

In the Senate of the United States,

September 30 (legislative day, September 29), 1998.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4110) entitled “An Act to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENT:

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 1998”.*

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, 1998, 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 *pensation Rate Amendments of 1997 (Public Law 105–98;*
8 *111 Stat. 2155). This increase shall be made in such rates*
9 *and limitations as in effect on November 30, 1998, and*
10 *shall be by the same percentage that benefit amounts pay-*
11 *able under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.*
12 *401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 1998, as a*
13 *result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act*
14 *(42 U.S.C. 415(i)).*

15 (3) *In the computation of increased dollar amounts*
16 *pursuant to paragraph (2), any amount which as so com-*
17 *puted is not an even multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to*
18 *the next lower whole dollar amount.*

19 (b) *SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-*
20 *ministratively, consistent with the increases made under*
21 *subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable*
22 *to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law*
23 *85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensa-*
24 *tion payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United*
25 *States Code.*

1 (c) *PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.*—*At the same time*
2 *as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social*
3 *Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be*
4 *published by reason of a determination made under section*
5 *215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1999, the Secretary*
6 *shall publish in the Federal Register the rates and limita-*
7 *tions referred to in subsection (a)(2) as increased under this*
8 *section.*

Attest:

Secretary.

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