

Outline of the Act Partially Amending the Act on Special Condolence Grants for Bereaved Families of the War Dead, etc. (Act No. 18 of 2025)

Purpose of the Amendment

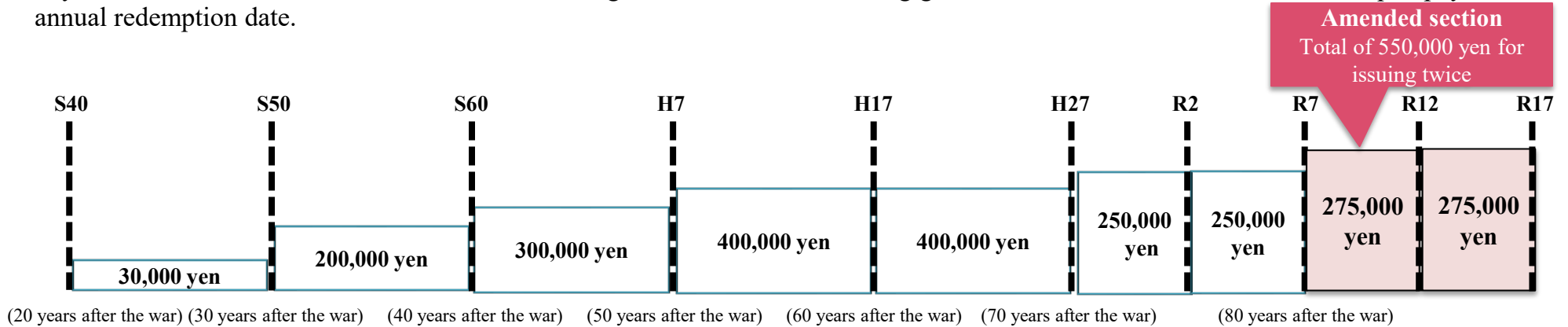
With respect to the special condolence grants for bereaved families of the war dead, etc., measures are taken to continue the payment, etc. in and after the fiscal year 2025.

Outline of the Amendment

- In 2025, which marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the war, the government bonds currently being redeemed for special condolence grants will mature for final redemption. To once again express the nation's condolences, the Act on Special Condolence Grants for Bereaved Families of the War Dead, etc. will be amended to continue the payment of special condolence grants.
- In addition, necessary amendments are to be made, including changing the advisory body regarding requests for review of special condolence grants from the Administrative Complaint Review Board, to councils specified by Cabinet Order (the Relief Review Board).

Outline of special condolence grants for bereaved families of the war dead, etc.(Founded in Fiscal Year 1965)

- In memory of the military personnel, etc. who sacrificed their lives for their country in the last war, and on special occasions such as the 20th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 70th anniversaries of the end of the war, special condolence grants are made to eligible bereaved families* (children, siblings, etc.) to express the condolences of the nation.
*If there are no eligible bereaved families (mainly spouses) among the war dead who are receiving the compensation for government aid under the Public Officers Pension Act or survivor pension under the Act on Relief of War Victims and Survivors the benefit will be paid to the person with the highest priority.
- Payments will be made in the form of issuance of registered noninterest-bearing government bonds redeemable, with an equal payment on annual redemption date.



Effective Date

April 1, 2025 (The second issuance date of the registered government bond is April 1, 2030)

戦没者等の遺族に対する特別弔慰金支給法の一部を改正する法律（令和7年法律第18号）の概要

改正の趣旨

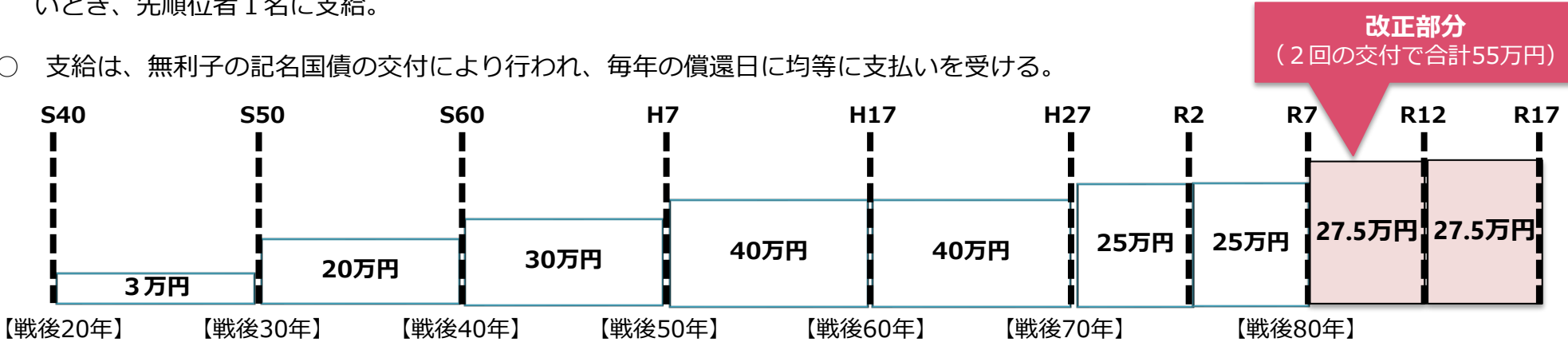
戦没者等の遺族に対する特別弔慰金について、令和7年度以降も支給を継続する等の措置を講ずる。

改正の概要

- 戦後80年に当たる令和7年には、現在償還中の特別弔慰金に係る国債が最終償還を迎えることから、国として改めて弔慰の意を表するため、戦没者等の遺族に対する特別弔慰金支給法を改正し、特別弔慰金の支給を継続。
- あわせて、特別弔慰金の審査請求に係る諮問先を行政不服審査会から審議会等で政令で定めるもの（援護審査会）に変更する等の所要の改正を行う。

【戦没者等の遺族に対する特別弔慰金の概要】（昭和40年度創設）

- 先の大戦で国に殉じた軍人軍属等の方々に思いをいたし、戦後20年、30年、40年、50年、60年、70年といった特別な機会をとらえ、国として弔慰の意を表するため、一定範囲の遺族※（子、兄弟姉妹等）に対して、特別弔慰金を支給。
※ 戦没者等の遺族の中に、恩給法の公務扶助料や戦傷病者戦没者遺族等援護法の遺族年金等を受ける遺族（主として配偶者）がいないとき、先順位者1名に支給。
- 支給は、無利子の記名国債の交付により行われ、毎年償還日に均等に支払いを受ける。



施行期日

令和7年4月1日（2回目の記名国債の交付に係る施行期日は令和12年4月1日）