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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 4843

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 28, 2006

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

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## AN ACT

To increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, 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.

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 “Veterans’ Compensation  
5       Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2006”.

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

9       (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans  
10       Affairs shall, effective on December 1, 2006, increase the  
11       dollar amounts in effect for the payment of disability com-  
12       pensation and dependency and indemnity compensation by  
13       the Secretary, as specified in subsection (b).

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

17               (1) COMPENSATION.—Each of the dollar  
18       amounts in effect under section 1114 of title 38,  
19       United States Code.

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

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

1           (4) NEW DIC RATES.—The dollar amounts in  
2       effect under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section  
3       1311(a) of such title.

4           (5) OLD DIC RATES.—Each of the dollar  
5       amounts in effect under section 1311(a)(3) of such  
6       title.

7           (6) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES  
8       WITH MINOR CHILDREN.—The dollar amounts in ef-  
9       fect under section 1311(b) of such title and para-  
10      graph (1) of section 1311(f) of such title (as redesign-  
11      nated by subsection (e) of this section).

12          (7) ADDITIONAL DIC FOR DISABILITY.—The  
13      dollar amounts in effect under sections 1311(c) and  
14      1311(d) of such title.

15          (8) DIC FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN.—The  
16      dollar amounts in effect under sections 1313(a) and  
17      1314 of such title.

18      (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—

19          (1) BASE FOR INCREASE.—The increase under  
20      subsection (a) shall be made in the dollar amounts  
21      specified in subsection (b) as in effect on November  
22      30, 2006.

23          (2) PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE.—Except as  
24      provided in paragraph (3), each such amount shall  
25      be increased by the same percentage as the percent-

1 age by which benefit amounts payable under title II  
 2 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)  
 3 are increased effective December 1, 2006, as a result  
 4 of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act  
 5 (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

6 (3) ROUNDING.—Each dollar amount increased  
 7 pursuant to paragraph (2) shall, if not a whole dol-  
 8 lar amount, be rounded down to the next lower  
 9 whole dollar amount.

10 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary may adjust ad-  
 11 ministratively, consistent with the increases made under  
 12 subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation pay-  
 13 able to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public  
 14 Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who are not in receipt of  
 15 compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38,  
 16 United States Code.

17 (e) DESIGNATION CORRECTION.—Section 1311 of  
 18 title 38, United States Code, is amended by redesignating  
 19 the second subsection (e) (added by section 301(a) of the  
 20 Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 2004 (Public Law  
 21 108–454; 118 Stat. 3610)) as subsection (f).

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

23 At the same time as the matters specified in section  
 24 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.  
 25 415(i)(2)(D)) are required to be published by reason of

1 a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act  
2 during fiscal year 2006, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
3 shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified  
4 in subsection (b) of section 2, as increased pursuant to  
5 that section.

Passed the House of Representatives June 27, 2006.

Attest: KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk.*