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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the dollar amounts for the payment of certain disability compensation and dependency and indemnity compensation under the laws administered by the Secretary.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BARRETT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Sharri Briley and Eric
5 Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2025”.

1 **SECTION 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF CERTAIN DISABILITY**
2 **COMPENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND IN-**
3 **DEMNITY COMPENSATION UNDER LAWS AD-**
4 **MINISTERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
5 **AFFAIRS.**

6 (a) INCREASE TO RATES OF WARTIME DISABILITY
7 COMPENSATION.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1114 of title 38,
9 United States Code, is amended by adding at the
10 end the following new subsection:

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

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICABILITY.—Sub-
18 section (u) of such section (as added by paragraph
19 (1)) shall take effect on December 1, 2026, and
20 shall apply to months beginning on or after such
21 date.

22 (b) INCREASE TO RATES OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-
23 DEMNITY COMPENSATION.—Section 5312 of such title is
24 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
25 section:

1 “(d)(1) Whenever there is an increase in benefit
2 amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act
3 (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) as a result of a determination
4 made under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)),
5 the Secretary shall, effective on the date of such increase
6 in benefit amounts, increase the dollar amounts in effect
7 for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensa-
8 tion by the Secretary under paragraph (1) and paragraph
9 (3) of section 1311(a) of this title, as such amounts were
10 in effect immediately before the date of such increase in
11 benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Secu-
12 rity Act, by a percentage equal to the sum of—

13 “(A) the percentage by which such benefit
14 amounts are increased; and

15 “(B) one percent.

16 “(2) Whenever there is an increase under paragraph
17 (1) in amounts in effect for the payment of dependency
18 and indemnity compensation, the Secretary shall publish
19 such amounts, as increased pursuant to such paragraph,
20 in the Federal Register at the same time as the material
21 required by section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) is published by reason of a de-
23 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
24 415(i)).

1 “(3) The requirement to increase the amounts in ef-
2 fect for the payment of dependency and indemnity com-
3 pensation by the Secretary pursuant to paragraph (1)
4 shall—

5 “(A) take effect on December 1, 2026, and
6 shall apply with respect to months beginning on or
7 after such date; and

8 “(B) terminate after the date on which the fifth
9 increase to such amounts pursuant to such para-
10 graph occurs.”.

11 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF WAIVERS OF FEES COLLECTED**
12 **FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED, IN-**
13 **SURED, OR MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF**
14 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

15 Section 3729(c) of such title is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (1), by striking “A fee” and
17 inserting “Subject to paragraph (2), a fee”;

18 (2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as para-
19 graph (4); and

20 (3) by inserting after paragraph (1) the fol-
21 lowing new paragraphs:

22 “(2) During the period beginning on the date of the
23 enactment of the Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Vet-
24 erans Benefits Expansion Act of 2025 and ending on Sep-

1 tember 30, 2035, a fee may be collected under this sec-
2 tion—

3 “(A) for a subsequent loan (as such term is de-
4 fined in subsection (b)); and

5 “(B) from a veteran who is receiving compensa-
6 tion (or who, but for the receipt of retirement pay
7 or active service pay, would be entitled to receive
8 compensation) on the basis of a disability rated at
9 70 percent or less.

10 “(3) The authority under paragraph (2) shall take
11 effect on August 1, 2026, and shall apply with respect to
12 months beginning on or after such date.”.