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To increase the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. DECONCINI, Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SPECTER, and Mr. JEFFORDS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-
5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1993”.

1 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY**
2 **AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION RATE IN-**
3 **CREASES.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-
5 fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effec-
6 tive December 1, 1993, the rates of and limitations on
7 Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation
8 and dependency and indemnity compensation.

9 (2)(A) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates
10 and limitations provided for in sections 1114, 1115, 1162,
11 1311, 1313, and 1314 of title 38, United States Code,
12 that were increased pursuant to section 2 of the Veterans'
13 Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1992
14 (Public Law 102–510; 106 Stat. 3318; 38 U.S.C. 101
15 note). The increase shall be made in such rates and limita-
16 tions as in effect on November 30, 1993, and shall be by
17 the same percentage that benefit amounts payable under
18 title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)
19 are increased effective December 1, 1993, as a result of
20 a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42
21 U.S.C. 415(i)).

22 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-
23 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or
24 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount
25 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the
26 next lower dollar amount.

1 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
2 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
3 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
4 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
5 Law 85–857 (2 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-
6 pensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
7 United States Code.

8 (c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time
9 as the matters specified in section 214(i)(2)(D) of the So-
10 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
11 to be published by reason of a determination made under
12 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1993, the
13 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates
14 and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2)(A) as in-
15 creased under this section.

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