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To amend title 5, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of a Voluntary Separation Incentive Payment and to include an annual adjustment in accordance with the Consumer Price Index.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

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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 “Voluntary Separation
5 Incentive Payment Adjustment Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY SEPARATION INCENTIVE PAY IN-**
 2 **CREASE.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3523 of title 5, United
 4 States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)(3)(B), by striking
 6 “\$25,000” and inserting “\$40,000, as adjusted in
 7 accordance with subsection (c)”; and

8 (2) by adding at the end the following:

9 “(c) CONSUMER PRICE INDEX ADJUSTMENT.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—On March 1 of each year,
 11 the Director of the Office of Personnel Management
 12 shall adjust the amount under subsection (b)(3)(B)
 13 by the amount determined by the Secretary of Labor
 14 to reflect the percentage increase between—

15 “(A) the Consumer Price Index (all items;
 16 United States city average) published for De-
 17 cember of the preceding year; and

18 “(B) the Consumer Price Index (all items;
 19 United States city average) published for De-
 20 cember of the year before the preceding year.

21 “(2) ROUNDING.—In making an adjustment
 22 under paragraph (1), the Director of the Office of
 23 Personnel Management shall—

24 “(A) round the percentage increase to the
 25 nearest $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1 percent; and

1 “(B) round the amount of the adjustment
2 to the nearest multiple of \$1,000.”.

3 (b) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.—Section 9902(f)(5)
4 of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
6 “\$25,000” and inserting “an amount determined by
7 the Secretary, not to exceed \$40,000, as adjusted in
8 accordance with subparagraph (D)”;

9 (2) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(D)(i) On March 1 of each year, the Secretary of
11 Defense shall adjust the amount under subparagraph
12 (A)(ii) by the amount determined by the Secretary of
13 Labor to reflect the percentage difference between—

14 “(I) the Consumer Price Index (all items;
15 United States city average) published for December
16 of the preceding year; and

17 “(II) the Consumer Price Index (all items;
18 United States city average) published for December
19 of the year before the preceding year.

20 “(ii) In making an adjustment under clause (i), the
21 Secretary of Defense shall—

22 “(I) round the percentage increase to the near-
23 est $\frac{1}{10}$ of 1 percent; and

- 1 “(II) round the amount of the adjustment to
- 2 the nearest multiple of \$1,000.”.

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