

This Act was completely revised during the Sixth Session of the 21st Parliament, 1952. The new Act recognizes that many of the older veterans are still able to take light or intermittent employment, and its provisions encourage this by eliminating the ceiling on wages for eligible veterans over 60 years during the months in which they are employed and permitting them to receive the allowance during the months in which they may be unemployed.

The maximum rate of an allowance for a single recipient was increased from \$40.41 to \$50 a month, and for a married recipient from \$70.83 to \$90 a month. The permissible income ceiling was raised from \$610 to \$720 a year for a single veteran and from \$1,100 to \$1,200 a year for a married veteran. Where a veteran's wife is blind, the ceiling was raised from \$1,100 to \$1,320 a year.

The previous provision whereby upon the death of a recipient the widow could be granted twelve monthly payments of the amount of the award in payment to him at the time of his death has been changed to permit the payment to the widow of the maximum amount permissible under the Act, i.e., \$90 a month for twelve months. The same provision has been extended in the new Act to the recipient bereft by death of his spouse. This latter provision is entirely new and is designed to assist the veteran recipient in discharging the costs of the last illness and funeral of his wife and his adjustment to single status.

The maximum monthly allowance for orphans has been increased to \$40 for one orphan, \$70 for two orphans, and \$85 for three or more orphans of one veteran. The amount of personal liquid assets that an applicant may have before being granted the allowance is \$1,000 in the case of a single veteran and \$2,000 for a married veteran. In both instances, interest from bonds, etc., up to a maximum of \$25 annually is permitted as exempt income. The permissible value of property which the veteran owns or in which he may have an equity has been raised from \$4,000 to \$6,000. Complete medical and dental treatment by the Department, without cost, is available.

As at Mar. 31, 1953, there were 40,547 recipients including 9,684 widows. The liability for the year was \$26,332,903.