

Clothing Allowance Disabled Vets

A \$150 clothing allowance will automatically go this year to service disabled veterans who have qualified previously for the annual payment.

Harley D. Anders, director of the Veterans Administration regional office in Juneau, pointed out these are veterans whose clothing is subject to extra wear and tear from artificial limbs and other prostheses.

"About 46,000 service disabled veterans have already received \$6.8 million under the law authorizing the \$150 allowance which became effective last August," Anders explained.

The Veterans Administration official noted application forms were mailed to 60,000 potentially eligible veterans shortly

after Public Law 92-328 was enacted last year.

Once a permanently disabled veteran is approved, the allowance will be paid automatically each year thereafter. Where the condition requiring use of the prosthesis is not of a permanent nature, however, subsequent payments are subject to reestablishment of the veteran's eligibility.

Eligible military retirees must apply for the allowance each year also, but they do not have to waive any of their retirement pay to qualify.

VA urged eligible veterans who may have received application forms to contact the nearest VA office if they are interested in receiving the allowance.