

By direction of the Secretary.

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Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0112]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed reinstatement, without change, of a currently approved collection for which approval has expired, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether a veteran can be released from liability on a Government home loan.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0112" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary

for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Statement of Holder or Servicer of Veteran's Loan, VA Form 26-559.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0112.

Type of Review: Reinstatement, without change, of a currently approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: Veteran-borrowers may sell their home subject to the existing VA-guaranteed mortgage lien without the prior approval of the VA if the commitment for the loan was made prior to March 1, 1988. However, if they request to be released from personal liability to the Government in the event of a subsequent default by a transferee, VA must determine, that (1) the loan payments are current; (2) the transferee will assume the veteran's legal liabilities in connection with the loan; and (3) the purchaser qualifies from a credit standpoint. Also, a veteran-borrower may sell their home to a veteran-transferee. However, eligible transferees must meet all the requirements in addition to having sufficient available loan guaranty entitlement to replace the amount of entitlement used by the seller in obtaining the original loan.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, Business or other for profit.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,167 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 10 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,000.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0156]

Proposed Information Collection Activity: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to report changes in a student enrollment status.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before May 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20S52), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0156" in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 273-7079 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the PRA of 1995 (Public Law 104-13; 44 U.S.C., 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on

respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

Title: Notice of Change in Student Status, VA Form 22-1999b.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0156.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: VA Form 22-1999b is used by educational institution to report changes in the enrollment of students in receipt of VA education benefits. The information is used to determine a student's entitlement to educational benefits or whether the benefit should be increased, decreased, or terminated. Without this information, VA might underpay or overpay benefits.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit, and Not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Annual Burden: 68,716 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per

Respondent: 5 minutes.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Annual Responses:

824,588.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,514.

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Donald L. Neilson,

Director, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0399]

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C., 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden; it includes the actual data collection instrument.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before April 26, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY OF THE SUBMISSION CONTACT: Denise

McLamb, Information Management Service (045A4), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 273-8030 or FAX (202) 273-5981. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0399."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Student Beneficiary Report—REPS, VA Form 21-8938.

OMB Control Number: 2900-0399.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Abstract: The form is used to verify that an individual who is receiving the REPS (Restored Entitlement Program for Survivors) benefits based on schoolchild status is in fact enrolled full-time in an approved school and is otherwise eligible for continued benefits. The form is released each March and sent to all student beneficiaries. Without this form payments would continue to be made to ineligible payees and substantial overpayments would result.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on November 29, 1999, at pages 66695 and 66696.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Annual Burden: 1,767 hours.

Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent: 20 minutes.

Frequency of Response: One time.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,300.

Send comments and recommendations concerning any aspect of the information collection to VA's OMB Desk Officer, Allison Eydt, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-4650. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0399" in any correspondence.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Barbara H. Epps,

Management Analyst, Information Management Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (Public Law 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App.), that the Department of Veterans Affairs' Special Medical Advisory Group has been renewed for a 2-year period beginning March 9, 2000, through March 9, 2002.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

By direction of the Secretary.

Marvin R. Eason,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice that a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Cemeteries and Memorials, authorized by 38 U.S.C. 2401, will be held Wednesday, May 3, from 8:30 am and adjourn at 5 pm and Thursday, May 4, 2000, from 8:30 am and adjourn at 5 pm, at the Arlington Hilton and Towers, Gallery Ballroom, 950 North Stafford Street, Arlington, VA. This will be the Committee's second meeting of Fiscal Year 2000.

The purpose of the Committee is to review the administration of VA's cemeteries and burial benefits program.

On Wednesday, May 3, the Committee will be updated on National Cemetery Administration (NCA) issues, including state cemetery grants program, cemetery construction, budget and legislation. In the afternoon, members will depart for the Arlington National Cemetery. Members will return to the Arlington Hilton and Towers. A reception will be held for members to meet the NCA staff.

On Thursday, May 4, the Committee will reconvene for updates and reports on military funeral honors and DOD Military Honors Legislation. In the afternoon, the Committee will discuss recommendations and endorsements.

The meeting will be open to the public. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting should contact Mrs. Paige Lowther, National Cemetery Administration, [phone (202) 273-5164] no later than 12 noon (EDT), April 26, 2000.

Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file a statement with the Committee. Individuals wishing to