AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10

OFFERED BY MRS. HAYES OF CONNECTICUT

At the end of subtitle A of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. 18. MODIFICATION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.

(a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES.—

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

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided by subparagraph (B), the amendments made by paragraph (1) shall apply with respect to compensation paid under chapter 13 of title 38, United States Code, for months beginning after the date that is six months after the date of the enactment of this Act.
(B) **Special rule for certain individuals.**—

(i) **In general.**—For months beginning after the date that is six months after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall pay to an individual described in subparagraph (B) dependents and survivors income security benefit under section 1311 of title 38, United States Code, in the monthly amount that is the greater of the following:

(I) The amount determined under subsection (a)(3) of such section 1311, as in effect on the day before the date of the enactment of this Act.

(II) The amount determined under subsection (a)(1) of such section 1311, as amended by subsection (a).

(ii) **Individuals described.**—An individual described in this subparagraph is an individual eligible for dependents and survivors income security benefit under section 1311 of title 38, United States Code.
(b) Modification of Requirements for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation for Survivors of Certain Veterans Rated Totally Disabled at Time of Death.—Section 1318 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking “The Secretary” and inserting “(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Secretary’’; and

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

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

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

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