

against Federal taxes on payrolls or the receipt of funds for administration of the employment security program, such provisions shall be deemed inoperative and such determination shall not affect the validity of any of the remaining provisions of this act.

Section 12. The amendments to subsection (u) of section 4, subsections (d) and (f) of section 401, and subsection (d) of section 404 of the act shall take effect with respect to claims for benefits for weeks ending on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred sixty-four; the amendments to subsection (w) of section 4, subsections (a), (c) and (e) of section 404 of the act, shall take effect with respect to benefit years which begin on or after the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred sixty-four, except as otherwise therein provided; the amendments to subsection (x) of section 4 shall take effect the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred sixty-four; otherwise the provisions of this act shall take effect immediately.

APPROVED—The 24th day of March, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 2

AN ACT

Amending the act of April 23, 1963 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act providing for pensions for war veterans blinded through service connected injuries; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Military Affairs and the Adjutant General; and making an appropriation." redefining and clarifying the term "blind veteran." and further regulating payments.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 1, act of April 23, 1963 (P. L. 20), entitled "An act providing for pensions for war veterans blinded through service connected injuries; conferring powers and imposing duties on the Department of Military Affairs and the Adjutant General; and making an appropriation," is amended to read:

Section 1. In addition to any other assistance provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and in addition to any compensation provided by the Government of the United States, every blind veteran as defined in this act, shall be paid a pension of fifty dollars (\$50) per month. Applications for such pensions shall be made to and in the form prescribed by the Department of Military Affairs. The Adjutant General shall have the power, and it shall be his duty to determine the eligibility of every applicant for a pension, and his decision in the

matter shall be final. *After September 11, 1964, applications shall be effective to initiate the payments specified in this act, starting during the month in which the application is received.*

As used in this act, the term "blind veteran" shall mean any person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization officially connected therewith, [during any war or armed conflict in which the United States was engaged] *at any time*, and who gave the State of Pennsylvania, or any specific place in this Commonwealth, as his or her place of residence at the time of entering the military or naval forces of the United States, and who while performing duties connected with such service suffered an injury *or incurred a disease* which resulted in blindness to the extent that he or she has three-sixtieth or ten two-hundredth or less normal vision. The term "blind veteran" shall not include any person separated from the military or naval forces of the United States, or any woman's organization officially connected therewith, under other than honorable conditions.

Section 2. This act shall take effect immediately, and the provisions thereof shall be retroactive to July 1, 1963. Payments on all applications filed with or mailed to the Department of Military Affairs on or before September 11, 1964, shall be made retroactive to July 1, 1963.

APPROVED—The 19th day of June, A. D. 1964.

WILLIAM W. SCRANTON

No. 3

AN ACT

Amending the act of June 24, 1937 (P. L. 2051), entitled, as amended, "An act relating to public assistance; providing for and regulating assistance to certain classes of persons designated and defined as dependent children, aged persons, blind persons and other persons requiring relief; providing for the administration of this act by the Department of Public Welfare and county boards of assistance hereby created for this purpose; authorizing the Department of Public Welfare to cooperate with, and to accept and disburse moneys received from, the United States Government for assistance to such persons; providing for the liquidation of the State Emergency Relief Board, Boards of Trustees of the Mothers' Assistance Fund and Boards of Trustees of Pension Fund for the Blind; and repealing laws relating to mothers' assistance, pensions for the blind, old age assistance and the State Emergency Relief Board." extending "public nursing home care" to include inpatient treatment and care in geriatric centers operated by the Department of Public Welfare.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows: