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There has been much widespread interest in the extension of the Draft Law which expired on June 30, 1967. The new legislation, P. L. 90-40, enacted by Congress and since signed into law by the President contains several significant changes which may be summarized as follows:

RESUME OF CHANGES IN SELECTIVE SERVICE LAW

- 1. Extends basic law for four years--July 1, 1967 to July 1, 1971.
- 2. Insures liability to draft for selectees who delay induction through litigation beyond age 26.
- 3. Directs National Security Council to advise Director of Selective Service on occupational and student deferments.
- 4. Any change in method of selecting inductees, such as FAIR or lottery system, would require act of Congress.
- 5. Subjects alien doctors and dentists to draft up to age 35, on same basis as U. S. doctors and dentists.
- 6. Requires President to continue undergraduate deferments until graduation or attainment of age 24, if work is satisfactory, unless needs of Armed Forces require curtailment or termination of such deferments. Authorizes President to grant graduate deferments for medical, dental and certain essential subjects, and authorizes limited occupational deferments for highly skilled persons who have completed graduate study. Urges nationwide uniformity in classification criteria whenever practicable.
- 7. Allows call-up of individual Reservists not satisfactorily participating in, or assigned to, a Reserve unit, if full Reserve obligation not discharged.
- 8. Expresses no opposition to the President's plan to reverse the order of induction from age 26 to age 19. The President at his discretion may designate the age group to be drafted.