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105TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 2367

[Report No. 105-320]

To increase, effective as of December 1, 1997, 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 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1997

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

OCTOBER 9, 1997

Additional sponsors: Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. REYES, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. CARSON, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. HEFNER, Mrs. CHENOWETH, and Mr. CLYBURN

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed

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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 1997”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
7 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
8 **COMPENSATION.**

9 (a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans
10 Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 1997, increase the
11 dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-
12 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by
13 the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

14 (b) **AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.**—The dollar
15 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
16 the following:

17 (1) **COMPENSATION.**—Each of the dollar
18 amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,
19 United States Code.

20 (2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-**
21 **ENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under
22 sections 1115(1) of such title.

23 (3) **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.**—The dollar
24 amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

1 (4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in
2 effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
3 1311(a) of such title.

4 (5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar
5 amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such
6 title.

7 (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The
8 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and
9 1311(d) of such title.

10 (7) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The
11 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and
12 1314 of such title.

13 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—(1) The in-
14 crease under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar
15 amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on Novem-
16 ber 30, 1997.

17 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such
18 amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the
19 percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title
20 II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are
21 increased effective December 1, 1997, as a result of a de-
22 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
23 415(i)).

1 (3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to para-
2 graph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded
3 down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

4 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
5 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
6 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
7 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
8 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of
9 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
10 United States Code.

11 (e) PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.—At the
12 same time as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D)
13 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are
14 required to be published by reason of a determination
15 made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year
16 1997, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in
17 the Federal Register the amounts specified in subsection
18 (b), as increased pursuant to subsection (a).

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