
EXTEND PROVISIONS OF VETERANS' LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO PERSONS WHO SERVED IN RUSSIA DURING THE WORLD WAR, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9116]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9116) to extend the provisions of veterans' laws and regulations to persons who served in Russia during the World War, and their dependents, having considered the bill, recommend that the bill do pass.

The purpose of the bill is to eliminate existing inequalities with reference to World War veterans who served in Russia.

The Veterans' Administration has no objection to the bill.

The Bureau of the Budget has no objection to the bill.

[H. R. pt. No. 1838, 74th Cong., 1st sess.]

The Committee on World War Veterans' Legislation, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9116) to extend the provisions of veterans' laws and regulations to persons who served in Russia during the World War, and their dependents, having considered the bill, report it back to the House without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

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Under the terms of section 1 of the bill, certain veterans of the World War who entered military service after November 11, 1918, and who served with the United States military forces in Russia prior to April 2, 1920, will be eligible for the benefits of Veterans' Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended, part III, which provides a pension of \$30 a month to any permanently and totally disabled veteran who served 90 days or more during the World War, who has been honorably discharged, or who, having served less than 90 days was discharged for disability incurred in the service in line of duty, the disability not being the result of misconduct, providing the veteran's income does not exceed a specified amount. As the regulation now stands, as to these persons, the World War is deemed to have ended November 11, 1918, whereas other regulations include them as World War veterans for other purposes. Section 1 of the bill will obviate this limitation.

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Under the terms of section 2, veterans who entered active military service subsequent to November 11, 1918, and who served with the United States military forces in Russia prior to April 2, 1920, and their dependents, will be granted the same service-connected benefits as restored to other World War cases by the act of March 28, 1934, they having been considered World War veterans under the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended. When sections 27 and 28, title III, Public, No. 141, Seventy-third Congress, were enacted, March 28, 1934, restoring benefits of section 200 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, to World War veterans, limitations were placed therein excluding persons who entered military or naval service after November 11, 1918, from the benefits of the sections. Section 2 of the bill will remove these restrictions and restore the Russian-service veterans and their dependents on the same basis as other World War cases.

The committee conducted a hearing August 19, 1935, with representatives from the Veterans' Administration and veterans' organizations present. No objection having been made and considering the merits the committee determined that the bill should pass.

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