

***In the Senate of the United States,***

*September 26, 1996.*

*Resolved*, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3458) entitled “An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, 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.”, do pass with the following

**AMENDMENTS:**

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensation*  
3 *Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996”.*

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN COMPENSATION RATES AND LIMITA-**  
5 **TIONS.**

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-*  
7 *fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effective*  
8 *December 1, 1996, the rates of and limitations on Depart-*

1 *ment of Veterans Affairs disability compensation and de-*  
2 *pendency and indemnity compensation.*

3       (2) *The Secretary shall increase each of the rates and*  
4 *limitations in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313,*  
5 *and 1314 of title 38, United States Code, that were in-*  
6 *creased by the amendments made by the Veterans' Com-*  
7 *ensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1995 (Public*  
8 *Law No. 104–57; 109 Stat. 555). This increase shall be*  
9 *made in such rates and limitations as in effect on November*  
10 *30, 1996, and shall be by the same percentage that benefit*  
11 *amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act*  
12 *(42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,*  
13 *1996, as a result of a determination under section 215(i)*  
14 *of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).*

15       (b) *SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-*  
16 *ministratively, consistent with the increases made under*  
17 *subsection (a)(2), the rates of disability compensation pay-*  
18 *able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public*  
19 *Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-*  
20 *ensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, Unit-*  
21 *ed States Code.*

22       (c) *PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time*  
23 *as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social*  
24 *Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be*  
25 *published by reason of a determination made under section*

1 *215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1996, the Secretary*  
2 *shall publish in the Federal Register the rates and limita-*  
3 *tions referred to in subsection (a)(2) as increased under this*  
4 *section.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

*Secretary.*

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**AMENDMENTS**