Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment
(2005 Budget Measure) Act 2005

No. 85, 2005

An Act to amend the law relating to veterans’ entitlements, and for related purposes

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[Assented to 6 July 2005]

The Parliament of Australia enacts:

1 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Veterans’ Entitlements Amendment (2005 Budget Measure) Act 2005.
2 Commencement

(1) Each provision of this Act specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

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<td>2. Schedule 1, item 1</td>
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Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this Act as originally passed by the Parliament and assented to. It will not be expanded to deal with provisions inserted in this Act after assent.

(2) Column 3 of the table contains additional information that is not part of this Act. Information in this column may be added to or edited in any published version of this Act.

3 Schedule(s)

Each Act that is specified in a Schedule to this Act is amended or repealed as set out in the applicable items in the Schedule concerned, and any other item in a Schedule to this Act has effect according to its terms.
Schedule 1—Seniors concession allowance

Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986

1 Section 118PA
   Before “A”, insert “(1)”.

2 Subparagraph 118PA(1)(b)(iii)
   Omit “Australia.”, substitute “Australia; or”.

3 At the end of subsection 118PA(1)
   Add:
   
   (c) the person is covered by subsection (2) and is in Australia; or
   
   (d) all of the following apply to the person:
      
      (i) the person is temporarily absent from Australia;
      
      (ii) the person has been so for a continuous period not exceeding 13 weeks;
      
      (iii) the person was covered by subsection (2) immediately before leaving Australia.

4 At the end of section 118PA
   Add:

   (2) A person is covered by this subsection if:
      
      (a) the person is the holder of a gold card; and
      
      (b) the person has reached qualifying age (within the meaning of section 118OA); and
      
      (c) all of the following conditions are satisfied in relation to the person:
         
         (i) the person is not eligible for seniors concession allowance under paragraph (1)(a) or (b);
         
         (ii) the person is not qualified for seniors concession allowance under the Social Security Act;
         
         (iii) the person is not eligible for utilities allowance under this Act;
         
         (iv) the person is not qualified for utilities allowance under the Social Security Act.
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(3) In this section:

\textit{gold card} means a card known as the Repatriation Health Card - For All Conditions that evidences a person’s eligibility, under this Act or the \textit{Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act 2004}, to be provided with treatment for all injuries or diseases.

[Minister’s second reading speech made in—
House of Representatives on 1 June 2005
Senate on 16 June 2005]

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