

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 9237
OFFERED BY Mr. Takano

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF VETERANS' DIS-**
2 **ABILITY COMPENSATION AND RETIRED PAY**
3 **FOR DISABILITY RETIREES WITH COMBAT-**
4 **RELATED DISABILITIES.**

5 (a) CONCURRENT RECEIPT GENERALLY.—Section
6 1414(b) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
7 striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following new
8 paragraphs:

9 “(2) COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITY RETIR-
10 EES.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—A member retired
12 under chapter 61 of this title with a combat-re-
13 lated disability who is entitled for any month to
14 retired pay under chapter 61 of this title and
15 is also entitled for that month to veterans' dis-
16 ability compensation under title 38, is entitled
17 to be paid both without regard to sections 5304
18 and 5305 of title 38.

1 “(B) COMBAT-RELATED DISABILITY DE-
2 FINED.—In this paragraph, the term ‘combat-
3 related disability’ has the meaning given that
4 term in subsection (e) of section 1413a of this
5 title and as determined under the criteria and
6 procedures used for purposes of such section.

7 “(3) EXCLUSION OF OTHER RETIREES.—Sub-
8 section (a) does not apply to a member retired under
9 chapter 61 of this title if the member is not covered
10 by paragraph (1) or (2).”.

11 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

12 (1) COORDINATION WITH COMBAT-RELATED
13 SPECIAL COMPENSATION PROGRAM.—Section
14 1414(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, is
15 amended by inserting “or is entitled to a payment
16 under subsection (b)(2)” after “qualified retiree
17 under this section”.

18 (2) AMENDMENTS REFLECTING END OF CON-
19 CURRENT RECEIPT PHASE-IN PERIOD.—Section
20 1414 of title 10, United States Code, is further
21 amended—

22 (A) in subsection (a)(1)—

23 (i) by striking the second sentence;

24 and

1 (ii) by striking subparagraphs (A) and
2 (B);

3 (B) by striking subsection (c) and redesignig-
4 nating subsections (d) and (e) as subsections
5 (c) and (d), respectively; and

6 (C) in subsection (d), as redesignated, by
7 striking paragraphs (3) and (4).

8 (3) SECTION HEADING.—The heading of section
9 1414 of such title is amended to read as follows:

10 **“§ 1414. Members eligible for retired pay who are also**
11 **eligible for veterans’ disability compensa-**
12 **tion: concurrent receipt”.**

13 (4) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
14 1413a(f) of such title is amended by striking “Sub-
15 section (d)” and inserting “Subsection (c)”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
17 this section shall take effect on the first day of the first
18 month beginning after the date of the enactment of this
19 Act and shall apply to payments for months beginning on
20 or after that date.

21 **SEC. 2. RESCISSION OF ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT**
22 **FUNDS FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.**

23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, of the
24 unobligated balances of amounts made available under
25 title II of the Act entitled “An Act to provide for reconcili-

1 ation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14”, approved
2 July 4, 2025 (Public Law 119–21; 139 Stat. 112) (com-
3 monly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”), an
4 amount sufficient to offset the costs of carrying out the
5 amendments made by this Act is hereby rescinded.

6 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF ENTITLEMENT TO VETERANS**
7 **DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSA-**
8 **TION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES WHO RE-**
9 **MARRY.**

10 Section 103(d) of title 38, United States Code, is
11 amended—

12 (1) in paragraph (2)(B)—

13 (A) by inserting “(i)” before “The remar-

14 riage”;

15 (B) in clause (i), as designated by subpara-

16 graph (A), by striking “Notwithstanding the

17 previous sentence” and inserting the following:

18 “(ii) Notwithstanding clause (i)”;

19 (C) by adding at the end the following new

20 clause:

21 “(iii) Notwithstanding clause (ii), the remarriage of

22 a surviving spouse shall not bar the furnishing of benefits

23 under section 1311 or 1562 of this title to the surviving

24 spouse of a veteran.”; and

25 (2) in paragraph (5)—

1 (A) by striking subparagraph (A); and
2 (B) by renumbering subparagraphs (B)
3 through (E) as subparagraphs (A) through (D),
4 respectively.

