

PROVIDING CERTAIN INCREASES IN MONTHLY RATES  
OF COMPENSATION AND PENSION PAYABLE TO VET-  
ERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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Mr. RANKIN, from the committee of conference, submitted the  
following

CONFERENCE REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4394]

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4394) to provide certain increases in the monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes, having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendments of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment as follows:

*That all monthly rates of compensation payable under laws administered by the Veterans' Administration for disability rated 10 per centum to 49 per centum are hereby increased by 5 per centum, and for disability rated 50 per centum to 100 per centum are hereby increased by 15 per centum: Provided, That such increases shall not apply to special awards and allowances, dependency allowances, or subsistence allowances.*

SEC. 2. (a) Paragraph I (f), part III, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(f) The amount of pension payable under the terms of part III shall be \$63 monthly, except—

"(1) that where an otherwise eligible person shall have been rated permanent and total and in receipt of pension for a continuous period of ten years or reaches the age of sixty-five years, the amount of pension shall be \$75 monthly; and

"(2) that where an otherwise eligible person is or hereafter becomes, on account of age or physical or mental disabilities, helpless or blind or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person, the amount of pension shall be \$129 monthly."

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply to veterans of both World War I and World War II.

SEC. 3. Paragraph IV of part I of Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

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*"IV. The surviving widow, child or children, and dependent mother or father of any deceased person who died as the result of injury or disease incurred in or aggravated by active military or naval service as provided in part I, paragraph I, hereof, shall be entitled to receive compensation at the monthly rates specified next below:*

*"Widow but no child, \$75; widow with one child, \$121 (with \$29 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$67; no widow but two children, \$94 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$122 (equally divided) (with \$23 for each additional child; total amount to be equally divided); dependent mother or father, \$60 (or both), \$35 each."*

*SEC. 4. Section 2 of Public Law Numbered 484, Seventy-third Congress, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:*

*"SEC. 2. That the monthly rates of pension shall be as follows: Widow but no child, \$48; widow and one child, \$60 (with \$7.20 for each additional child); no widow but one child, \$26; no widow but two children, \$39 (equally divided); no widow but three children, \$52 (equally divided) with \$7.20 for each additional child (the total amount to be equally divided)."*

*SEC. 5. (a) All monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Spanish-American War, including the Boxer Rebellion and the Philippine Insurrection, and dependents of such veterans which are payable under laws reenacted by the Act of August 13, 1935 (49 Stat. 614; 38 U. S. C. 368, 369), or under Acts amendatory or supplemental to such laws, are hereby increased by 7½ per centum.*

*(b) All monthly rates of pension payable to veterans of the Civil War and dependents of such veterans which are payable under any public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 7½ per centum.*

*SEC. 6. (a) The minimum monthly rate of pension payable to veterans of the Indian wars under the Act of March 3, 1927 (44 Stat. 1361), as amended (38 U. S. C. 381), or the Act of August 25, 1937 (50 Stat. 786), as amended (38 U. S. C. 381-1), shall be \$96.75 unless such veteran is now or hereafter becomes on account of age or physical or mental disabilities, helpless or blind, or so nearly helpless or blind as to need or require the regular aid and attendance of another person, in which event the monthly rate shall be \$129.*

*(b) All monthly rates of pension payable to dependents of veterans of the Indian wars which are payable under any public laws administered by the Veterans' Administration are hereby increased by 7½ per centum.*

*SEC. 7. The increased rates authorized by this Act shall be effective from the first day of the second calendar month following the date of approval of this Act.*

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**STATEMENT OF THE MANAGERS ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE**

The managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments of the Senate to the bill (H. R. 4394) to provide certain increases in the monthly rates of compensation and pension payable to veterans and their dependents, and for other purposes, submit the following statement in explanation of the effect of the action agreed upon and recommended in the accompanying conference report as to each of such amendments, namely:

The conference agreement follows closely the version passed by the House on June 20, 1951, and as reported by the Senate Committee on Finance. The rates of compensation for service-connected disability are set forth in the tables below, as well as the pension rates for non-service-connected disability.

