

Public Law 102-3
102d Congress

An Act

To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, effective as of January 1, 1991, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans.

Feb. 6, 1991
[H.R. 3]

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, AND TO SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.

Veterans'
Compensation
Amendments of
1991.

(a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Compensation Amendments of 1991”.

38 USC 101 note.

(b) **REFERENCES TO TITLE 38.**—Whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or 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.

SEC. 2. DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

(a) **5.4-PERCENT INCREASE.**—Section 314 is amended—

(1) by striking out “\$76” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$80”;

(2) by striking out “\$144” in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$151”;

(3) by striking out “\$220” in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$231”;

(4) by striking out “\$314” in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$330”;

(5) by striking out “\$446” in subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$470”;

(6) by striking out “\$562” in subsection (f) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$592”;

(7) by striking out “\$710” in subsection (g) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$748”;

(8) by striking out “\$821” in subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$865”;

(9) by striking out “\$925” in subsection (i) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$974”;

(10) by striking out “\$1,537” in subsection (j) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$1,620”;

(11) by striking out "\$1,911" and "\$2,679" in subsection (k) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,014" and "\$2,823", respectively;

(12) by striking out "\$1,911" in subsection (l) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,014";

(13) by striking out "\$2,107" in subsection (m) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,220";

(14) by striking out "\$2,397" in subsection (n) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,526";

(15) by striking out "\$2,679" each place it appears in subsections (o) and (p) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$2,823";

(16) by striking out "\$1,150" and "\$1,713" in subsection (r) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,212" and "\$1,805", respectively; and

(17) by striking out "\$1,720" in subsection (s) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$1,812".

38 USC 314 note.

(b) **SPECIAL RULE.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may adjust administratively, consistent with the increases authorized by subsection (a), 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.

SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR DEPENDENTS.

Section 315(l) is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$92" in clause (A) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$96";

(2) by striking out "\$155" and "\$48" in clause (B) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$163" and "\$50", respectively;

(3) by striking out "\$64" and "\$48" in clause (C) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$67" and "\$50", respectively;

(4) by striking out "\$74" in clause (D) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$77";

(5) by striking out "\$169" in clause (E) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$178"; and

(6) by striking out "\$142" in clause (F) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$149".

SEC. 4. CLOTHING ALLOWANCE FOR CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS.

Section 362 is amended by striking out "\$414" and inserting in lieu thereof "\$436".

SEC. 5. 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.....	\$594	W-4.....	\$852
E-2.....	612	O-1.....	752
E-3.....	629	O-2.....	776
E-4.....	668	O-3.....	831
E-5.....	686	O-4.....	879
E-6.....	701	O-5.....	969
E-7.....	735	O-6.....	1,094
E-8.....	776	O-7.....	1,181
E-9.....	¹ 811	O-8.....	1,295
W-1.....	752	O-9.....	1,389
W-2.....	782	O-10.....	² 1,524
W-3.....	805		

¹ If 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 \$875.

² If the veteran served as Chairman or Vice 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 \$1,633.

(2) by striking out "\$65" in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$68";

(3) by striking out "\$169" in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$178"; and

(4) by striking out "\$83" in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$87".

SEC. 6. DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR CHILDREN.

(a) **DIC FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.**—Section 413(a) is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$284" in clause (1) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$299";

(2) by striking out "\$409" in clause (2) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$431";

(3) by striking out "\$529" in clause (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$557"; and

(4) by striking out "\$529" and "\$105" in clause (4) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$557" and "\$110", respectively.

(b) **SUPPLEMENTAL DIC FOR DISABLED ADULT CHILDREN.**—Section 414 is amended—

(1) by striking out "\$169" in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$178";

(2) by striking out "\$284" in subsection (b) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$299"; and

(3) by striking out "\$144" in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$151".

38 USC 314 note. SEC. 7. EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RATE INCREASES.

Section 2(b) and the amendments made by this Act shall take effect as of January 1, 1991.

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WEEKLY COMPILATION OF PRESIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS, Vol. 27 (1991):

Feb. 6, Presidential remarks and statement.