary is acting in such a number of cases as to make it impracticable to conserve properly the estates or to supervise the persons of the beneficiaries, the Administrator may refuse to make future payments in such cases as he may deem proper."

(b) Subsection (c) of section 3202 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by deleting the phrase "guardian, curator, conservator, or other person legally vested with the care of the claimant or his estate", following the word "any" and inserting "fiduciary or other person for the purpose of payment of benefits payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration" and by deleting the word "estates" and inserting the word "benefits".

(c) Subsection (e) of section 3202 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by deleting the phrase "guardian, curator, conservator, or person legally vested with the care of the beneficiary or his estate," following the words "hands of a", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "fiduciary appointed by a State court or the Veterans' Administration" and by deleting the phrase "guardian, curator, conservator, or person legally vested with the care of the beneficiary or his estate", following the word "such", and inserting in lieu thereof the word "fiduciary".

Repeal.

(d) Subsections (f) and (g) of section 3202 of title 38, United States Code, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 302. Subsection (a)(4) of section 1701 of title 38, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

38 USC 3202.

"(4) The term 'guardian' includes a fiduciary legally appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction, or any other person who has been appointed by the Administrator under section 3202 of this title to receive payment of benefits for the use and benefit of the eligible person."

TITLE IV—EFFECTIVE DATES

38 USC 314
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3202 note.

SEC. 401. The provisions of this Act shall become effective on May 1, 1974, except that title III shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar month following enactment.

Approved May 31, 1974.

Public Law 93-296

AN ACT

May 31, 1974
[S. 775]

To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Institute on Aging.

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

SECTION 1. This Act may be cited as the "Research on Aging Act of 1974".

SEC. 2. The Congress finds and declares that—

(1) the study of the aging process, the one biological condition common to all, has not received research support commensurate with its effects on the lives of every individual;

(2) in addition to the physical infirmities resulting from advanced age, the economic, social, and psychological factors associated with aging operate to exclude millions of older Americans

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from the full life and the place in our society to which their years of service and experience entitle them;

(3) recent research efforts point the way toward alleviation of the problems of old age by extending the healthy middle years of life;

(4) there is no American institution that has undertaken comprehensive systematic and intensive studies of the biomedical and behavioral aspects of aging and the related training of necessary personnel;

(5) the establishment of a National Institute on Aging within the National Institutes of Health will meet the need for such an institution.

SEC. 3. Title IV of the Public Health Service Act is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new part:

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"PART H—NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

"ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING

"SEC. 461. The Secretary shall establish in the Service an institute to be known as the National Institute on Aging (hereinafter in this part referred to as the 'Institute') for the conduct and support of biomedical, social, and behavioral research and training related to the aging process and the diseases and other special problems and needs of the aged.

42 USC 289k-2.

"NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

"SEC. 462. (a) The Secretary shall establish a National Advisory Council on Aging to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to him on programs relating to the aged which are administered by him and on those matters which relate to the Institute.

Establishment.
42 USC 289k-3.

"(b) The provisions relating to the composition, terms of office of members, and reappointment of members of advisory councils under section 432(a) shall be applicable to the Advisory Council established under this section, except that (1) the Secretary may include on such Advisory Council such additional ex officio members as he deems necessary, and (2) the Secretary shall appoint to the Council leading medical or scientific authorities skilled in aspects of the biological and the behavioral sciences related to aging.

42 USC 289b.

"(c) Upon appointment of such Advisory Council, it shall assume all, or such part as the Secretary may specify, of the duties, functions, and powers of the National Advisory Health Council relating to programs for the aged with which the Advisory Council established under this part is concerned and such portion as the Secretary may specify of the duties, functions, and powers of any other advisory council established under this Act relating to programs for the aged.

"FUNCTIONS

"SEC. 463. (a) The Secretary (1) shall, through the Institute, carry out the purposes of section 301 with respect to research investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies related to the aging process and the diseases and other special problems and needs of the aged, except that the Secretary shall determine the area in which and the extent to which he will carry out such activities in furtherance of the

42 USC 289k-4.
42 USC 241.

42 USC 241.

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purposes of section 301 through the Institute or another institute established by or under other provisions of this Act, or both of them, when both such institutes have functions with respect to the same subject matter, and (2) shall be responsible for coordinating such activities so as to avoid unproductive and unnecessary overlap and duplication of such functions. The Secretary may also provide training and instruction and establish traineeships and fellowships, in the Institute and elsewhere, in matters relating to study and investigation of the aging process and the diseases and other special problems and needs of the aged. The Secretary may provide trainees and fellows participating in such training and instruction or in such traineeships and fellowships with such stipends and allowances (including travel and subsistence expenses and dependency allowances) as he deems necessary, and, in addition, provide for such training, instruction, traineeships, fellowships through grants to public or other nonprofit institutions. In carrying out his health manpower training responsibilities under this Act or any other Act, the Secretary shall take appropriate steps to insure the education and training of adequate numbers of allied health, nursing, and paramedical personnel in the field of health care for the aged.

"(b) The Secretary shall, through the Institute, conduct scientific studies to measure the impact on the biological, medical, and psychological aspects of aging of all programs and activities assisted or conducted by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

"(c) The Secretary, through the Institute, shall carry out public information and education programs designed to disseminate as widely as possible the findings of Institute-sponsored and other relevant aging research and studies and other information about the process of aging which may assist elderly and near-elderly persons in dealing with, and all Americans in understanding, the problems and processes associated with growing older.

"RESEARCH PROGRAM

42 USC 289k-5.

"SEC. 464. (a) The Secretary, in consultation with the Institute and the National Advisory Council on Aging and such other appropriate advisory bodies as he may establish, shall within one year after the effective date of this section develop a plan for a research program on aging designed to coordinate and promote research into the biological, medical, psychological, social, educational, and economic aspects of aging. Such program shall be carried out, as to research involving the functions of the Institute, primarily through the Institute, and as to other research shall be carried out through any other institute established by or under other provisions of this Act or through any appropriate agency or other organizational unit within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

"(b) Upon its completion, the plan for a research program on aging, required by subsection (a) of this section, shall be transmitted to the Congress and to the President and shall set forth the staffing and funding requirements to carry out such program."

Approved May 31, 1974.

Plan, trans-
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and President.