Public Law 85-168

August 27, 1957
[H. R. 52]

AN ACT

To provide increases in service-connected disability compensation and to increase dependency allowances.

Veterans.
Disability compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That (a) all monthly wartime rates of compensation payable under public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration for disability less than total (not including special awards and allowances, dependency allowances, or subsistence allowances), are hereby increased by 10 per centum.

(b) All rates of compensation increased by subsection (a) shall be further adjusted upward or downward to the nearest dollar, counting fifty cents and over as a whole dollar.

38 USC Ch. 12A.

(c) In adjusting the rates of peacetime disability compensation under part II of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a) because of the increases provided in subsection (a) and the adjustments provided in subsection (b), such rates shall be further adjusted upward or downward to the nearest dollar, counting fifty cents and over as a whole dollar.

(d) Paragraph II (j) of part I of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a) is amended to read as follows:

"(j) If and while the disability is rated as total the monthly compensation shall be $225."

(e) The maximum rates of compensation set forth in paragraph II (k), II (o), and II (p) of such part I are increased to $450 per month.

(f) The rate of compensation payable under paragraph II (l) of such part I is increased to $309.

(g) The rate of compensation payable under paragraph II (m) of such part I is increased to $359.

(h) The rate of compensation payable under paragraph II (n) of such part I is increased to $401.

43 Stat. 618.
38 USC 473-480.

SEC. 2. (a) The basic rate of compensation provided by section 202 of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, for any disability rated as total is hereby increased to $225 per month.

38 USC 473.

(b) The rate of compensation payable under section 202 (3) of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, for the loss of the use of both eyes is hereby increased to $309; the rate payable under that section for the loss of use of both eyes and one or more limbs is hereby increased to $401; the rate payable under that section for double total permanent disability is hereby increased to $401: *Provided*, That in no event shall the rate of compensation received hereunder plus the amounts payable under any other provision of the World War Veterans' Act, 1924, as amended, exceed $450 per month in any case.

43 Stat. 607.
38 USC 421.

Dependency allowances.

SEC. 3. (a) Paragraph (1) of the first section of the Act entitled "An Act to provide increases of compensation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities who have dependents", approved July 2, 1948 (38 U. S. C., sec. 740), is amended to read as follows:

62 Stat. 1219; 63 Stat. 900.

"(1) If and while rated totally disabled and—

"(A) has a wife but no child living, $23;

"(B) has a wife and one child living, $39;

"(C) has a wife and two children living, $50;

"(D) has a wife and three or more children living, $62;

"(E) has no wife but one child living, $15;

"(F) has no wife but two children living, $27;

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"(G) has no wife but three or more children living, $39;
"(H) has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, $19 for each parent so dependent."

(b) Paragraph (1) of section 2 of such Act (38 U. S. C., sec. 741), is amended to read as follows: 62 Stat. 1220; 63 Stat. 900.

"(1) If and while rated totally disabled and—
"(A) has a wife but no child living, $18;
"(B) has a wife and one child living, $31;
"(C) has a wife and two children living, $40;
"(D) has a wife and three or more children living, $50;
"(E) has no wife but one child living, $12;
"(F) has no wife but two children living, $22;
"(G) has no wife but three or more children living, $31;
"(H) has a mother or father, either or both dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, $15 for each parent so dependent."

(c) Such Act is further amended by striking out "60 per centum" wherever it occurs and inserting "50 per centum".

SEC. 4. Section 315 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by deleting the following figures in paragraphs (a) through (p), respectively: "$17", "$33", "$50", "$66", "$91", "$109", "$127", "$145", "$163", "$181", "$420", "$279", "$329", "$371", "$420", and "$420", and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "$19", "$36", "$55", "$73", "$100", "$120", "$140", "$160", "$179", "$225", "$450", "$309", "$359", "$401", "$450", and "$450", respectively. *Ante*, p. 97.

SEC. 5. Subsection 316 (a) (1) of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is amended by deleting the following figures in clauses (A) through (H), respectively: "$21", "$35", "$45.50", "$56", "$14", "$24.50", "$35", and "$17.50", and inserting in lieu thereof the figures "$23", "$39", "$50", "$62", "$15", "$27", "$39", and "$19". *Ante*, pp. 98, 99.

SEC. 6. Section 335 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is hereby amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and adding the following: "counting fifty cents and over as a whole dollar." *Ante*, p. 101.

SEC. 7. Section 336 of the Veterans' Benefits Act of 1957 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following sentence: "The amounts payable hereunder shall be adjusted upward or downward to the nearest dollar, counting fifty cents and over as a whole dollar." *Ante*, p. 101.

SEC. 8. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second calendar month which begins after the date of its enactment, and sections 1 through 3 shall cease to be in effect January 1, 1958. Effective dates.

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AN ACT

To transfer ownership to Allegany County, Maryland, of a bridge loaned to such county by the Bureau of Public Roads.

August 28, 1957
[S. 620]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right, title, and interest of the United States to the Bailey bridge at Corriganville, Maryland, which was loaned to Allegany County, Maryland, in 1948 by the Bureau of Public Roads of the Department of Commerce, is hereby transferred to such county. Allegany County, Md. Bailey bridge.

Approved August 28, 1957.