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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 7, 2018

Mr. BOST (for himself and Ms. ESTY of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union,
and ordered to be printed

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’ Compensa-
5 tion Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2018”.

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

9 (a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1,
10 2018, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
11 accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-
12 fect on November 30, 2018, for the payment of disability
13 compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-
14 tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

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

18 (1) WARTIME DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—
19 Each of the dollar amounts under section 1114 of
20 title 38, United States Code.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPEND-
22 ENTS.—Each of the dollar amounts under section
23 1115(1) of such title.

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

1 (4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
2 TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
3 amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-
4 tion 1311 of such title.

5 (5) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
6 TION TO CHILDREN.—Each of the dollar amounts
7 under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

8 (c) DETERMINATION OF INCREASE.—Each dollar
9 amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by
10 the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit
11 amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act
12 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December
13 1, 2018, as a result of a determination under section
14 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

15 (d) SPECIAL RULE.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
16 fairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the in-
17 creases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability
18 compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Pub-
19 lic Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received
20 compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States
21 Code.

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

23 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the
24 Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as
25 increased under that section, not later than the date on

1 which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the
2 Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
3 to be published by reason of a determination made under
4 section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2019.