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To direct the Secretary to make interim payments of disability compensation benefits for certain claims for such compensation prior to the adjudication of such claims, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2015

Ms. TITUS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Pay As You Rate Act''.

SEC. 2. INTERIM PAYMENTS OF COMPENSATION BENEFITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of chapter 51 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 5127. Interim payments of compensation benefits

''(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a claim described in subsection (b), prior to adjudicating the claim, the Secretary shall make interim payments of monetary benefits to the claimant based on any disability for which the Secretary has made a decision. Upon the adjudication of the claim, the Secretary shall pay to the claimant any monetary benefits awarded to the claimant for the period of payment under section 5111 of this title less the amount of such benefits paid to the claimant under this section.

''(b) CLAIM DESCRIBED.—A claim described in this subsection is a claim for disability compensation under chapter 11 of this title—

''(1) the adjudication of which requires the Secretary to make decisions with respect to two or more disabilities; and

''(2) for which, before completing the adjudication of the claim, the Secretary makes a decision with respect to a disability that would result in the

payment of monetary benefits to the claimant upon the adjudication of the claim,''.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to such subchapter the following new item:

''5127. Interim payments of compensation benefits.''.

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