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# S. 1234

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 2005”.

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

4 (a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—Effective on December 1,  
5 2005, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in  
6 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-  
7 fect on November 30, 2005, for the payment of disability  
8 compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-  
9 tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

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

13 (1) **WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**—  
14 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of  
15 title 38, United States Code.

16 (2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-**  
17 **ENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts under sections  
18 1115(1) of such title.

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

21 (4) **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-**  
22 **TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.**—Each of the dollar  
23 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-  
24 tion 1311 of such title.

1           (5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-  
2           TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts  
3           under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

4           (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

5           (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in para-  
6           graph (2), each dollar amount described in sub-  
7           section (b) shall be increased by the same percentage  
8           as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable  
9           under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
10          401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,  
11          2005, as a result of a determination under section  
12          215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

13          (2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased  
14          under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount,  
15          shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar  
16          amount.

17          (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
18          fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in-  
19          creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability  
20          compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub-  
21          lic Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received  
22          compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States  
23          Code.

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

2           The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the  
3   Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as  
4   increased under that section, not later than the date on  
5   which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the  
6   Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required  
7   to be published by reason of a determination made under  
8   section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2006.

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