

In the Senate of the United States,

October 12 (legislative day, September 22), 2000.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 4850) entitled “An Act to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to enhance programs providing compensation and life insurance benefits for veterans, and for other purposes.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

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 2000”.*

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSATION**
2 **AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COM-**
3 **PENSATION.**

4 (a) *RATE ADJUSTMENT.*—*The Secretary of Veterans*
5 *Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2000, increase the dol-*
6 *lar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-*
7 *ensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by*
8 *the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).*

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

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

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

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

20 (4) *NEW DIC RATES.*—*The dollar amounts in ef-*
21 *fect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 1311(a)*
22 *of such title.*

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

1 (6) *ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES*
2 *WITH MINOR CHILDREN.*—*The dollar amount in effect*
3 *under section 1311(b) of such title.*

4 (7) *ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.*—*The dol-*
5 *lar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and*
6 *1311(d) of such title.*

7 (8) *DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.*—*The dol-*
8 *lar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and*
9 *1314 of such title.*

10 (c) *DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.*—(1) *The increase*
11 *under subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts*
12 *specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November 30,*
13 *2000.*

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 II*
17 *of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are in-*
18 *creased effective December 1, 2000, as a result of a deter-*
19 *mination 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 payable*
2 *to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law*
3 *85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of compensa-*
4 *tion payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United*
5 *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 a*
10 *determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during*
11 *fiscal year 2001, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pub-*
12 *lish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in sub-*
13 *section (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to that sec-*
14 *tion.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 2000, 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.”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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