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[Report No. 105-341]

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 8, 1998

Mr. SPECTER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 21, 1998

Reported by Mr. SPECTER, with an amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-
3 tion 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, effec-
8 tive December 1, 1998, the rates of and limitations on
9 Department of Veterans Affairs disability compensation
10 and dependency and indemnity compensation.

11 (2) The Secretary shall increase each of the rates and
12 limitations in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313,
13 and 1314 of title 38, United States Code, that were in-
14 creased by the amendments made by the Veterans’ Com-
15 pensation Rate Amendments of 1997 (Public Law 105–
16 98; 111 Stat. 2155). This increase shall be made in such
17 rates and limitations as in effect on November 30, 1998,
18 and shall be by the same percentage that benefit amounts
19 payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42
20 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,
21 1998, as a result of a determination under section 215(i)
22 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

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

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

8 (c) PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time
9 as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the So-
10 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
11 to be published by reason of a determination made under
12 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year ~~1998~~ 1999,
13 the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register the
14 rates and limitations referred to in subsection (a)(2) as
15 increased under this section.

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