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# S. 1209

To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the amount of special pension for Medal of Honor recipients, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 23, 2017

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. COTTON, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY) 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. INCREASE IN SPECIAL PENSION FOR MEDAL**  
4 **OF HONOR RECIPIENTS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1562(a) of title 38,  
6 United States Code, is amended by striking “\$1,000” and  
7 inserting “\$3,000”.

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The amendment made by  
2 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is—

3           (A) except as provided in subparagraph  
4 (B), 180 days after the date of the enactment  
5 of this Act; and

6           (B) in the case that the date that is 180  
7 days after the date of the enactment of this Act  
8 is not the first day of a month, the first day of  
9 the first month beginning after the date that is  
10 180 days after the date of the enactment of this  
11 Act.

12           (2) DELAY OF ANNUAL COST-OF-LIVING AD-  
13 JUSTMENT.—

14           (A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall not  
15 make an increase pursuant to section 1562(e)  
16 of such title effective December 1, 2017, if the  
17 amendment made by subsection (a) takes effect  
18 before such date.

19           (B) RESUMPTION.—In the case that the  
20 Secretary, pursuant to subparagraph (A), does  
21 not make an increase pursuant to section  
22 1562(e) of such title effective December 1,  
23 2017, the Secretary shall resume making in-

1 creases pursuant to such section with the first  
2 such increase effective December 1, 2018.

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