

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF DEPENDENCY AND**
2 **INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVING**
3 **SPOUSES.**

4 (a) INCREASE.—Section 1311(a) of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended in paragraph (1), by striking “of
6 \$1,154” and inserting “equal to 55 percent of the rate
7 of monthly compensation in effect under section 1114(j)
8 of this title”.

9 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—

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

16 (2) SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN INDIVID-
17 UALS.—

1 (A) IN GENERAL.—For months beginning
2 after the date that is six months after the date
3 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
4 Veterans Affairs shall pay to an individual de-
5 scribed in subparagraph (B) dependents and
6 survivors income security benefit under section
7 1311 of title 38, United States Code, in the
8 monthly amount that is the greater of the fol-
9 lowing:

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

14 (ii) The amount determined under
15 subsection (a)(1) of such section 1311, as
16 amended by subsection (a).

17 (B) INDIVIDUALS DESCRIBED.—An indi-
18 vidual described in this subparagraph is an in-
19 dividual eligible for dependents and survivors
20 income security benefit under section 1311 of
21 title 38, United States Code, that is predicated
22 on the death of a veteran before January 1,
23 1993.

1 **SEC. 17___ . MODIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR DE-**
2 **PENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION**
3 **FOR SURVIVORS OF CERTAIN VETERANS**
4 **RATED TOTALLY DISABLED AT TIME OF**
5 **DEATH.**

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

8 (1) in subsection (a)—

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

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

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

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

