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AN ACT

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.

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Sharri Briley and Eric
3 Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act of 2026”.

4 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN RATES OF CERTAIN DISABILITY COM-**
5 **PENSATION AND DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-**
6 **NITY COMPENSATION UNDER LAWS ADMINIS-**
7 **TERED BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
8 **FAIRS.**

9 (a) INCREASE TO RATES OF WARTIME DISABILITY
10 COMPENSATION.—

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

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

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

25 (b) INCREASE TO RATES OF DEPENDENCY AND IN-
26 DEMNITY COMPENSATION.—Section 5312 of such title is

1 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
2 section:

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

16 “(A) the percentage by which such benefit
17 amounts are increased; and

18 “(B) one percent.

19 “(2) After the first increase under paragraph (1) to
20 the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of depend-
21 ency and indemnity compensation by the Secretary under
22 paragraph (1) and paragraph (3) of section 1311(a) of
23 this title, the Secretary shall carry out paragraph (1)(B)
24 by substituting ‘one half of one percent’ for ‘one percent’.

1 “(3) Whenever there is an increase under paragraph
2 (1) in amounts in effect for the payment of dependency
3 and indemnity compensation, the Secretary shall publish
4 such amounts, as increased pursuant to such paragraph,
5 in the Federal Register at the same time as the material
6 required by section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) is published by reason of a de-
8 termination under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
9 415(i)).

10 “(4) The requirement to increase, pursuant to para-
11 graph (1), the amounts in effect for the payment of de-
12 pendency and indemnity compensation under paragraph
13 (1) and paragraph (3) of section 1311 (a) of this title by
14 the Secretary shall—

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

18 “(B) terminate after the date on which the sec-
19 ond increase to such amounts pursuant to such
20 paragraph occurs.”.

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF WAIVERS OF FEES COLLECTED**
2 **FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED, IN-**
3 **SURED, OR MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF**
4 **VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

5 Section 3729(b)(2) of such title is amended, in the
6 loan fee table—

7 (1) by striking “June 9, 2034” each place it
8 appears and inserting “September 30, 2036”;

9 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “0.50”
10 both places it appears and inserting “1.42”; and

11 (3) in subparagraph (I), by striking “0.50”
12 each place it appears and inserting “1.0”.

13 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
14 **PENSION.**

15 Section 5503(d)(7) of such title is amended by strik-
16 ing “January 31, 2033” and inserting “September 30,
17 2036”.

18 **SEC. 5. HOME AFFORDABILITY FOR GUARD AND RESERVE.**

19 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This section may be cited as the
20 “Home Affordability for Guard and Reserve Act”.

21 (b) **ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE RE-**
22 **SERVE COMPONENTS AND THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR**
23 **GUARANTEED HOUSING LOANS.**—

24 (1) **EXPANDED DEFINITION OF “ACTIVE DUTY”**
25 **FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING LOANS.**—Section

1 3701(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended
2 by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

3 “(9) The term ‘active duty’ has the meanings
4 as follows:

5 “(A) In the case of members of the regular
6 components of the Armed Forces, the meaning
7 given such term in section 101(21)(A).

8 “(B) In the case of members of the reserve
9 components of the Armed Forces—

10 “(i) service on active duty (as defined
11 in section 101(d) of title 10), inactive-duty
12 training (as defined in section 101(d) of
13 title 10), or annual training duty; or

14 “(ii) service on active duty under a
15 call or order to active duty under section
16 688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g),
17 12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or
18 12304b of title 10 or section 713 of title
19 14, but not including inactive duty training
20 (as defined in section 101(d) of title 10) or
21 annual training duty.

22 “(C) In the case of a member of the Army
23 National Guard of the United States or Air Na-
24 tional Guard of the United States, in addition

1 to service described in subparagraph (B), full-
2 time service—

3 “(i) in the National Guard of a State
4 for the purpose of organizing, admin-
5 istering, recruiting, instructing, or training
6 the National Guard;

7 “(ii) in the National Guard when per-
8 forming full-time National Guard duty (as
9 defined in section 101 of title 32); or

10 “(iii) in the National Guard when per-
11 forming active duty (as defined in section
12 101 of title 32).”.

13 (2) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY TO SERVICE
14 PERFORMED.—The amendments made by this sub-
15 section shall apply with respect to any service per-
16 formed on or after September 11, 2001.

17 (c) EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GUARANTEED
18 HOUSING LOANS TO CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL
19 UPON PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL LOAN FEE.—

20 (1) EXPANSION TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AT
21 LEAST 14 DAYS OF SERVICE.—Section 3701(b) of
22 title 38, United States Code, is amended by insert-
23 ing after paragraph (7) the following new para-
24 graph:

1 “(8) The term ‘veteran’ also includes, for pur-
2 poses of home loans (subject to the additional loan
3 fee in section 3729(b)(4)(J) of this title), an indi-
4 vidual who—

5 “(A) is not otherwise eligible for the bene-
6 fits of this chapter;

7 “(B) has completed a total service of at
8 least 14 days on active duty under paragraph
9 (B) or (C) of paragraph (9); and

10 “(C) following completion of such service,
11 continued to serve until the completion of entry
12 level and skill training (as defined in section
13 3301(3) of this title).”.

14 (2) BASIC ENTITLEMENT.—Section 3702(a)(2)
15 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
16 ing at the end the following:

17 “(H) Each individual described in section
18 3701(b)(8) of this title.”.

19 (3) ADDITIONAL LOAN FEE FOR SUCH INDIVID-
20 UALS.—Section 3729(b)(4) of title 38, United States
21 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
22 new subparagraph:

23 “(J) In the case of a housing loan in which the
24 veteran has eligibility under section 3701(b)(8) of
25 this title and does not otherwise have eligibility, the

1 loan fee table in paragraph (2) shall be applied to
2 the veteran or other obligor (as applicable) by add-
3 ing 1.00 to the percentage in the table.”.

4 (4) NOTIFICATION TO PERSONNEL.—The Sec-
5 retary of Veteran Affairs shall provide information
6 about this benefit to the Secretary of Defense to en-
7 sure that each member of a reserve component or a
8 member of the Army National Guard of the United
9 States or Air National Guard of the United States
10 who completes entry level and skill training (as de-
11 fined in section 3301(3) of title 38, United States
12 Code) after the date of the enactment of this Act is
13 notified of their eligibility for housing loan benefits
14 under chapter 37 of such title, including eligibility
15 (subject to the additional loan fee) under section
16 3701(b)(8) of such title.

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Clerk.