

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 6047
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sharri Briley and Eric
3 Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026”.

**4 SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF CERTAIN DISABILITY COM-
5 PENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-
6 NITY COMPENSATION UNDER LAWS ADMINIS-
7 TERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
8 FAIRS.**

9 (a) INCREASE TO RATES OF WARTIME DISABILITY
10 COMPENSATION.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1114 of title 38,
12 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
13 end the following new subsection:

14 “(u) In the case of a veteran eligible for a monthly
15 aid and attendance allowance under subsection (r) or sub-
16 section (t) of this section, the Secretary shall, in addition
17 to the total amount of compensation for which the veteran

1 is eligible under this section, pay the veteran a supplemental monthly allowance at the rate of \$833.33.”.

3 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—Sub-
4 section (u) of such section (as added by paragraph
5 (1)) shall take effect on December 1, 2026, and
6 shall apply to months beginning on or after such
7 date.

8 (b) INCREASE TO RATES OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-
9 DEMNITY COMPENSATION.—Section 5312 of such title is
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
11 section:

12 “(d)(1) Whenever there is an increase in benefit
13 amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act
14 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) as a result of a determination
15 made under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)),
16 the Secretary shall, effective on the date of such increase
17 in benefit amounts, increase the dollar amounts in effect
18 for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensa-
19 tion by the Secretary under paragraph (1) and paragraph
20 (3) of section 1311(a) of this title, as such amounts were
21 in effect immediately before the date of such increase in
22 benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Secu-
23 rity Act, by a percentage equal to the sum of—

24 “(A) the percentage by which such benefit
25 amounts are increased; and

1 “(B) one percent.

2 “(2) Whenever there is an increase under paragraph
3 (1) in amounts in effect for the payment of dependency
4 and indemnity compensation, the Secretary shall publish
5 such amounts, as increased pursuant to such paragraph,
6 in the Federal Register at the same time as the material
7 required by section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act
8 (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) is published by reason of a de-
9 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
10 415(i)).

11 “(3) The requirement to increase the amounts in ef-
12 fect for the payment of dependency and indemnity com-
13 pensation by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1)
14 shall—

15 “(A) take effect on December 1, 2026, and
16 shall apply with respect to months beginning on or
17 after such date; and

18 “(B) terminate after the date on which the
19 third increase to such amounts pursuant to such
20 paragraph occurs.”.

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF WAIVERS OF FEES COLLECTED**
2 **FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED, IN-**
3 **SURED, OR MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 3729(b)(2) of such title is amended, in the
6 loan fee table—

7 (1) by striking “June 9, 2034” each place it
8 appears and inserting “September 30, 2035”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (A)(iii), by striking “2.15”
10 both places it appears and inserting “2.45”;

11 (3) in subparagraph (A)(iv), by striking “1.40”
12 both places it appears and inserting “1.70”;

13 (4) in subparagraph (B)(iii), by striking “3.30”
14 both places it appears and inserting “4.3”; and

15 (5) in subparagraph (E), by striking “0.5” both
16 places it appears and inserting “1.50”.