*Rates of compensation for service-connected disabilities for veterans*

	War service-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. I	Conference agreement	Peacetime service-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. II	Conference agreement
(a) 10 percent disability.....	\$15.00	\$15.75	\$12.00	\$12.60
(b) 20 percent disability.....	30.00	31.50	24.00	25.20
(c) 30 percent disability.....	45.00	47.25	36.00	37.80
(d) 40 percent disability.....	60.00	63.00	48.00	50.40
(e) 50 percent disability.....	75.00	86.25	60.00	63.00
(f) 60 percent disability.....	90.00	103.50	72.00	82.80
(g) 70 percent disability.....	105.00	120.75	84.00	96.60
(h) 80 percent disability.....	120.00	138.00	96.00	110.40
(i) 90 percent disability.....	135.00	155.25	108.00	124.20
(j) Total disability.....	150.00	172.50	120.00	188.00
(k) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 1 foot, or 1 hand, or blindness of 1 eye, having only light perception, rates (a) to (j) increased monthly by.....	42.00	42.00	33.60	33.60
Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 1 foot, or 1 hand, or blindness of 1 eye, having only light perception, in addition to requirement for any of rates in (l) to (n), rate increased monthly for each loss or loss of use by.....	42.00	42.00	33.60	33.60
(l) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or 1 hand and 1 foot, or blind both eyes with 5/200 visual acuity or less, or is permanently bedridden or so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, monthly compensation.....	240.00	240.00	192.00	192.00
(m) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of 2 extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or suffered blindness in both eyes, rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, monthly compensation.....	282.00	282.00	225.60	226.60
(n) Anatomical loss of 2 extremities so near shoulder or hip as to prevent use of prosthetic appliance, or suffered anatomical loss of both eyes, monthly compensation.....	318.00	318.00	254.40	254.40
(o) Suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to 2 or more rates in (l) to (n), no condition being considered twice, or suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, monthly compensation.....	360.00	360.00	288.00	288.00
(p) In event disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed requirements for any of rates prescribed, Administrator, in his discretion, may allow next higher rate, or intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of.....	360.00	360.00	288.00	288.00

<sup>1</sup> But in no event to exceed \$360.

<sup>2</sup> But in no event to exceed \$288.

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##### *Rates of compensation for dependents for service-connected death*

	Law		Conference agreement	
	Wartime	Peacetime	Wartime	Peacetime
Widow.....	\$75	\$60.00	\$75	\$60.00
Widow, 1 child.....	105	84.00	121	96.80
Each additional child.....	25	20.00	29	23.20
No widow, 1 child.....	58	46.40	67	53.60
No widow, 2 children.....	82	65.60	94	75.20
No widow, 3 children.....	106	84.80	122	97.60
Each additional child.....	20	16.00	23	18.40
1 parent.....	60	48.00	60	48.00
2 parents, each.....	35	28.00	35	28.00

##### *Pension rates for veterans of World Wars I and II and service after June 27, 1950*

	Law	Conference agreement
Permanent and total.....	\$60	\$63
Rates permanent and total for continuous period of 10 years or reach age 60..	72	75
Aid and attendance.....	120	129

##### *Pension rates for veterans of the Civil, Indian, and Spanish-American Wars*

	Present law	Conference agreement
Spanish War.....	\$90..... \$120 (aid and attendance).....	\$96.75..... \$129.00 (aid and attendance).
Civil War.....	\$90..... \$120 (aid and attendance).....	\$96.75..... \$129.00 (aid and attendance).
Indian War.....	\$72..... \$120 (aid and attendance).....	\$96.75..... \$129.00 (aid and attendance).

##### *Pension rates for widows and children of veterans of World Wars I and II and service after June 27, 1950*

	Law	Conference agreement
Widow.....	\$42.00	\$48.00
Widow, 1 child.....	54.00	60.00
Each additional child.....	6.00	7.20
No widow, 1 child.....	21.60	26.00
No widow, 2 children.....	32.40	39.00
No widow, 3 children.....	43.20	52.00
Each additional child.....	4.80	7.20

##### *Pension rates for widows and children of Civil, Indian, and Spanish-American Wars*

	Present law	Conference agreement
Spanish War widow.....	\$48.00	\$51.20
Widow, 1 child.....	55.20	59.34
Each additional child.....	7.20	7.74
No widow, 1 child.....	55.20	59.34
No widow, 2 children.....	62.40	67.08
No widow, 3 children.....	69.60	74.82
Each additional child.....	7.20	7.74
Civil War widow.....	48.00	51.60
1	60.00	64.50
Indian War widow.....	48.00	51.60
1	60.00	64.50

<sup>1</sup> Rate if widow was wife during service.

As passed by the House and by the Senate, the act granted a 5-percent increase for service-connected disabilities rated from 10 to 49 percent, and a 15-percent increase for disabilities rated from 50 to 100 percent. Since this item was not in conference, no change was made.

The bill also provided as passed by the House and Senate an increase in the rate of pension for non-service-connected disability for World Wars I and II and Korean conflict veterans of from \$60 to \$63 per month and from \$72 to \$75 per month. No change was made in this provision, since it was not in conference.

Section 3 increased the rates of compensation for widows with children whose husbands died of service-connected injuries. The increase was approximately 15 percent. No change was made in this section because there was no disagreement between the two Houses.

Section 4 provided an increase in pension for non-service-connected disability for widows of World Wars I and II and Korean conflict veterans of from \$42 to \$48 per month with corresponding increases in the rates for children. This item also was not in conflict and no change was made therein.

Sections 5 and 6, added by the Senate Committee on Finance, proposed to give a 5-percent increase to veterans and dependents of the Civil, Indian, and Spanish-American Wars. On the Senate floor this was increased to 15 percent. The conference agreement provides a compromise of 7½-percent increase for the veterans and dependents of these wars.

In addition the conferees agreed to set the aid and attendance rate at \$129 per month, which is an increase of 7½ percent over the existing rate of \$120. This \$129 rate applies to veterans of the Civil, Indian, Spanish-American, and World Wars I and II, and of service on and after June 27, 1950.

The cost is estimated to be \$158,660,000 for the fiscal year 1953.

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