

In the Senate of the United States,

November 15, 2001.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 2540) entitled “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make various improvements to veterans benefits programs under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38,***

2 ***UNITED STATES CODE.***

3 (a) *SHORT TITLE.*—*This Act may be cited as the “Vet-*
4 *erans’ Compensation Rate Amendments of 2001”.*

1 (b) *REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES*
2 *CODE.*—*Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever*
3 *in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms*
4 *of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-*
5 *sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section*
6 *or other provision of title 38, United States Code.*

7 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**

8 (a) *INCREASE IN RATES.*—*Section 1114 is amended—*

9 (1) *by striking “\$98” in subsection (a) and in-*
10 *serting “\$103”;*

11 (2) *by striking “\$188” in subsection (b) and in-*
12 *serting “\$199”;*

13 (3) *by striking “\$288” in subsection (c) and in-*
14 *serting “\$306”;*

15 (4) *by striking “\$413” in subsection (d) and in-*
16 *serting “\$439”;*

17 (5) *by striking “\$589” in subsection (e) and in-*
18 *serting “\$625”;*

19 (6) *by striking “\$743” in subsection (f) and in-*
20 *serting “\$790”;*

21 (7) *by striking “\$937” in subsection (g) and in-*
22 *serting “\$995”;*

23 (8) *by striking “\$1,087” in subsection (h) and*
24 *inserting “\$1,155”;*

1 (9) by striking “\$1,224” in subsection (i) and
2 inserting “\$1,299”;

3 (10) by striking “\$2,036” in subsection (j) and
4 inserting “\$2,163”;

5 (11) in subsection (k)—

6 (A) by striking “\$76” both places it appears
7 and inserting “\$80”; and

8 (B) by striking “\$2,533” and “\$3,553” and
9 inserting “\$2,691” and “\$3,775”, respectively;

10 (12) by striking “\$2,533” in subsection (l) and
11 inserting “\$2,691”;

12 (13) by striking “\$2,794” in subsection (m) and
13 inserting “\$2,969”;

14 (14) by striking “\$3,179” in subsection (n) and
15 inserting “\$3,378”;

16 (15) by striking “\$3,553” each place it appears
17 in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting “\$3,775”;

18 (16) by striking “\$1,525” and “\$2,271” in sub-
19 section (r) and inserting “\$1,621” and “\$2,413”, re-
20 spectively; and

21 (17) by striking “\$2,280” in subsection (s) and
22 inserting “\$2,422”.

23 (b) *SPECIAL RULE.*—*The Secretary of Veterans Affairs*
24 *may authorize administratively, consistent with the in-*
25 *creases authorized by this section, the rates of disability*

1 *compensation payable to persons within the purview of sec-*
2 *tion 10 of Public Law 85–857 who are not in receipt of*
3 *compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,*
4 *United States Code.*

5 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.**

6 *Section 1115(1) is amended—*

7 *(1) by striking “\$117” in clause (A) and insert-*
8 *ing “\$124”;*

9 *(2) by striking “\$201” and “\$61” in clause (B)*
10 *and inserting “\$213” and “\$64”, respectively;*

11 *(3) by striking “\$80” and “\$61” in clause (C)*
12 *and inserting “\$84” and “\$64”, respectively;*

13 *(4) by striking “\$95” in clause (D) and insert-*
14 *ing “\$100”;*

15 *(5) by striking “\$222” in clause (E) and insert-*
16 *ing “\$234”; and*

17 *(6) by striking “\$186” in clause (F) and insert-*
18 *ing “\$196”.*

19 **SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED**
20 **VETERANS.**

21 *Section 1162 is amended by striking “\$546” and in-*
22 *serting “\$580”.*

23 **SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR**
24 **SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

25 *(a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is amended—*

1 (1) by striking “\$881” in paragraph (1) and in-
2 serting “\$935”; and

3 (2) by striking “\$191” in paragraph (2) and in-
4 serting “\$202”.

5 (b) *OLD LAW RATES*.—The table in section 1311(a)(3)
6 is amended to read as follows:

<i>“Pay grade</i>	<i>Monthly</i>	<i>Pay grade</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
	<i>rate</i>		<i>rate</i>
<i>E-1</i>	\$935	<i>W-4</i>	\$1,119
<i>E-2</i>	935	<i>O-1</i>	988
<i>E-3</i>	935	<i>O-2</i>	1,021
<i>E-4</i>	935	<i>O-3</i>	1,092
<i>E-5</i>	935	<i>O-4</i>	1,155
<i>E-6</i>	935	<i>O-5</i>	1,272
<i>E-7</i>	967	<i>O-6</i>	1,433
<i>E-8</i>	1,021	<i>O-7</i>	1,549
<i>E-9</i>	1,066 ¹	<i>O-8</i>	1,699
<i>W-1</i>	988	<i>O-9</i>	1,818
<i>W-2</i>	1,028	<i>O-10</i>	1,994 ²
<i>W-3</i>	1,058		

¹If the veteran served as *Sergeant Major of the Army, Senior Enlisted Advisor of the Navy, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, or Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard*, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be \$1,149.

²If the veteran served as *Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard*, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be \$2,139.”.

7 (c) *ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN*.—Section
8 1311(b) is amended by striking “\$222” and inserting
9 “\$234”.

10 (d) *AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE*.—Section
11 1311(c) is amended by striking “\$222” and inserting
12 “\$234”.

13 (e) *HOUSEBOUND RATE*.—Section 1311(d) is amended
14 by striking “\$107” and inserting “\$112”.

1 **SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR**
2 **CHILDREN.**

3 (a) *DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.*—Section 1313(a) is
4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “\$373” in paragraph (1) and in-
6 sserting “\$397”;

7 (2) by striking “\$538” in paragraph (2) and in-
8 sserting “\$571”;

9 (3) by striking “\$699” in paragraph (3) and in-
10 sserting “\$742”; and

11 (4) by striking “\$699” and “\$136” in paragraph
12 (4) and inserting “\$742” and “\$143”, respectively.

13 (b) *SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT CHIL-*
14 *DREN.*—Section 1314 is amended—

15 (1) by striking “\$222” in subsection (a) and in-
16 sserting “\$234”;

17 (2) by striking “\$373” in subsection (b) and in-
18 sserting “\$397”; and

19 (3) by striking “\$188” in subsection (c) and in-
20 sserting “\$199”.

21 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

22 *The amendments made by this Act shall take effect on*
23 *December 1, 2001.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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AMENDMENTS