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To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a minimum pension rate for certain veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BONIOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. MINIMUM PENSION RATE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Subchapter II of chapter 15
5 of title 38, United States Code is amended by adding at
6 the end the following new section:

7 **“§ 1526. Minimum pension rate**

8 “(a) APPLICATION OF MINIMUM PENSION RATE.—
9 If, in any year, the maximum annual rate of pension for
10 a veteran entitled to receive a pension under this sub-

1 chapter is less than the applicable baseline income level
2 for that veteran, the Secretary shall apply that applicable
3 baseline income level in lieu of the maximum annual rate
4 of pension in determining the annual rate of pension paid
5 to that veteran.

6 “(b) APPLICABLE BASELINE INCOME LEVEL.—In
7 this section the term ‘applicable baseline income level’
8 means, with respect to a veteran, an amount equal to 125
9 percent of the poverty income level, as published by the
10 Secretary of Health and Human Services, based on the
11 residence and number of dependents of that veteran.”.

12 (2) Section 1521(a) of such title is amended by strik-
13 ing the period at the end and inserting “and subject to
14 the minimum pension rate established by section 1526 of
15 this title.”.

16 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
17 tions at the beginning of chapter 15 of such title is amend-
18 ed by inserting after the item relating to section 1525 the
19 following new item:

“1526. Minimum pension rate.”.

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