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[Report No. 112–44]

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in 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, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MAY 5, 2011

Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. BURR, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. WEBB, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. WICKER, Mr. JOHANNES, Mr. BROWN of Massachusetts, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. BOOZMAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

AUGUST 1, 2011

Reported by Mrs. MURRAY, without amendment

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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 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-**
 7 **TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY**
 8 **COMPENSATION.**

9 (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1,
 10 2011, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
 11 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-
 12 fect on November 30, 2011, for the payment of disability
 13 compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-
 14 tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

15 (b) AMOUNTS TO BE INCREASED.—The dollar
 16 amounts to be increased pursuant to subsection (a) are
 17 the following:

18 (1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—
 19 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
 20 title 38, United States Code.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-
 22 ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under section
 23 1115(1) of such title.

24 (3) CLOTHING ALLOWANCE.—The dollar
 25 amount under section 1162 of such title.

1 (4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
 2 TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
 3 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-
 4 tion 1311 of such title.

5 (5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
 6 TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
 7 under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

8 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

9 (1) PERCENTAGE.—Except as provided in para-
 10 graph (2), each dollar amount described in sub-
 11 section (b) shall be increased by the same percentage
 12 as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable
 13 under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
 14 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1,
 15 2011, as a result of a determination under section
 16 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

17 (2) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased
 18 under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount,
 19 shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar
 20 amount.

21 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
 22 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in-
 23 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability
 24 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub-
 25 lic Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received

1 compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States
2 Code.

3 (e) PUBLICATION OF ADJUSTED RATES.—The Sec-
4 retary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal
5 Register the amounts specified in subsection (b), as in-
6 creased under subsection (a), not later than the date on
7 which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the
8 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
9 to be published by reason of a determination made under
10 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2012.

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