

103<sup>D</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 1404

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 18, 1993

Mr. HOCHBRUECKNER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. DETERMINATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ANNUAL**  
2 **INCOME FOR VETERANS BENEFITS.**

3 (a) EXCLUSION OF AMOUNTS RECEIVED IN CERTAIN  
4 SETTLEMENTS.—Section 1503(a) of title 38, United  
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking out “and” at the end of para-  
7 graph (9);

8 (2) by striking out the period at the end of  
9 paragraph (10) and inserting in lieu thereof “; and”;  
10 and

11 (3) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(11) amounts received from the United States  
13 pursuant to an administrative settlement or court  
14 order arising from personal injuries caused by the  
15 negligence of employees (or contract personnel) of  
16 the Department of Veterans Affairs.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
18 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to determinations  
19 of annual income for periods after the date of the enact-  
20 ment of this Act.

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