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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an annual increase in 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, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. BACON) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. ANNUAL INCREASE IN RATES OF DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY COM-**
3 **PENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-**
4 **NITY COMPENSATION.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 1 of title 38, United
6 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
7 lowing new section:

8 **“§ 120. Annual increase in disability compensation**
9 **and dependency and indemnity com-**
10 **ensation**

11 “(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1
12 of each year, the Secretary shall increase, in accordance
13 with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in effect on No-
14 vember 30 of that year, for the payment of disability com-
15 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation
16 under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

17 “(b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar
18 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
19 the following:

20 “(1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—
21 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
22 this title.

23 “(2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DE-
24 PENDENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under sec-
25 tion 1115(1) of this title.

1 “(3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar
2 amount under section 1162 of this title.

3 “(4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
4 TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
5 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-
6 tion 1311 of this title.

7 “(5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
8 TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
9 under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of this title.

10 “(c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—Each dollar
11 amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by
12 the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit
13 amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December
15 1 of such year as a result of a determination under section
16 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

17 “(d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
18 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
19 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-
20 able to persons under section 10 of Public Law 85–857
21 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received compensation
22 under chapter 11 of this title.

23 “(e) PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.—Each fis-
24 cal year, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Reg-
25 ister the amounts specified in subsection (b), as increased

1 under subsection (a), not later than the date on which the
2 matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Se-
3 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be
4 published by reason of a determination made under sec-
5 tion 215(i) of such Act during that fiscal year.”.

6 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
7 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
8 after the item relating to section 119 the following new
9 item:

“120. Annual increase in disability compensation and dependency and indemnity
compensation.”.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 120 of title 38,
11 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
12 effect on the date that is 180 days after the date of the
13 enactment of this Act.

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