

tonnage tax and to distribute the same to the counties entitled thereto at the end of each fiscal year, as provided by Mason's Minnesota Statutes 1927, Section 2291.

Sec. 10. The several appropriations herein include an amount calculated as the annual liability for one merit increase for each position below the maximum of its range, which shall be used solely for that purpose on the basis of liability for a full year and shall be the only moneys available for merit increases. When a position at the maximum is vacated, an additional amount equal to one merit increase for one year shall be available therefor.

Sec. 11. The unobligated balances on hand as of June 30, 1957, June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959, in the several appropriations and accounts of each of the departments or divisions for which an appropriation is made herein out of the general revenue fund, are hereby cancelled into the general revenue fund as of June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959, and the unobligated balances on hand as of June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959, appropriated out of any other funds shall be cancelled into the fund from which they are appropriated as of June 30, 1958, and June 30, 1959. The provisions of this section shall not apply to aid contributions, or reimbursements received from the federal government by the state; and all such federal aid contributions, or reimbursements are hereby reappropriated for the purpose of supplementing the appropriations herein provided.

Approved April 29, 1957.

CHAPTER 942—H. F. No. 52

An act relating to the payment of adjusted compensation to certain persons who served in the armed forces of the United States between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, or their beneficiaries; amending Minnesota Statutes 1953, Sections 197.80, Subdivisions 3, 10, 12, 13; 197.81, 197.85; 197.95.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.80, Subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. "Armed forces" means the following: The United States Army, Army of the United States, United States Navy, United States Naval Reserve, United States Coast Guard, *United States Air Force, United States Air Force Re-*

serve, Women's Army Corps, United States Navy Women's Reserve, United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve, United States Coast Guard Women's Reserve, Army Nurses' Corps, and Navy Nurses' Corps, United States Coast Guard Reserve, Commissioner Corps of the United States Public Health Service as detailed for duty with any of the foregoing enumerated components of the armed forces, which shall not include the United States Coast Guard Temporary Reserve.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.80, Subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. "Period of service" means the period of active service of a veteran in the armed forces between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, *or between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953.*

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.80, Subdivision 12, is amended to read:

Subd. 12. **Veteran.** "Veteran" means a man or woman who served honorably and faithfully for 30 consecutive days or more in the armed forces of the United States of America between December 7, 1941, and September 2, 1945, *or between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, both dates inclusive*, and who was a resident of the State of Minnesota at the time of entering such service and for at least six months prior thereto; or who, at the time of entering such service was a citizen of the United States residing in the Dominion of Canada and who was ordered to duty in the armed forces *directly from civilian life* and who immediately prior to becoming a resident of Canada had resided in Minnesota for at least six months, and who has not applied for, is ineligible for, and has not received adjusted compensation or its equivalent from any other state or foreign country, but, subject to Subdivision 13, does not include a person who was on continuous active duty in the armed forces for a period of five years or more immediately prior to December 7, 1941, *or four years prior to June 27, 1950*, which includes any duty for which he received or is entitled to receive credit for any privilege, emolument, or other benefit from the United States.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.81, is amended to read:


197.81 Adjusted compensation. Each veteran shall be paid adjusted compensation by the State of Minnesota for domestic duty during his period of service at the rate of \$10 per month for each month thereof or major fraction of a month and for foreign duty during his period of service at the rate

of \$15 per month for each month thereof or major fraction of a month; *provided, that, each veteran who served between the period of June 27, 1950, and July 7, 1953, and who received or is eligible to receive a Korean Service Medal shall be paid at the rate of \$15 per month for foreign duty for each month thereof or major fraction of a month and for domestic duty during his period of service at the rate of \$7.50 per month for each month thereof or major fraction, and provided further that, each veteran who served during the same period and who did not receive or is not eligible to receive a Korean Service Medal shall be paid at the rate of \$7.50 per month or major fraction of a month for foreign and domestic duty.* The total adjusted compensation paid to a veteran hereunder shall not exceed \$270 for domestic duty or \$400 for foreign duty or a combination of domestic and foreign duty. *However, the total adjusted compensation paid to a veteran who served during the period between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, and who received or was eligible to receive a Korean Service Medal shall not exceed \$400; payment to each veteran who served during the same period and who did not receive or who is not eligible to receive a Korean Service Medal shall not exceed \$200.* If the veteran is deceased, payment shall be made to his beneficiary. No payment shall be made to any veteran or beneficiary who has applied for or received, or is eligible to receive, a similar payment from another state unless his application to another state has been denied.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.85, is amended to read:

197.85 **Veterans compensation fund.** *Subdivision 1.* All payments of adjusted compensation and expenses of administering, shall be paid from the veterans compensation fund, which is hereby created in the state treasury. All money appropriated or made available from any source for the purpose of paying adjusted compensation shall be deposited to the credit of such fund. All moneys in the veterans compensation fund are hereby appropriated for the purposes of Laws 1949, Chapter 642.

Subd. 2. All payments of adjusted compensation and the administrative expenses incurred in connection therewith authorized by this act shall be paid from the veterans compensation fund if there has been paid into such fund sufficient moneys to pay all obligations created by Laws 1949, Chapters 642, 643, and interest thereon, together with all administrative expenses incurred pursuant to such laws, or as certified to by the state auditor.



June 30, 1955

Subd. 3. There is hereby appropriated from the veterans compensation fund \$15,000,000 for the purposes of this act in accordance with the terms thereof. The commissioner is hereby authorized to accept applications for payment of a bonus to those who served between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1953, immediately upon passage of this act, provided, however, that no payment shall be made prior to December 31, 1958; and provided further that if said \$15,000,000 is insufficient to pay all the adjusted compensation of all who file application therefor, the compensation of those who file applications therefor shall be reduced on a pro rata basis so that said sum shall pay all thereof.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.95, is amended to read:

197.95 **Application, time limit.** No payment of adjusted compensation shall be made under the provisions of Laws 1949, Chapter 642; as amended, unless the application therefor is received by the commissioner on or before December 31, 1953, or under this act unless the application is received on or before December 31, 1958.

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Sec. 7. **Time of taking effect.** This act shall take effect when sufficient moneys have been paid into the veterans compensation fund to pay all obligations of the State of Minnesota incurred by reason of Laws 1949, Chapters 642 and 643, together with interest thereon and expenses of administration as certified to by the state auditor.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 1953, Section 197.80, Subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Persons deemed veterans.** Where a person had served five years or more on continuous active duty in the armed forces prior to December 7, 1941, or four years prior to June 27, 1950, and died from a service connected cause while serving in such service at any time during the period December 7, 1941, to September 2, 1945, or the period June 27, 1950, to July 27, 1953, he is deemed a "veteran" within the meaning of subdivision 12 and his beneficiary is entitled to receive the payment which the veteran would receive, if alive, under sections 197.80 to 197.97.

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