5 **SEC. 4. CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY FOR SURVIVOR BENEFIT**
6 **PLAN FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES**
7 **WHO REMARRY.**

8 Section 1450(b)(2) of title 10, United States Code,
9 is amended—

10 (1) by striking “An annuity” and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—(A) Subject to sub-
13 paragraph (B), an annuity”; and

14 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
15 paragraph:

16 “(B) TREATMENT OF SURVIVORS OF MEM-
17 BERS WHO DIE ON ACTIVE DUTY.—The Sec-
18 retary may not terminate payment of an annu-
19 ity for a surviving spouse described in subpara-
20 graph (A) or (B) of section 1448(d)(1) solely
21 because that surviving spouse remarries. In the
22 case of a surviving spouse who remarried before
23 reaching age 55 and before the date of the en-
24 actment of Love Lives On Act of 2025, the Sec-

1 retary shall resume payment of the annuity to
2 that surviving spouse—

3 “(i) except as provided by clause (ii),
4 for each month that begins on or after the
5 date that is one year after such date of en-
6 actment; or

7 “(ii) on the first day of the first
8 month beginning after such date of enact-
9 ment, in the case of a surviving spouse
10 who elected to transfer payment of that
11 annuity to a surviving child or children
12 under the provisions of section
13 1448(d)(2)(B) of title 10, United States
14 Code, as in effect on December 31, 2019.”.

15 **SEC. 5. EXPANSION OF DEFINITION OF DEPENDENT UNDER**
16 **TRICARE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A REMAR-**
17 **RIED WIDOW OR WIDOWER WHOSE SUBSE-**
18 **QUENT MARRIAGE HAS ENDED.**

19 Section 1072(2) of title 10, United States Code, is
20 amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (H), by striking “; and”
22 and inserting a semicolon;

23 (2) in subparagraph (I)(v), by striking the pe-
24 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

1 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 paragraph:

3 “(J) a remarried widow or widower whose
4 subsequent marriage has ended due to death,
5 divorce, or annulment.”.

6 **SEC. 6. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-**
7 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING**
8 **SPOUSES.**

9 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1311(a) of title 38, United
10 States Code, is amended in paragraph (1), by striking “of
11 \$1,154” and inserting “equal to 55 percent of the rate
12 of monthly compensation in effect under section 1114(j)
13 of this title”.

14 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by para-
16 graph (2), the amendments made by subsection (a)
17 shall apply with respect to compensation paid under
18 chapter 13 of title 38, United States Code, for
19 months beginning after the date that is six months
20 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

21 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVID-
22 UALS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—For months beginning
24 after the date that is six months after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs shall pay to an individual de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (B) dependents and
3 survivors income security benefit under section
4 1311 of title 38, United States Code, in the
5 monthly amount that is the greater of the fol-
6 lowing:

7 (i) The amount determined under sub-
8 section (a)(3) of such section 1311, as in
9 effect on the day before the date of the en-
10 actment of this Act.

11 (ii) The amount determined under
12 subsection (a)(1) of such section 1311, as
13 amended by subsection (a).

14 (B) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An indi-
15 vidual described in this subparagraph is an in-
16 dividual eligible for dependents and survivors
17 income security benefit under section 1311 of
18 title 38, United States Code, that is predicated
19 on the death of a veteran before January 1,
20 1993.

1 **SEC. 7. MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DEPEND-**
2 **ENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR**
3 **SURVIVORS OF CERTAIN VETERANS RATED**
4 **TOTALLY DISABLED AT TIME OF DEATH.**

5 Section 1318 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)—

8 (A) by striking “The Secretary” and in-
9 serting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph
10 (2), the Secretary”; and

11 (B) by adding at the end the following new
12 paragraph:

13 “(2) In any case in which the Secretary makes a pay-
14 ment under paragraph (1) of this subsection by reason
15 of subsection (b)(1) and the period of continuous rating
16 immediately preceding death is less than 10 years, the
17 amount payable under paragraph (1) of this subsection
18 shall be an amount that bears the same relationship to
19 the amount otherwise payable under such paragraph as
20 the duration of such period bears to 10 years.”; and

21 (2) in subsection (b)(1), by striking “10 or
22 more years” and inserting “five or more years”.

1 **SEC. 8. INCREASE TO RATES OF WARTIME DISABILITY COM-**
2 **PENSATION UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY**
3 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1114 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
6 lowing new subsection:

7 “(u) In the case of a veteran eligible for a monthly
8 aid and attendance allowance under subsection (r) or sub-
9 section (t) of this section, the Secretary shall, in addition
10 to the total amount of compensation for which the veteran
11 is eligible under this section, pay the veteran a supple-
12 mental monthly allowance at the rate of \$833.33.”.

13 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.**—Subsection
14 (u) of such section (as added by paragraph (1)) shall take
15 effect on December 1, 2026, and shall apply to months
16 beginning on or after such date.

