## S. 616

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

 $\label{eq:July 15, 1993} July 15, 1993$  Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

## AN ACT

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.

- 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. 1114
- 15 note) and each of the rates provided for in paragraphs
- 16 (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title as amended
- 17 by section 102(a) of the Dependency and Indemnity Com-
- 18 pensation Reform Act of 1992 (title I of Public Law 102-
- 19 568; 106 Stat. 4321). The increase shall be made in such
- 20 rates and limitations as in effect on November 30, 1993,
- 21 and shall be by the same percentage that benefit amounts
- 22 payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42
- 23 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,
- 24 1993, as a result of a determination under section 215(i)
- 25 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

- 1 (B) In the computation of increased rates and limita-
- 2 tions pursuant to subparagraph (A), amounts of \$0.50 or
- 3 more shall be rounded to the next higher dollar amount
- 4 and amounts of less than \$0.50 shall be rounded to the
- 5 next lower dollar amount.
- 6 (b) Special Rule.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
- 7 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
- 8 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
- 9 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
- 10 Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of
- 11 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
- 12 United States Code.
- 13 (c) Publication Requirement.—At the same time
- 14 as the matters specified in section 214(i)(2)(D) of the So-
- 15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
- 16 to be published by reason of a determination made under
- 17 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1993, the
- 18 Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the rates
- 19 and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2)(A) as in-
- 20 creased under this section.

Passed the Senate July 14 (legislative day, June 30), 1993.

Attest: WALTER J. STEWART,

Secretary.