106TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION **H. R. 1765**

To increase, effective as of December 1, 1999, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 1999

Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4   This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensa-

5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1999".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA- TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 1999, increase the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are the following:

(1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38, United States Code.

(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND- ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under sections 1115(1) of such title.

(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

(4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a) of such title.

(5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such title.

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1 (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES

2 WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in ef-

3 fect under section 1311(b) of such title.

4 (7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The

5 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and

6 1311(d) of such title.

7 (8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The

8 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and

9 1314 of such title.

10 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—(1) The in-

11 crease under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar

12 amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect on Novem-

13 ber 30, 1999.

14 (2) Except as provided in paragraph (3), each such

15 amount shall be increased by the same percentage as the

16 percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title

17 II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are

18 increased effective December 1, 1999, as a result of a de-

19 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.

20 415(i)).

21 (3) Each dollar amount increased pursuant to para-

22 graph (2) shall, if not a whole dollar amount, be rounded

23 down to the next lower whole dollar amount.

24 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-

25 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under

1 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-

2 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public

3 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of

4 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,

5 United States Code.

6 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.**

7 At the same time as the matters specified in section

8 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.

9 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of

10 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act

11 during fiscal year 1999, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs

12 shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified

13 in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to

14 that section.

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