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**S. 1234**

**[Report No. 109–138]**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 14, 2005

Mr. CRAIG introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

SEPTEMBER 21, 2005

Reported by Mr. CRAIG, without amendment

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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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensa-  
3 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**  
5 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**  
6 **COMPENSATION.**

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

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

16           (1) **WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.**—  
17 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of  
18 title 38, United States Code.

19           (2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-**  
20 **ENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts under sections  
21 1115(1) of such title.

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

24           (4) **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-**  
25 **TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.**—Each of the dollar

1 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-  
 2 tion 1311 of such title.

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

6 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

7 (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in para-  
 8 graph (2), each dollar amount described in sub-  
 9 section (b) shall be increased by the same percentage  
 10 as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable  
 11 under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 12 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,  
 13 2005, as a result of a determination under section  
 14 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

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

19 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
 20 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in-  
 21 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability  
 22 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub-  
 23 lic Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received  
 24 compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States  
 25 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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