

Public Law 100-227
100th Congress

An Act

Dec. 31, 1987
[H.R. 2945]

Veterans'
Compensation
Cost-of-Living
Adjustment Act
of 1987.
38 USC 101 note.

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a 4.2-percent cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of Veterans' Administration disability compensation for veterans and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors and an increase in the number of vocational-training evaluations of veteran-pensioners; and to amend the Veterans' Job Training Act to extend the deadline for veterans to apply for participation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1987".

(b) REFERENCES.—Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or a repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

TITLE I—COMPENSATION RATE INCREASES

SEC. 101. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 314 is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$69" in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$71";

(2) by striking out "\$128" in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$133";

(3) by striking out "\$194" in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$202";

(4) by striking out "\$278" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$289";

(5) by striking out "\$394" in subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$410";

(6) by striking out "\$496" in subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$516";

(7) by striking out "\$626" in subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$652";

(8) by striking out "\$724" in subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$754";

(9) by striking out "\$815" in subsection (i) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$849";

(10) by striking out "\$1,355" in subsection (j) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,411";

(11) by striking out "\$1,684" and "\$2,360" in subsection (k) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,754" and "\$2,459", respectively;

(12) by striking out "\$1,684" in subsection (l) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,754";

(13) by striking out "\$1,856" in subsection (m) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,933";

(14) by striking out "\$2,111" in subsection (n) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,199";

(15) by striking out "\$2,360" each place it appears in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,459";

(16) by striking out "\$1,013" and "\$1,509" in subsection (r) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,055" and "\$1,572", respectively; and

(17) by striking out "\$1,516" in subsection (s) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,579".

(b) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Administrator of Veterans' Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by this section, the rates of disability compensation payable to persons within the purview of section 10 of Public Law 85-857 who are not in receipt of compensation payable pursuant to chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

38 USC 314 note.

SEC. 102. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.

Section 315(1) is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$82" in clause (A) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$85";

(2) by striking out "\$138" and "\$44" in clause (B) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$143" and "\$45", respectively;

(3) by striking out "\$57" and "\$44" in clause (C) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$59", and "\$45", respectively;

(4) by striking out "\$67" in clause (D) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$69";

(5) by striking out "\$149" in clause (E) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$155"; and

(6) by striking out "\$126" in clause (F) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$131".

SEC. 103. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.

Section 362 is amended by striking out "\$365" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$380".

SEC. 104. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.

Section 411 is amended—

(1) by striking out the table in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Pay grade	Monthly rate	Pay grade	Monthly rate
E-1	\$518	W-4	\$743
E-2	534	O-1	656
E-3	548	O-2	677
E-4	583	O-3	725
E-5	598	O-4	766
E-6	611	O-5	845
E-7	641	O-6	952
E-8	677	O-7	1,029
E-9	¹ 707	O-8	1,128
W-1	656	O-9	1,210
W-2	682	O-10	² 1,327
W-3	702		

¹If the veteran served as sergeant major of the Army, senior enlisted advisor of the Navy, chief master sergeant of the Air Force, sergeant major of the Marine Corps, or master chief petty officer of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 402 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$763.

²If the veteran served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chief of Staff of the Army, Chief of Naval Operations, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Commandant of the Marine Corps, or Commandant of the Coast Guard, at the applicable time designated by section 402 of this title, the surviving spouse's rate shall be \$1,422.

(2) by striking out "\$58" in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$60";

(3) by striking out "\$149" in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$155"; and

(4) by striking out "\$73" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$76".

SEC. 105. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

Section 413(a) is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$251" in clause (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$261";

(2) by striking out "\$361" in clause (2) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$376";

(3) by striking out "\$467" in clause (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$486"; and

(4) by striking out "\$467" and "\$94" in clause (4) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$486" and "\$97", respectively.

SEC. 106. SUPPLEMENTAL DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

Section 414 is amended—

(1) by striking out “\$149” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$155”;

(2) by striking out “\$251” in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$261”; and

(3) by striking out “\$128” in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$133”.

SEC. 107. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RATE INCREASES.

38 USC 314 note.

The amendments made by this title shall take effect as of December 1, 1987.

TITLE II—VETERANS' EMPLOYMENT TRAINING EXTENSIONS**SEC. 201. EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR VETERANS' JOB TRAINING ACT APPLICATIONS.**

Section 17(a)(1) of the Veterans' Job Training Act (Public Law 98-77; 29 U.S.C. 1721 note) is amended by striking out “December 31, 1987” and inserting in lieu thereof “June 30, 1988”.

SEC. 202. INCREASE IN LIMIT ON VOCATIONAL-TRAINING EVALUATIONS OF VETERANS RECEIVING PENSIONS.

Section 524(a)(3) is amended by striking out “2,500” and inserting in lieu thereof “3,500”.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY—H.R. 2945:

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July 28, considered and passed House.

Dec. 17, considered and passed Senate, amended.

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WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 23 (1987):

Dec. 31, Presidential statement.