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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 17, 1996

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AN ACT

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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 “Veterans’ Compensa-
5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
2 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
3 **COMPENSATION.**

4 (a) **RATE ADJUSTMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans
5 Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 1996, increase the
6 dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-
7 pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by
8 the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

9 (b) **AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.**—The dollar
10 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
11 the following:

12 (1) **COMPENSATION.**—Each of the dollar
13 amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,
14 United States Code.

15 (2) **ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-**
16 **ENTS.**—Each of the dollar amounts in effect under
17 section 1115(1) of such title.

18 (3) **CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.**—The dollar
19 amount in effect under section 1162 of such title.

20 (4) **NEW DIC RATES.**—The dollar amounts in
21 effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section
22 1311(a) of such title.

23 (5) **OLD DIC RATES.**—Each of the dollar
24 amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such
25 title.

1 (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES
2 WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amount in ef-
3 fect under section 1311(b) of such title.

4 (7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The
5 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and
6 1311(d) of such title.

7 (8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The
8 dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and
9 1314 of such title.

10 (c) DETERMINATION OF PERCENTAGE INCREASE.—

11 (1) The increase under subsection (a) shall be made in
12 the dollar amounts specified in subsection (b) as in effect
13 on November 30, 1996. Each such amount shall be in-
14 creased by the same percentage as the percentage by
15 which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social
16 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effec-
17 tive December 1, 1996, as a result of a determination
18 under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

19 (2) In the computation of increased dollar amounts
20 pursuant to paragraph (1), any amount which as so com-
21 puted is not an even multiple of \$1 shall be rounded to
22 the next lower whole dollar amount.

23 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-
24 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under
25 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-

1 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public
2 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of
3 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,
4 United States Code.

5 **SEC. 3. PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.**

6 At the same time as the matters specified in section
7 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
8 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of
9 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act
10 during fiscal year 1996, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
11 shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified
12 in section 2(b), as increased pursuant to section 2.

Passed the House of Representatives July 16, 1996.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,

Clerk.