

## **H. Res. 368**

### ***In the House of Representatives, U.S.,***

*November 9, 1999.*

*Resolved,* That upon the adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 2280, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with the following amendments:

(1) 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."

(2) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

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

2 **UNITED STATES CODE.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the  
4 "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act  
5 of 1999".

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  
6 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

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

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

10 (1) by striking “\$95” in subsection (a) and in-  
11 sserting “\$98”;

12 (2) by striking “\$182” in subsection (b) and in-  
13 sserting “\$188”;

14 (3) by striking “\$279” in subsection (c) and in-  
15 sserting “\$288”;

16 (4) by striking “\$399” in subsection (d) and in-  
17 sserting “\$413”;

18 (5) by striking “\$569” in subsection (e) and in-  
19 sserting “\$589”;

20 (6) by striking “\$717” in subsection (f) and in-  
21 sserting “\$743”;

22 (7) by striking “\$905” in subsection (g) and in-  
23 sserting “\$937”;

24 (8) by striking “\$1,049” in subsection (h) and  
25 inserting “\$1,087”;

1 (9) by striking “\$1,181” in subsection (i) and  
2 inserting “\$1,224”;

3 (10) by striking “\$1,964” in subsection (j) and  
4 inserting “\$2,036”;

5 (11) in subsection (k)—

6 (A) by striking “\$75” both places it ap-  
7 pears and inserting “\$76”; and

8 (B) by striking “\$2,443” and “\$3,426”  
9 and inserting “\$2,533” and “\$3,553”, respec-  
10 tively;

11 (12) by striking “\$2,443” in subsection (l) and  
12 inserting “\$2,533”;

13 (13) by striking “\$2,694” in subsection (m)  
14 and inserting “\$2,794”;

15 (14) by striking “\$3,066” in subsection (n) and  
16 inserting “\$3,179”;

17 (15) by striking “\$3,426” each place it appears  
18 in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting “\$3,553”;

19 (16) by striking “\$1,471” and “\$2,190” in sub-  
20 section (r) and inserting “\$1,525” and “\$2,271”,  
21 respectively; and

22 (17) by striking “\$2,199” in subsection (s) and  
23 inserting “\$2,280”.

24 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
25 fairs may authorize administratively, consistent with the

1 increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability  
2 compensation payable to persons within the purview of  
3 section 10 of Public Law 85–857 who are not in receipt  
4 of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title  
5 38, United States Code.

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

7 Section 1115(1) is amended—

8 (1) by striking “\$114” in clause (A) and insert-  
9 ing “\$117”;

10 (2) by striking “\$195” and “\$60” in clause (B)  
11 and inserting “\$201” and “\$61”, respectively;

12 (3) by striking “\$78” and “\$60” in clause (C)  
13 and inserting “\$80” and “\$61”, respectively;

14 (4) by striking “\$92” in clause (D) and insert-  
15 ing “\$95”;

16 (5) by striking “\$215” in clause (E) and insert-  
17 ing “\$222”; and

18 (6) by striking “\$180” in clause (F) and insert-  
19 ing “\$186”.

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

22 Section 1162 is amended by striking “\$528” and in-  
23 serting “\$546”.

1 **SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**  
 2 **FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

3 (a) NEW LAW RATES.—Section 1311(a) is  
 4 amended—

5 (1) by striking “\$850” in paragraph (1) and in-  
 6 serting “\$881”; and

7 (2) by striking “\$185” in paragraph (2) and in-  
 8 serting “\$191”.

9 (b) OLD LAW RATES.—The table in section  
 10 1311(a)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“Pay grade	Monthly rate	Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-1 .....	\$881	W-4 .....	\$1,054
E-2 .....	881	O-1 .....	930
E-3 .....	881	O-2 .....	962
E-4 .....	881	O-3 .....	1,028
E-5 .....	881	O-4 .....	1,087
E-6 .....	881	O-5 .....	1,198
E-7 .....	911	O-6 .....	1,349
E-8 .....	962	O-7 .....	1,458
E-9 .....	1,003 <sup>1</sup>	O-8 .....	1,598
W-1 .....	930	O-9 .....	1,712
W-2 .....	968	O-10 .....	1,878 <sup>2</sup>
W-3 .....	997		

“<sup>1</sup>If 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 \$1,082.

“<sup>2</sup>If 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 \$2,013.”.

11 (c) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN.—Section  
 12 1311(b) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting  
 13 “\$222”.

1 (d) AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.—Section  
2 1311(c) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting  
3 “\$222”.

4 (e) HOUSEBOUND RATE.—Section 1311(d) is amend-  
5 ed by striking “\$104” and inserting “\$107”.

6 **SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**  
7 **FOR CHILDREN.**

8 (a) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1313(a)  
9 is amended—

10 (1) by striking “\$361” in paragraph (1) and in-  
11 sserting “\$373”;

12 (2) by striking “\$520” in paragraph (2) and in-  
13 sserting “\$538”;

14 (3) by striking “\$675” in paragraph (3) and in-  
15 sserting “\$699”; and

16 (4) by striking “\$675” and “\$132” in para-  
17 graph (4) and inserting “\$699” and “\$136”, respec-  
18 tively.

19 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT  
20 CHILDREN.—Section 1314 is amended—

21 (1) by striking “\$215” in subsection (a) and in-  
22 sserting “\$222”;

23 (2) by striking “\$361” in subsection (b) and in-  
24 sserting “\$373”; and

1           (3) by striking “\$182” in subsection (c) and in-  
2           serting “\$188”.

3 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4           The amendments made by this Act shall take effect  
5 on December 1, 1999.

Attest:

*Clerk.*