

81st CONGRESS
1st SESSION

H. R. 5467

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 1949

Mr. FOGARTY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To authorize payments by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs on the purchase of automobiles or other conveyances by certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That, subject to the conditions hereinafter set forth, the Ad-
4 ministrator of Veterans' Affairs is authorized and directed to
5 provide or assist in providing an automobile or other con-
6 veyance, by paying on the purchase price of such auto-
7 mobile or other conveyance not to exceed \$1,600, including
8 equipment with such special attachments and devices as
9 the Administrator may deem necessary, for each veteran of
10 World War II who is entitled to compensation under the

1 laws administered by the Veterans' Administration for any
2 of the following:

3 (a) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both feet;

4 (b) Loss or permanent loss of use of one or both hands;

5 (c) Permanent impairment of vision of both eyes of the

6 following status: Central visual acuity of 20/200 or less in

7 the better eye, with corrective glasses, or central visual acuity

8 of more than 20/200 if there is a field defect in which the

9 peripheral field has contracted to such an extent that the

10 widest diameter of visual field subtends an angular distance no

11 greater than twenty degrees in the better eye.

12 SEC. 2. The benefits of section 1 shall be granted under

13 the following conditions:

14 (a) That under such regulations as the Administrator

15 may prescribe the furnishing of such automobile or other

16 conveyance, or the assisting therein, shall be accomplished

17 by the Administrator paying the total purchase price, if not

18 in excess of \$1,600, or the amount of \$1,600, if the total

19 purchase price is in excess of \$1,600, to the seller from whom

20 the veteran is purchasing under sales agreement between the

21 seller and the veteran.

22 (b) The United States shall not be liable for the repair,

23 maintenance, or replacement of any automobile or other con-

24 veyance provided under the provisions of the first section of

1 this Act and shall not be liable to any person by reason of
2 any damage caused by the use of such automobile or other
3 conveyance.

4 (c) No veteran shall be entitled to receive more than
5 one automobile or other conveyance under the provisions of
6 this Act; and no veteran who has received or may receive
7 an automobile or other conveyance under the provisions of
8 the paragraph under the heading "Veterans' Administra-
9 tion" in the First Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1947,
10 shall be entitled to receive an automobile or other conveyance
11 under the provisions of this Act.

12 (d) The benefits provided in this Act shall not be avail-
13 able to any veteran who has not made application for such
14 benefits to the Administrator within three years after the
15 effective date of this Act, or within three years after the date
16 of the veteran's discharge from the armed forces if the veteran
17 shall not be discharged until on or after said effective date.

18 (e) Any automobile or other conveyance furnished any
19 veteran pursuant to this Act shall be exempt from the claims
20 of creditors, and shall not be liable to attachment, levy, or
21 seizure by or under any legal or equitable process whatever.

22 (f) After enactment of this Act, any automobile or
23 other conveyance heretofore furnished any veteran under the
24 provisions of the paragraph heading "Veterans' Administra-

tion" in the First Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1947,
 as amended, shall be exempt from the claims of creditors,
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