
PROVIDING INCREASES IN THE MONTHLY RATES OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO CERTAIN VETERANS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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Mr. MILLIKIN, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9020]

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9020) to provide increases in the monthly rates of compensation payable to certain veterans and their dependents, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

ANALYSIS OF BILL

Section 1 of the bill provides a 5-percent increase of veterans' compensation for service-connected disability and applies to all wartime veterans and veterans of the Regular Establishment who served in time of peace who have disabilities ranging from 10 percent to 100 percent, together with those cases where veterans are more seriously disabled and entitled to a specific rate for a specific disability. The following table sets forth the rates provided under this bill.

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Veterans' compensation—All wars and peacetime

	Present law war service-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. I	H. R. 9020	Present law peacetime service-connected rates, Veterans Regulation 1 (a), as amended, pt. II	H. R. 9020
(a) 10 percent disability.....	\$15.75	\$17.00	\$12.80	\$14.00
(b) 20 percent disability.....	31.50	33.00	25.20	26.00
(c) 30 percent disability.....	47.25	50.00	37.80	40.00
(d) 40 percent disability.....	63.00	66.00	50.40	53.00
(e) 50 percent disability.....	86.25	91.00	69.00	73.00
(f) 60 percent disability.....	103.50	109.00	82.80	87.00
(g) 70 percent disability.....	120.75	127.00	96.60	102.00
(h) 80 percent disability.....	138.00	145.00	110.40	116.00
(i) 90 percent disability.....	155.25	163.00	124.20	130.00
(j) Total disability.....	172.50	181.00	138.00	145.00
(k) Anatomical loss, or loss of use of a creative organ, or 1 foot, or 1 hand, or blindness of 1 eye, having only light perception, rates (a) to (j) increased monthly by.....	47.00	47.00	37.60	37.60
Anatomical loss, or loss of use of a creative organ, or 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.....	1 47.00	1 47.00	37.60	37.60
(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.....	266.00	279.00	212.80	223.00
(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.....	313.00	329.00	250.40	263.00
(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.....	353.00	371.00	282.40	297.00
(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.....	400.00	420.00	320.00	336.00
(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.....	400.00	420.00	320.00	336.00
(q) Minimum rate for arrested tuberculosis.....	67.00	67.00	53.60	53.60

¹ But in no event to exceed \$420.

² But in no event to exceed \$336.

Section 2 increases the rate of compensation from \$75 to \$87 per month for widows without children where the veteran's death was due to a disability due to service. The compensation for a dependent mother or dependent father is increased from \$60 to \$75 per month and if both parents are living the \$35 rate paid to each parent is increased to \$40 per month for each parent.

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COST OF THE BILL

The following table sets forth the cost of the bill, together with the number of cases for each war.

	Cost	Korea	World War II	World War I	Spanish War	Regular		Total
						Wartime	Peacetime	
Veterans.....	\$60,045,000	135,800	1,623,700	213,100	400	1,500	61,900	2,036,000
Widows.....	9,722,000	3,300	26,400	31,700	975	325	6,000	68,700
Parents.....	40,087,000	19,100	194,400	20,400	20	1,480	7,300	242,700
Total.....	109,854,000							

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with subsection 4 of rule XXIX of the Standing Rules of the Senate, changes in existing law made by the bill, as reported, are as follows (existing law proposed to be omitted is enclosed in black brackets, new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

Subparagraphs (a) to (j) of paragraph II, part I, Veterans Regulation Numbered 1 (a), as amended:

(a) If and while the disability is rated 10 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$15.75]** *\$17.*

(b) If and while the disability is rated 20 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$31.50]** *\$33.*

(c) If and while the disability is rated 30 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$47.25]** *\$50.*

(d) If and while the disability is rated 40 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$63]** *\$66.*

(e) If and while the disability is rated 50 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$86.25]** *\$91.*

(f) If and while the disability is rated 60 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$103.50]** *\$109.*

(g) If and while the disability is rated 70 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$120.75]** *\$127.*

(h) If and while the disability is rated 80 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$138]** *\$145.*

(i) If and while the disability is rated 90 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$155.25]** *\$163.*

(j) If and while the disability is rated 100 per centum the monthly compensation shall be **[\$172.50]** *\$181.*

Subparagraphs (k) through (q), paragraph II, part I, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended:

(k) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of a creative organ, or one foot, or one hand, or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, the rate of compensation therefor shall be \$47 per month independent of any other compensation provided in part I, paragraph II, subparagraphs (a) to (j); and in the event of anatomical loss or loss of use of a creative organ, or one foot, or one hand or blindness of one eye, having only light perception, in addition to the requirement for any of the rates specified in subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part I, paragraph II, the rate of compensation shall be increased by \$47 per month for each such loss or loss of use, but in no event to exceed **[\$400]** *\$420* per month.

(l) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss, or loss of use of both hands, or both feet, or of one hand and one foot, or is blind in 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 the monthly pension shall be **[\$266]** *\$279.*

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(m) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities at a level, or with complications, preventing natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, or has suffered blindness in both eyes, rendering him so helpless as to be in need of regular aid and attendance, the monthly pension shall be ~~[\$313]~~ \$329.

(n) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered the anatomical loss of two extremities so near the shoulder or hip as to prevent the use of a prosthetic appliance or has suffered the anatomical loss of both eyes, the monthly pension shall be ~~[\$353]~~ \$371.

(o) If the disabled person, as the result of service-incurred disability, has suffered disability under conditions which would entitle him to two or more of the rates provided in one or more of the subparagraphs (l) to (n), inclusive, of part I, paragraph II of this Regulation, no condition being considered twice in the determination, or has suffered total deafness in combination with total blindness with 5/200 visual acuity or less, the monthly pension shall be ~~[\$400]~~ \$420.

(p) In the event the disabled person's service-incurred disabilities exceed the requirements for any of the rates prescribed herein, the Administrator, in his discretion, may allow the next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no event in excess of ~~[\$400]~~ \$420.

(q) If the disabled person is shown to have had a service-incurred disability resulting from an active tuberculous disease, which disease in the judgment of the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs has reached a condition of complete arrest, the monthly compensation shall be not less than \$67.

Paragraph IV of part I, Veterans Regulation No. 1 (a), as amended:

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]~~ \$87; 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]~~ \$75 (or both), ~~[\$35]~~ \$40 each.

