

Digest of S. 1138 (by Senator Yarborough) as amended by Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs and Reported to Full Committee on Labor and Public Welfare

S. 1138 provides readjustment assistance for post-Korean veterans, i.e., persons who perform active duty in the Armed Forces after 1-31-55. Basic eligibility period extends from 1-31-55, the end of the Korean conflict, to 7-1-63, the termination date of the compulsory draft law. Eligibility period respecting vocational rehabilitation training, limited to veterans with service-connected disabilities, covers both post-Korean veterans and veterans who first entered on active duty between end of World War II and beginning of Korean conflict. (See specific dates below) Applicable throughout S. 1138 is a requirement of discharge under conditions other than dishonorable.

Educational and Vocational Training Assistance: Eligibility conditioned upon 90 days or more of active duty or discharge for service-connected disability. Period of education or training (not to exceed 36 months) is calculated by multiplying $1\frac{1}{2}$ times each day of active duty. During education period veteran receives monthly allowance on parity with present allowance for Korean veteran. For full-time college training the monthly allowance would be: if no dependents, \$110; if one dependent, \$135; if more than one dependent, \$160. Veteran must begin education or training within 3 years after discharge or enactment of S. 1138, whichever is later; and must complete education within 8 years after discharge or enactment of S. 1138, as case may be. No allowance shall be paid for any period prior to 9-1-59. Persons enrolled in courses of education on 9-1 would be entitled to allowances from that date, although they could not receive payment until after enactment of S. 1138. All education or training ends on June 30, 1973.

Vocational Rehabilitation Training for Disabled Veterans: Eligibility conditioned upon need of training, as determined by Administrator of Veterans Affairs (VA) to overcome handicap of disability rated at 10 percent or more and incurred on active duty either between the end of World War II (July 25, 1947) and the beginning of the Korean conflict (June 27, 1950), or subsequent to the end of the Korean conflict (January 31, 1955). Period of training generally limited to four years; however, in appropriate cases, additional time is granted. Training may be in college, below college, or in any other type of training designed to lead to the veteran's vocational rehabilitation. Although no over-all termination date applies to the program, there are dates beyond which veterans may not train. Generally veterans may not train more than 9 years after discharge, or 9 years after enactment of S. 1138, whichever is later. In certain hardship cases, these limitations may be extended by 4 years. During rehabilitation period, VA pays tuition, cost of books and other school expenses, and veteran receives monthly subsistence allowance on parity with present allowance for Korean veterans. For full-time institutional training, the monthly subsistence allowance would be: if no dependents, \$75; if one dependent, \$105; if more than one dependent, \$120.

Loan Assistance: Eligibility conditioned upon 90 days or more of active duty, or discharge for service-connected disability. Widow of veteran who died of service-connected disability would also be eligible. Loans are for purpose of purchasing (a) homes, including farm homes, and (b) farm lands, livestock, etc., to be used by veteran in farming operations. Banks or other lenders make loans with Government guaranteeing 60%, up to \$7,500, on residential real estate, and 50%, up to \$4,000, on non-residential real estate. Loans are subject to guaranty fee not to exceed $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% of loan amount, to be used to cover losses on loans. Interest rates and maturities of loans controlled by laws applicable to Korean veterans, now and in future. Guaranty loan program ends on July 1, 1973, with an additional year for processing loan applications received by VA prior to such date. In addition, in certain small towns and rural areas, and until July 25, 1960, VA may lend up to \$13,500 directly to veteran when private capital is not available for guaranty loan.

Mustering-out Pay: \$100 for persons who perform 60 days or more of active duty, either domestically or overseas, and who have rank of captain or less in Army or Air Force, or lieutenant in Navy. No payments for discharges prior to enactment of S. 1138.