Member, or annuitant, which is based on a separation occurring prior to October 20, 1969, shall be increased by $132.

(c) The monthly rate of an annuity resulting from an increase under this section shall be considered as the monthly rate of annuity payable under section 8345(a) of title 5, United States Code, for purposes of computing the minimum annuity under section 8345(f) of title 5, as added by the first section of this Act.

Sec. 3. This Act shall become effective on the date of enactment. Annuity increases under this Act shall apply to annuities which commence before, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act, but no increase in annuity shall be paid for any period prior to the first day of the first month which begins on or after the ninetieth day after the date of enactment of this Act, or the date on which the annuity commences, whichever is later.

Approved April 26, 1974.

Public Law 93-274

AN ACT

To amend chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, to revise the special pay structure relating to medical officers of the uniformed services.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That chapter 5 of title 37, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Section 302 is amended to read as follows and the item in the chapter analysis is amended to correspond with the revised catchline:

§ 302. Special pay: physicians

"An officer of the Army or Navy in the Medical Corps, an officer of the Air Force who is designated as a medical officer, or a medical officer of the Public Health Service, who is on active duty for a period of at least one year is entitled, in addition to any other pay or allowances to which he is entitled, to special pay at the following rates—

"(1) $100 a month for each month of active duty if he has not completed two years of active duty in a category named in this section; or

"(2) $350 a month for each month of active duty if he has completed at least two years of active duty in a category named in this section.

The amounts set forth in this section may not be included in computing the amount of an increase in pay authorized by any other provision of this title or in computing retired pay or severance pay."

(2) The following new section is added after section 302a and a corresponding item is inserted in the chapter analysis:

§ 302b. Special pay: dentists

"An officer of the Army or Navy in the Dental Corps, an officer of the Air Force who is designated as a dental officer, or a dental officer of the Public Health Service, who is on active duty for a period of at least one year is entitled, in addition to any other pay or allowances to which he is entitled, to special pay at the following rates—

"(1) $100 a month for each month of active duty if he has not completed two years of active duty in the Dental Corps or as a dental officer;"
“(2) $150 a month for each month of active duty if he has completed at least two years of active duty in the Dental Corps or as a dental officer;
“(3) $250 a month for each month of active duty if he has completed at least six years of active duty in the Dental Corps or as a dental officer; or
“(4) $350 a month for each month of active duty if he has completed at least ten years of active duty in the Dental Corps or as a dental officer.

The amounts set forth in this section may not be included in computing the amount of an increase in pay authorized by any other provision of this title or in computing retired pay or severance pay.”.

(3) That portion of the first sentence of section 311(a) preceding clause (1) is amended to read as follows:

“(a) Under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of Defense or by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, as appropriate, an officer of the Army or Navy in the Medical Corps above the pay grade of O-6, an officer of the Air Force who is designated as a medical officer and is above the pay grade of O-6, a medical officer of the Public Health Service above the pay grade of O-6, an officer of the Army or Navy in the Dental Corps, an officer of the Air Force who is designated as a dental officer, or a dental officer of the Public Health Service who—”.

(4) By adding the following new section after section 312a and by inserting a corresponding item in the chapter analysis:

“§ 313. Special pay: medical officers who execute active duty agreements

“(a) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense or by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, as appropriate, and approved by the President, an officer of the Army or Navy in the Medical Corps, an officer of the Air Force who is designated as a medical officer, or a medical officer of the Public Health Service, who—

“(1) is below the pay grade of O-7;
“(2) is designated as being qualified in a critical specialty by the Secretary concerned;
“(3) is determined by a board composed of officers in the medical profession under criteria prescribed by the Secretary concerned to be qualified to enter into an active duty agreement for a specified number of years;
“(4) is not serving an initial active duty obligation of four years or less or is not serving the first four years of an initial active duty obligation of more than four years;
“(5) is not undergoing intern or initial residency training; and
“(6) executes a written active duty agreement under which he will receive incentive pay for completing a specified number of years of continuous active duty subsequent to executing such an agreement;

may, upon acceptance of the written agreement by the Secretary concerned, or his designee, and in addition to any other pay or allowances to which he is entitled, be paid an amount not to exceed $13,500 for each year of the active duty agreement. Upon acceptance of the agreement by the Secretary concerned, or his designee, and subject to subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the total amount payable becomes fixed and may be paid in annual, semiannual, or monthly installments, or in a lump sum after completion of the period of active duty specified in the agreement, as prescribed by the Secretary concerned.
(b) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary concerned, or his designee, may terminate, at any time, an officer's entitlement to the special pay authorized by this section. In that event, the officer is entitled to be paid only for the fractional part of the period of active duty that he served, and he may be required to refund any amount he received in excess of that entitlement.

(c) Under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of Defense or by the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, as appropriate, an officer who has received payment under this section and who voluntarily, or because of his misconduct, fails to complete the total number of years of active duty specified in the written agreement shall be required to refund the amount received that exceeds his entitlement under those regulations. If an officer has received less incentive pay than he is entitled to under those regulations at the time of his separation from active duty, he shall be entitled to receive the additional amount due him.

(d) This section does not alter or modify any other service obligation of an officer. Completion of the agreed period of active duty, or other termination of an agreement, under this section does not entitle an officer to be separated from the service, if he has any other service obligation.

(e) The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare shall each submit a written report each year to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the operation of the special pay program authorized by this section. The report shall be on a fiscal year basis and shall contain—

(1) a review of the program for the fiscal year in which the report is submitted; and

(2) the plan for the program for the succeeding fiscal year.

This report shall be submitted not later than April 30 of each year, beginning in 1975.

SEC. 2. The amendments made by this Act become effective on the first day of the first calendar month following the date of enactment. Except for the provisions of section 313 of title 37, United States Code, as added by section 1(4) of this Act, which will expire on June 30, 1976, the authority for the special pay provided by this Act shall, unless otherwise extended by Congress, expire on June 30, 1977.

Approved May 6, 1974.