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S. 129

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the payment of a monthly stipend to the surviving parents (known as “Gold Star parents”) of members of the Armed Forces who die during a period of war.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 22, 2001

Mr. CLELAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Gold Star Parents An-
5 nuity Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Chapter 15 of title 38, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new subchapter:

5 “SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD
6 STAR PARENTS

7 “§ 1571. Gold Star parents

8 “(a) The Secretary shall pay monthly to each person
9 who has received a Gold Star lapel button under section
10 1126 of title 10 as a parent of a person who died in a
11 manner described in subsection (a) of that section a spe-
12 cial pension in an amount determined under subsection
13 (b).

14 “(b) The amount of special pension payable under
15 this section with respect to the death of any person shall
16 be \$125 per month. In any case in which there is more
17 than one parent eligible for special pension under this sec-
18 tion with respect to the death of a person, the Secretary
19 shall divide the payment equally among those eligible par-
20 ents.

21 “(c) The receipt of special pension under this section
22 shall not deprive any person of any other pension or other
23 benefit, right, or privilege to which such person is or may
24 hereafter be entitled under any existing or subsequent law.
25 Special pension under this section shall be paid in addition
26 to all other payments under laws of the United States.

1 “(d) Special pension under this section shall not be
 2 subject to any attachment, execution, levy, tax lien, or de-
 3 tention under any process whatever.

4 “(e) For purposes of this section, the term ‘parent’
 5 has the meaning provided in section 1126(d)(2) of title
 6 10.”.

7 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 8 chapter is amended by adding at the end the following:

“SUBCHAPTER V—SPECIAL PENSION FOR GOLD STAR PARENTS

“1571. Gold Star parents.”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Section 1571 of title 38,
 10 United States Code, as added by subsection (a), shall take
 11 effect on October 1, 2001.

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