

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. SORENSEN OF ILLINOIS**

At the end of subtitle C of title XVII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_.** **INCREASE IN AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO DIS-**  
2 **ABLED VETERANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND**  
3 **STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS FURNISHED AS**  
4 **PART OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

5 (a) **INCREASE.**—Paragraph (2) of section 1717(a) of  
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking  
8 “\$6,800” and inserting “\$10,000”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking  
10 “\$2,000” and inserting “\$10,000”.

11 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
12 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to a veteran who  
13 first applies for benefits under section 1717(a)(2) of title  
14 38, United States Code, on or after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act.

16 (c) **APPLICABILITY.**—A veteran who exhausts such  
17 veteran’s eligibility for benefits under section 1717(a)(2)  
18 of title 38, United States Code, before the date of the en-

1 actment of this Act, is not entitled to additional benefits  
2 under such section by reason of the amendments made  
3 by subsection (a).

4 (d) ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.—Section 1717(a)  
5 of title 38, United States Code, is further amended by  
6 adding at the end the following:

7 “(4) On an annual basis, the Secretary shall increase  
8 the dollar amount in effect under subsection (a)(2) by a  
9 percentage equal to the percentage by which the Consumer  
10 Price Index for all urban consumers (United States city  
11 average) increased during the 12-month period ending  
12 with the last month for which Consumer Price Index data  
13 is available. In the event that such Consumer Price Index  
14 does not increase during such period, the Secretary shall  
15 maintain the dollar amount in effect under subsection  
16 (a)(2) during the previous fiscal year.”.

