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H. R. 2747

To amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance military and veterans' life insurance programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. FILNER introduced the following bill; which was 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 "Disabled Veterans Life
5 Insurance Enhancement Act of 2005".

1 **SEC. 2. REDUCTION IN PREMIUMS UNDER SERVICE-DIS-**
2 **ABLED VETERANS INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

3 Section 1922(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(a)”; and

6 (2) by striking the fourth sentence and all that
7 follows and inserting the following:

8 “(2) Insurance granted under this section shall be
9 issued upon the same terms and conditions as are con-
10 tained in the standard policies of National Service Life
11 Insurance, except that—

12 “(A) the amount of such insurance shall be
13 \$50,000, or such lesser amount, evenly divisible by
14 \$10,000, as the insured may specify;

15 “(B) the premium rates for such insurance—

16 “(i) for premiums for months beginning
17 before the date of the enactment of the Dis-
18 abled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement
19 Act of 2005 shall be based on the Commis-
20 sioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mor-
21 tality and interest at the rate of 2¼ percent
22 per year; and

23 “(ii) for premiums for months beginning
24 on or after that date shall be based upon the
25 2001 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table

1 of Mortality and interest at the rate of 4½ per-
2 cent per year;

3 “(C) all cash, loan, paid-up, and extended val-
4 ues—

5 “(i) for a policy issued under this section
6 before the date of the enactment of the Dis-
7 abled Veterans Life Insurance Enhancement
8 Act of 2005 shall be based upon the Commis-
9 sioners 1941 Standard Ordinary Table of Mor-
10 tality and interest at the rate of 2¼ percent
11 per year; and

12 “(ii) for a policy issued under this section
13 on or after that date shall be based upon the
14 2001 Commissioners Standard Ordinary Table
15 of Mortality and interest at the rate of 4½ per-
16 cent per year;

17 “(D) all settlements on policies involving annu-
18 ities shall be calculated on the basis of the Annuity
19 Table for 1949, and interest at the rate of 2¼ per-
20 cent per year;

21 “(E) insurance granted under this section shall
22 be on a nonparticipating basis;

23 “(F) all premiums and other collections for in-
24 surance under this section shall be credited directly

1 to a revolving fund in the Treasury of the United
2 States; and

3 “(G) any payments on such insurance shall be
4 made directly from such fund.

5 “(3) Appropriations to the fund referred to in sub-
6 paragraphs (F) and (G) of paragraph (2) are hereby au-
7 thorized.

8 “(4) As to insurance issued under this section, waiver
9 of premiums pursuant to section 602(n) of the National
10 Service Life Insurance Act of 1940 and section 1912 of
11 this title shall not be denied on the ground that the serv-
12 ice-connected disability became total before the effective
13 date of such insurance.”.

14 **SEC. 3. INCREASE TO \$200,000 IN MAXIMUM COVERAGE**
15 **UNDER VETERANS’ MORTGAGE LIFE INSUR-**
16 **ANCE PROGRAM.**

17 (a) INCREASE.—Subsection (b) of section 2106 of
18 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(1)” after “(b)”;

20 (2) by designating the second, third, and fourth
21 sentences as paragraphs (2), (3), and (4), respec-
22 tively;

23 (3) in paragraph (1), as designated by para-
24 graph (1) of this subsection, by striking “may not
25 exceed” and all that follows through “on the housing

1 unit.” and inserting “shall be the amount of the loan
2 outstanding on the housing unit, except that—

3 “(A) coverage may not exceed \$200,000;

4 and

5 “(B) a veteran may elect, in writing, to be
6 covered for less than the maximum coverage
7 available. ”; and

8 (4) in paragraph (2), as designated by para-
9 graph (2) of this subsection, by striking “of such in-
10 surance” and inserting “of insurance provided a vet-
11 eran under this section”.

12 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Subsection (g) of
13 such section is amended by striking “of this section or”
14 and inserting “or an election under that subsection or by”.

15 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
16 subsection (a) shall take effect at the end of the 120-day
17 period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 **SEC. 4. INCLUSION OF STILL-BORN CHILDREN IN DEPEND-**
19 **ENT-COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS**
20 **GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

21 (a) COVERAGE OF STILL-BORN CHILDREN.—Section
22 1965(10) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
23 adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

24 “(C) The member’s natural child from the
25 fetal gestational age of 20 weeks (or from a

1 fetal weight of 450 grams if gestational age
2 cannot be determined), other than a case in
3 which there is an induced termination of preg-
4 nancy.”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall take effect as of November 1, 2001.

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