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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the amount of monthly dependency and indemnity compensation payable to surviving spouses by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 22, 2014

Mr. TIERNEY 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Surviving Spouses’
5 Benefit Improvement Act of 2014”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-**
 2 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO SUR-**
 3 **VIVING SPOUSES BY THE SECRETARY OF**
 4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1311 of title 38, United
 6 States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “of
 9 \$1,154” and inserting “equal to 55 percent of
 10 the rate of monthly compensation in effect
 11 under section 1114(j) of this title”; and

12 (B) in paragraph (3)—

13 (i) by amending the table preceding
 14 the matter in footnotes 1 and 2 to read as
 15 follows:

“Pay grade	Monthly rate	Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-1	\$1,572.03	W-4	\$1,651.78
E-2	\$1,572.03	O-1	\$1,572.03
E-3	\$1,572.03	O-2	\$1,572.03
E-4	\$1,572.03	O-3	\$1,611.98
E-5	\$1,572.03	O-4	\$1,708.61
E-6	\$1,572.03	O-5	\$1,880.27
E-7	\$1,572.03	O-6	\$2,120.13
E-8	\$1,572.03	O-7	\$2,288.38
E-9	\$1,573.33 ¹	O-8	\$2,513.46
W-1	\$1,572.03	O-9	\$2,688.53
W-2	\$1,572.03	O-10	\$2,948.86 ²
W-3	\$1,572.03		”;

16 (ii) in footnote 1, by striking
 17 “\$1,419” and inserting “\$1,698.38”; and

1 (iii) in footnote 2, by striking
2 “\$2,643” and inserting “3,164.85”; and
3 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
4 section:

5 “(g) In the case of an individual who is eligible for
6 dependency and indemnity compensation under this sec-
7 tion who is also eligible for benefits under another provi-
8 sion of law by reason of such individual’s status as the
9 surviving spouse of a veteran, then, notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law (other than section 5304(b)(3) of
11 this title), neither a reduction nor an offset in benefits
12 under such provision shall be made by reason of such indi-
13 vidual’s eligibility for benefits under this section.”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
15 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to compensation
16 paid under chapter 13 of title 38, United States Code,
17 for months beginning after the date that is six months
18 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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