

In the Senate of the United States,

September 26, 1996.

Resolved, That the bill from the House of Representatives (H.R. 3458) entitled “An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, 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.”, do pass with the following

AMENDMENTS:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

1 ***SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.***

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensation*
3 *Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996”.*

4 ***SEC. 2. INCREASE IN COMPENSATION RATES AND LIMITA-***
5 ***TIONS.***

6 *(a) IN GENERAL.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Af-*
7 *fairs shall, as provided in paragraph (2), increase, effective*
8 *December 1, 1996, the rates of and limitations on Depart-*

1 *ment of Veterans Affairs disability compensation and de-*
2 *pendency and indemnity compensation.*

3 (2) *The Secretary shall increase each of the rates and*
4 *limitations in sections 1114, 1115(1), 1162, 1311, 1313,*
5 *and 1314 of title 38, United States Code, that were in-*
6 *creased by the amendments made by the Veterans' Com-*
7 *ensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1995 (Public*
8 *Law No. 104-57; 109 Stat. 555). This increase shall be*
9 *made in such rates and limitations as in effect on November*
10 *30, 1996, and shall be by the same percentage that benefit*
11 *amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act*
12 *(42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,*
13 *1996, as a result of a determination under section 215(i)*
14 *of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).*

15 (b) *SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-*
16 *ministratively, consistent with the increases made under*
17 *subsection (a)(2), the rates of disability compensation pay-*
18 *able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public*
19 *Law 85-857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of com-*
20 *ensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, Unit-*
21 *ed States Code.*

22 (c) *PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT.—At the same time*
23 *as the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social*
24 *Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be*
25 *published by reason of a determination made under section*

1 *215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 1996, the Secretary*
2 *shall publish in the Federal Register the rates and limita-*
3 *tions referred to in subsection (a)(2) as increased under this*
4 *section.*

Amend the title so as to read: “An Act to increase, effective as of December 1, 1996, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain service-connected disabled veterans, and for other purposes.”.

Attest:

Secretary.

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