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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 8, 2009

Mr. BUYER (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was 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 “Veteran Vocational Re-
5 habilitation and Employment Subsistence Allowance Im-
6 provement Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF SUBSISTENCE ALLOW-**
2 **ANCE PAYABLE TO VETERANS PARTICI-**
3 **PATING IN VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**
4 **PROGRAM.**

5 (a) INCREASE IN SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE.—Sec-
6 tion 3108(b)(1) is amended by striking the table and in-
7 serting the following new table:

Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V
Type of program	No dependents	One dependent	Two dependents	More than two dependents
.....	The amount in column IV, plus the following for each dependent in excess of two:
Full-time	\$1,200	\$1,500	\$1,800	\$120
Three-quarter time.	\$900	\$1,125	\$1,350	\$90
Half-time	\$600	\$750	\$900	\$60

8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a payment made
10 for the third month beginning after the date of the enact-
11 ment of this Act and each subsequent month.

12 **SEC. 3. EXPANSION OF AVAILABILITY OF EMPLOYMENT AS-**
13 **SISTANCE ALLOWANCE FOR VETERANS**
14 **USING EMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

15 Section 3108(a) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
17 following new sentence: “In the case of a veteran
18 with a service-connected disability who the Secretary
19 determines has reached a point of employability and

1 who is participating only in a program of employ-
2 ment services provided under section 3104(a)(5) of
3 this title, the Secretary shall pay the veteran a sub-
4 sistence allowance as prescribed in this section for
5 three months while the veteran is satisfactorily pur-
6 suing such program.”; and

7 (2) by striking paragraph (2) and redesignating
8 paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

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