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H. R. 1272

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the pension program
of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2007

Ms. BERKLEY (for herself, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. BERMAN, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. CHANDLER, and Mr. GUTIERREZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the
pension program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 “Veterans’ Pension Im-
5 provement Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT TO VETERANS PENSION PROGRAM.**

7 (a) VETERANS PENSION.—Section 1521 of title 38,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “\$3,550” and
2 inserting “\$12,250”;

3 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$4,651” and
4 “\$600” and inserting “\$16,500” and “\$2,088”, re-
5 spectively;

6 (3) in subsection (d)—

7 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$5,680”
8 and inserting “\$19,322”; and

9 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$6,781”
10 and “\$600” and inserting “\$23,572” and
11 “\$2,088”, respectively;

12 (4) in subsection (e), by striking “\$4,340”,
13 “\$5,441”, and “\$600” and inserting “\$14,606”,
14 “\$18,856”, and “\$2,088”, respectively;

15 (5) in subsection (f)—

16 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$4,651”
17 and inserting “\$16,500”;

18 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$6,781”
19 and “\$8,911” and inserting “\$23,572” and
20 “\$30,644”, respectively;

21 (C) in paragraph (3), by striking “\$5,441”
22 and “\$6,231” and inserting “\$18,856” and
23 “\$21,212”, respectively;

24 (D) in paragraph (4), by striking “\$7,571”
25 and inserting “\$25,928”; and

1 (E) in paragraph (5), by striking “\$600”
2 and inserting “\$2,088”; and

3 (6) in subsection (g), by striking “\$800” and
4 inserting “\$2,400”.

5 (b) SURVIVING SPOUSE PENSION.—Section 1541 of
6 such title is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “\$2,379” and
8 inserting “\$11,760”;

9 (2) in subsection (c), by striking “\$3,116” and
10 “\$600” and inserting “\$15,840” and “\$2,088”, re-
11 spectively;

12 (3) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$3,806”
14 and inserting “\$16,006”; and

15 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “\$4,543”
16 and “\$600” and inserting “\$20,086” and
17 “\$2,088”, respectively; and

18 (4) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “\$2,908”,
19 “\$3,645”, and “\$600” and inserting “\$13,336”,
20 “\$17,416”, and “\$2,088”, respectively.

21 (c) CHILD PENSION.—Section 1542 of such title is
22 amended by striking “\$600” both places it appears and
23 inserting “\$2,088”.

24 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
25 this section shall take effect on December 1, 2007.

1 (e) PREVENTION OF DUPLICATE INCREASE.—During
2 fiscal year 2008, no increase shall be made pursuant to
3 section 5312(a) of title 38, United States Code, in any
4 dollar amount specified in section 1521 (other than sub-
5 section (g)), section 1541, or section 1542 of such title.

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