

106TH CONGRESS
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H. RES. 368

Providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2280.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 9, 1999

Mr. STUMP submitted the following resolution; was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Providing for the concurrence by the House with amendments in the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2280.

Resolved, That, upon the adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill H.R. 2280, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment with the following amendments:

- (1) Amend the title so as to read: "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans."

(2) In lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the amendment of the Senate, insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38,**
 2 **UNITED STATES CODE.**

3 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 4 “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act
 5 of 1999”.

6 (b) **REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES**
 7 **CODE.**—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever
 8 in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
 9 of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provi-
 10 sion, the reference shall be considered to be made to a
 11 section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

12 **SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**

13 (a) **INCREASE IN RATES.**—Section 1114 is
 14 amended—

15 (1) by striking “\$95” in subsection (a) and in-
 16 serting “\$98”;

17 (2) by striking “\$182” in subsection (b) and in-
 18 serting “\$188”;

19 (3) by striking “\$279” in subsection (c) and in-
 20 serting “\$288”;

21 (4) by striking “\$399” in subsection (d) and in-
 22 serting “\$413”;

1 (5) by striking “\$569” in subsection (e) and in-
2 serting “\$589”;

3 (6) by striking “\$717” in subsection (f) and in-
4 serting “\$743”;

5 (7) by striking “\$905” in subsection (g) and in-
6 serting “\$937”;

7 (8) by striking “\$1,049” in subsection (h) and
8 inserting “\$1,087”;

9 (9) by striking “\$1,181” in subsection (i) and
10 inserting “\$1,224”;

11 (10) by striking “\$1,964” in subsection (j) and
12 inserting “\$2,036”;

13 (11) in subsection (k)—

14 (A) by striking “\$75” both places it ap-
15 pears and inserting “\$76”; and

16 (B) by striking “\$2,443” and “\$3,426”
17 and inserting “\$2,533” and “\$3,553”, respec-
18 tively;

19 (12) by striking “\$2,443” in subsection (l) and
20 inserting “\$2,533”;

21 (13) by striking “\$2,694” in subsection (m)
22 and inserting “\$2,794”;

23 (14) by striking “\$3,066” in subsection (n) and
24 inserting “\$3,179”;

1 (15) by striking “\$3,426” each place it appears
2 in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting “\$3,553”;

3 (16) by striking “\$1,471” and “\$2,190” in sub-
4 section (r) and inserting “\$1,525” and “\$2,271”,
5 respectively; and

6 (17) by striking “\$2,199” in subsection (s) and
7 inserting “\$2,280”.

8 (b) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
9 fairs may authorize administratively, consistent with the
10 increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability
11 compensation payable to persons within the purview of
12 section 10 of Public Law 85–857 who are not in receipt
13 of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title
14 38, United States Code.

15 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.**

16 Section 1115(1) is amended—

17 (1) by striking “\$114” in clause (A) and insert-
18 ing “\$117”;

19 (2) by striking “\$195” and “\$60” in clause (B)
20 and inserting “\$201” and “\$61”, respectively;

21 (3) by striking “\$78” and “\$60” in clause (C)
22 and inserting “\$80” and “\$61”, respectively;

23 (4) by striking “\$92” in clause (D) and insert-
24 ing “\$95”;

1 (5) by striking “\$215” in clause (E) and insert-
2 ing “\$222”; and

3 (6) by striking “\$180” in clause (F) and insert-
4 ing “\$186”.

5 **SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED**
6 **VETERANS.**

7 Section 1162 is amended by striking “\$528” and in-
8 serting “\$546”.

9 **SEC. 5. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**
10 **FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.**

11 (a) **NEW LAW RATES.**—Section 1311(a) is
12 amended—

13 (1) by striking “\$850” in paragraph (1) and in-
14 serting “\$881”; and

15 (2) by striking “\$185” in paragraph (2) and in-
16 serting “\$191”.

17 (b) **OLD LAW RATES.**—The table in section
18 1311(a)(3) is amended to read as follows:

“Pay grade	Monthly rate	Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-1	\$881	W-4	\$1,054
E-2	881	O-1	930
E-3	881	O-2	962
E-4	881	O-3	1,028
E-5	881	O-4	1,087
E-6	881	O-5	1,198
E-7	911	O-6	1,349
E-8	962	O-7	1,458
E-9	1,003 ¹	O-8	1,598
W-1	930	O-9	1,712
W-2	968	O-10	1,878 ²
W-3	997		

¹If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be \$1,082.

²If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 1302 of this title, the surviving spouse’s rate shall be \$2,013.”.

1 (c) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR CHILDREN.—Section
2 1311(b) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting
3 “\$222”.

4 (d) AID AND ATTENDANCE ALLOWANCE.—Section
5 1311(c) is amended by striking “\$215” and inserting
6 “\$222”.

7 (e) HOUSEBOUND RATE.—Section 1311(d) is amend-
8 ed by striking “\$104” and inserting “\$107”.

9 **SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**
10 **FOR CHILDREN.**

11 (a) DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.—Section 1313(a)
12 is amended—

13 (1) by striking “\$361” in paragraph (1) and in-
14 serting “\$373”;

1 (2) by striking “\$520” in paragraph (2) and in-
2 serting “\$538”;

3 (3) by striking “\$675” in paragraph (3) and in-
4 serting “\$699”; and

5 (4) by striking “\$675” and “\$132” in para-
6 graph (4) and inserting “\$699” and “\$136”, respec-
7 tively.

8 (b) SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT
9 CHILDREN.—Section 1314 is amended—

10 (1) by striking “\$215” in subsection (a) and in-
11 serting “\$222”;

12 (2) by striking “\$361” in subsection (b) and in-
13 serting “\$373”; and

14 (3) by striking “\$182” in subsection (c) and in-
15 serting “\$188”.

16 **SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

17 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
18 on December 1, 1999.

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