

whole, from the requirements of 49 CFR part 541.

If, in the future, Porsche decides not to use the exemption for the car line that is the subject of this notice, it should formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the car line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR 541.5 and 541.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if Porsche wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Section 543.7(d) states that a part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, § 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "(t)o modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption."

The agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden which § 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself. The agency did not intend in drafting part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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Patricia Breslin,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits

Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received by no later than September 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0055.

*Title and Form Number:* Request for Determination of Loan Guaranty Eligibility—Unremarried Surviving Spouses, VA Form 26-1817.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Need and Uses:* A completed VA Form 26-1817 constitutes a formal request by an unremarried surviving spouse of a veteran for a certificate of eligibility for home loan benefits. The information is used to determine the applicant's basic eligibility for the benefit.

*Current Actions:* Title 38, U.S.C., 3701(b)(2), authorizes the VA to extend home loan benefits to unremarried surviving spouses of veterans whose deaths occurred either while serving on active duty or were a direct result of service-connected disabilities.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 187 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per*

*Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 750.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Jacquie McCray, Information Management Service (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

20420, Telephone (202) 273-8032 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

Dated: June 24, 1996.

By direction of the Secretary.

William T. Morgan,

Management Analyst.

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### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received by no later than September 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0092.

*Title and Form Number:* Counseling Record—Personal Information, VA Form 28-1902.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Need and Uses:* A counseling psychologist uses the form to evaluate veteran claimants and assist eligible veterans to plan a suitable program of vocational rehabilitation. If needed, VA must develop a program of assistance and services to improve the veteran's potential to participate in vocational

rehabilitation. VA must also provide counseling services to help a veteran or other beneficiary to select an educational, training, or employment objective.

**Current Actions:** VA Form 28-1902 is used as part of the application for benefits, primary for Title 38 U.S.C., Chapter 31, vocational rehabilitation, but also for counseling under other VA educational benefit programs. The collection of information is necessary to provide educational, vocational, psychological, employment, and personal adjustment counseling that are part of the chapter 31 program.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 30,000 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 30 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 60,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the reports should be directed to Department of Veterans Affairs, Attn: Ron Taylor, VA Clearance Officer (045A4), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, Telephone (202) 273-8015 or FAX (202) 273-5981.

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**Agency Information Collection  
Activities: Proposed Collection;  
Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this information collection. This request for comment is being made pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Comments should address the accuracy of the burden estimates and ways to minimize the burden including the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology, as well as other relevant aspects of the information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposal for the collection of information should be received by no later than September 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M30), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. All comments will become a matter of public record and will be summarized in the VBA request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval. In this document the VBA is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection:

**OMB Control Number:** 2900-0029.

**Titles and Form Numbers:**

- Offer to Purchase and Contract of Sale, VA Form 26-6705
- Credit Statement of Prospective Purchaser, VA Form 26-6705b
- Addendum to VA Form 26-6705, VA Form 26-6705c
- Addendum to VA Form 26-6705 (Virginia), VA Form 26-6705d

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Needs and Uses:**

a. VA Form 26-6705 is used by the private sector sales broker to submit an offer to the VA on behalf of a prospective purchaser of a VA-acquired property. The form will be prepared for each proposed contract submitted to the VA. If the VA accepts the offer to purchase, it then becomes a contract of sale. The form defines the terms of sale, provides the prospective purchaser with a receipt for his/her earnest money deposit, eliminates the need for separate transmittal of a purchase offer and develops the contract without such intermediate processing steps and furnishes evidence of the station decision with respect to the acceptance of the contract as tendered. Without this information, a determination of the best offer for a property cannot be made.

b. VA Form 26-6705b is used as a credit application to determine the creditworthiness of a prospective purchaser in those instances when the prospective purchaser seeks the VA vendee financing, along with VA Form 26-6705. In such sales, the offer to purchase will not be accepted until the purchaser's income and credit history have been verified and a loan analysis has been completed, indicating loan approval. Without this information, the creditworthiness of a prospective purchaser cannot be determined and the offer to purchase cannot be accepted.

c. VA Form 26-6705c, using the "highest net return/cash equivalent value" (EWCEV) procedure, is intended

to simplify the selection process among competing offers and ensure that the offer selected provides the greatest value to the VA. The procedure requires one or more calculations on each offer in order to convert it to a "net to VA" basis which can easily be compared to other offers, and thus enable the VA to be sure that the highest real dollar offer is accepted. The sole purpose of the HNR/CEV is to determine which offer is the most financially advantageous to the VA and in turn, the taxpayers. This procedure is very similar to the calculation prepared on most private sector transactions in order to show the seller what he or she will receive as proceeds of sale.

d. VA Form 26-6705d is an addendum to VA Form 26-6705 for use in Virginia. It includes requirements of State law which must be acknowledged by the purchaser at or prior to closing.

**Current Actions:** Under the authority of Title 38 U.S.C 3720(a) (5) and (6), VA acquires properties for sale to the general public utilizing the services of private real estate brokers.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households.

**Estimated Annual Burden:** 64,583 hours.

- VA Form 26-6705—33,333 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705b—33,500 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705c—8,333 hours.
- VA Form 26-6705d—417 hours.

**Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:** 14 minutes (average).

- VA Form 26-6705—20 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705b—20 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705c—5 minutes.
- VA Form 26-6705d—5 minutes.

**Frequency of Response:** Generally one-time.

**Estimated Number of Total Respondents:** 272,500.

- VA Form 26-6705—100,000.
- VA Form 26-6705b—67,500.
- VA Form 26-6705c—100,000.
- VA Form 26-6705d—5,000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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