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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Mr. BARRETT (for himself, Mr. BOST, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

APRIL 2, 2026

Additional sponsors: Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. CRANK, and Mrs. HINSON

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[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in italics]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on November 17, 2025]

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 2026”.*

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

11 *(a) INCREASE TO RATES OF WARTIME DISABILITY*
12 *COMPENSATION.—*

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

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

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

1 **(b) INCREASE TO RATES OF DEPENDENCY AND INDEM-**
2 **NITY COMPENSATION.**—Section 5312 of such title is amend-
3 ed by adding at the end the following new subsection:

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

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

19 “(B) one percent.

20 “(2) After the first increase under paragraph (1) to
21 the dollar amounts in effect for the payment of dependency
22 and indemnity compensation by the Secretary under para-
23 graph (1) and paragraph (3) of section 1311(a) of this title,
24 the Secretary shall carry out paragraph (1)(B) by sub-
25 stituting ‘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 and
3 indemnity compensation, the Secretary shall publish such
4 amounts, as increased pursuant to such paragraph, in the
5 Federal Register at the same time as the material required
6 by section 215(i)(2)(D) of the Social Security Act (42
7 U.S.C. 415(i)(2)(D)) is published by reason of a determina-
8 tion under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)).

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

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

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

20 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF WAIVERS OF FEES COLLECTED**
21 **FOR HOUSING LOANS GUARANTEED, IN-**
22 **SURED, OR MADE BY THE SECRETARY OF VET-**
23 **ERANS AFFAIRS.**

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

1 (1) by striking “June 9, 2034” each place it ap-
2 pears and inserting “September 30, 2036”;

3 (2) in subparagraph (E), by striking “0.50” both
4 places it appears and inserting “1.40”; and

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

7 **SEC. 4. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITS ON PAYMENTS OF**
8 **PENSION.**

9 Section 5503(d)(7) of such title is amended by striking
10 “January 31, 2033” and inserting “September 30, 2036”.

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

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

14 (b) *ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE RE-*
15 *SERVE COMPONENTS AND THE NATIONAL GUARD FOR*
16 *GUARANTEED HOUSING LOANS.*—

17 (1) *EXPANDED DEFINITION OF “ACTIVE DUTY”*
18 *FOR PURPOSES OF HOUSING LOANS.*—Section 3701(b)
19 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding
20 at the end the following new paragraph:

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

23 “(A) In the case of members of the regular
24 components of the Armed Forces, the meaning
25 given such term in section 101(21)(A).

1 “(B) *In the case of members of the reserve*
2 *components of the Armed Forces—*

3 “(i) *service on active duty (as defined*
4 *in section 101(d) of title 10), inactive-duty*
5 *training (as defined in section 101(d) of*
6 *title 10), or annual training duty; or*

7 “(ii) *service on active duty under a*
8 *call or order to active duty under section*
9 *688, 12301(a), 12301(d), 12301(g),*
10 *12301(h), 12302, 12304, 12304a, or 12304b*
11 *of title 10 or section 713 of title 14, but not*
12 *including inactive duty training (as defined*
13 *in section 101(d) of title 10) or annual*
14 *training duty.*

15 “(C) *In the case of a member of the Army*
16 *National Guard of the United States or Air Na-*
17 *tional Guard of the United States, in addition to*
18 *service described in subparagraph (B), full-time*
19 *service—*

20 “(i) *in the National Guard of a State*
21 *for the purpose of organizing, admin-*
22 *istering, recruiting, instructing, or training*
23 *the National Guard;*

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

4 “(iii) in the National Guard when per-
5 forming active duty (as defined in section
6 101 of title 32).”.

7 (2) *RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY TO SERVICE*
8 *PERFORMED.*—The amendments made by this sub-
9 section shall apply with respect to any service per-
10 formed on or after September 11, 2001.

11 (c) *EXPANSION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR GUARANTEED*
12 *HOUSING LOANS TO CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL*
13 *UPON PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL LOAN FEE.*—

14 (1) *EXPANSION TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST*
15 *14 DAYS OF SERVICE.*—Section 3701(b) of title 38,
16 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
17 paragraph (7) the following new paragraph:

18 “(8) The term ‘veteran’ also includes, for pur-
19 poses of home loans (subject to the additional loan fee
20 in section 3729(b)(4)(J) of this title), an individual
21 who—

22 “(A) is not otherwise eligible for the benefits
23 of this chapter;

1 “(B) has completed a total service of at least
2 14 days on active duty under paragraph (B) or
3 (C) of paragraph (9); and

4 “(C) following completion of such service,
5 continued to serve until the completion of entry
6 level and skill training (as defined in section
7 3301(3) of this title).”.

8 (2) *BASIC ENTITLEMENT.*—Section 3702(a)(2) of
9 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding
10 at the end the following:

11 “(H) Each individual described in section
12 3701(b)(8) of this title.”.

13 (3) *ADDITIONAL LOAN FEE FOR SUCH INDIVID-*
14 *UALS.*—Section 3729(b)(4) of title 38, United States
15 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following
16 new subparagraph:

17 “(J) In the case of a housing loan in which the
18 veteran has eligibility under section 3701(b)(8) of this
19 title and does not otherwise have eligibility, the loan
20 fee table in paragraph (2) shall be applied to the vet-
21 eran or other obligor (as applicable) by adding 1.00
22 to the percentage in the table.”.

23 (4) *NOTIFICATION TO PERSONNEL.*—The Sec-
24 retary of Veteran Affairs shall provide information
25 about this benefit to the Secretary of Defense to ensure

1 *that each member of a reserve component or a mem-*
2 *ber of the Army National Guard of the United States*
3 *or Air National Guard of the United States who com-*
4 *pletes entry level and skill training (as defined in sec-*
5 *tion 3301(3) of title 38, United States Code) after the*
6 *date of the enactment of this Act is notified of their*
7 *eligibility for housing loan benefits under chapter 37*
8 *of such title, including eligibility (subject to the addi-*
9 *tional loan fee) under section 3701(b)(8) of such title.*

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