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# S. 820

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 2, 2009

Mr. SANDERS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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 “Veterans Mobility En-  
5       hancement Act of 2009”.

6       **SEC. 2. ENHANCEMENT OF AUTOMOBILE ASSISTANCE AL-**  
7       **LOWANCE FOR VETERANS.**

8       (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ALLOWANCE.—Sub-  
9       section (a) of section 3902 of title 38, United States Code,

1 is amended by striking “\$11,000” and inserting “\$22,500  
2 (as adjusted from time to time under subsection (e))”.

3 (b) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT.—Such section is further  
4 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
5 section:

6 “(e)(1) Effective on October 1 of each year (begin-  
7 ning in 2010), the Secretary shall increase the dollar  
8 amount in effect under subsection (a) to an amount equal  
9 to 80 percent of the average retail cost of new automobiles  
10 for the preceding calendar year.

11 “(2) The Secretary shall establish the method for de-  
12 termining the average retail cost of new automobiles for  
13 purposes of this subsection. The Secretary may use data  
14 developed in the private sector if the Secretary determines  
15 the data is appropriate for purposes of this subsection.”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall take effect on October 1, 2009.

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