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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEBRUARY 13, 2019
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2019”.

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SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF DISABILITY COMPENSA-
TION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY
COMPENSATION.

(a) RATE ADJUSTMENT.—Effective on December 1,
2019, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall increase, in
accordance with subsection (c), the dollar amounts in ef-
flect on November 30, 2019, for the payment of disability
compensation and dependency and indemnity compensa-
tion under the provisions specified in subsection (b).

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

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

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

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

(4) DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-
TION TO SURVIVING SPOUSE.—Each of the dollar
amounts under subsections (a) through (d) of sec-
tion 1311 of such title.
(5) **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation to Children.**—Each of the dollar amounts under sections 1313(a) and 1314 of such title.

(c) **Determination of Increase.**—Each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) are increased effective December 1, 2019, as a result of a determination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

(d) **Special Rule.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases made under subsection (a), the rates of disability compensation payable to persons under section 10 of Public Law 85–857 (72 Stat. 1263) who have not received compensation under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code.

**SEC. 3. Publication of Adjusted Rates.**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall publish in the Federal Register the amounts specified in section 2(b), as increased under that section, not later than the date on which the matters specified in section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) are required
to be published by reason of a determination made under section 215(i) of such Act during fiscal year 2020.