110TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

H.R. 1284

AN ACT

- To increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, 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.
 - 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.

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- 3 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2007".
- 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 2007, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
- 9 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-
- 10 fect on November 30, 2007, 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.—
- Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
- 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
- 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.—

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- (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2007, as a result of a determination under section 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 Af20 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in21 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability
 22 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub23 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 2008.

Passed the House of Representatives March 21, 2007.

Attest:

Clerk.

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