

Public Law 94-491
94th Congress

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide hospital and medical care to certain members of the armed forces of nations allied or associated with the United States in World War I or World War II.

Oct. 14, 1976

[H.R. 71]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 109 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

Allied wartime
veterans.
Medical care.

“(c)(1) Any person who served during World War I or World War II as a member of any armed force of the Government of Czechoslovakia or Poland and participated while so serving in armed conflict with an enemy of the United States and has been a citizen of the United States for at least ten years shall, by virtue of such service, and upon satisfactory evidence thereof, be entitled to hospital and domiciliary care and medical services within the United States under chapter 17 of this title to the same extent as if such service had been performed in the Armed Forces of the United States unless such person is entitled to, or would, upon application thereof, be entitled to, payment for equivalent care and services under a program established by the foreign government concerned for persons who served in its armed forces in World War I or World War II.

38 USC 601.

“(2) In order to assist the Administrator in making a determination of proper service eligibility under this subsection, each applicant for the benefits thereof shall furnish an authenticated certification from the French Ministry of Defense or the British War Office as to records in either such Office which clearly indicate military service of the applicant in the Czechoslovakian or Polish armed forces and subsequent service in or with the armed forces of France or Great Britain during the period of World War I or World War II.”.

Certification of
military service.

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Oct. 1, Senate receded from its amendment.