

Public Law 95-204  
95th Congress

An Act

To amend title 38 of the United States Code to increase the rates of disability and death pension and to increase the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for parents, and for other purposes.

Dec. 2, 1977  
[H.R. 7345]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That this Act be cited as the "Veterans and Survivors Pension Adjustment Act of 1977".*

Veterans and  
Survivors  
Pension  
Adjustment Act  
of 1977.  
38 USC 101 note.

TITLE I—VETERANS' AND SURVIVORS' PENSIONS

SEC. 101. Section 521 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—  
(1) amending the table in subsection (b) (1) to read as follows:

"The monthly rate of pension shall be \$197 reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0.00	0	\$300
.03	\$300	500
.04	500	700
.05	700	900
.06	900	1,100
.07	1,100	1,700
.08	1,700	3,770";

(2) striking out "\$3,540" in subsection (b) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,770";

(3) amending the table in subsection (c) (1) to read as follows:

"The monthly rate of pension for a veteran shall be— \$212 if he or she has one dependent; \$217 if he or she has two dependents; and \$222 if he or she has three or more dependents; reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$500
. 02	\$500	700
. 03	700	1, 000
. 04	1, 000	2, 000
. 05	2, 000	3, 000
. 06	3, 000	3, 200
. 07	3, 200	3, 600
. 08	3, 600	5, 070";

(4) striking out "\$4,760" in subsection (c) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,070";

(5) striking out "\$155" in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$165"; and

(6) striking out "\$57" in subsection (e) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$61".

SEC. 102. Section 541 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) amending the table in subsection (b) (1) to read as follows:

"The monthly rate of pension shall be \$133 reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$300
. 01	\$300	600
. 03	600	900
. 04	900	1, 100
. 05	1, 100	1, 800
. 06	1, 800	2, 800
. 07	2, 800	3, 770";

(2) striking out "\$3,540" in subsection (b) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,770";

(3) amending the table in subsection (c) (1) to read as follows:

“The monthly rate of pension shall be \$159 reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$700
. 01	\$700	1, 100
. 02	1, 100	1, 600
. 03	1, 600	2, 400
. 04	2, 400	2, 900
. 05	2, 900	5, 070”;

(4) striking out “\$4,760” in subsection (c) (2) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$5,070”; and

(5) striking out “\$24” in subsection (d) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$26”.

SEC. 103. Section 542 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) striking out “\$57” and “\$24” in subsection (a) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$61” and “\$26”, respectively; and

(2) striking out “\$2,890” in subsection (c) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$3,080”.

SEC. 104. Section 544 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out “\$74” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$79”.

SEC. 105. Section 4 of Public Law 90-275 (82 Stat. 68) is amended to read as follows: 38 USC 521 note.

“SEC. 4. The income limitations governing payment of pension under the first sentence of section 9(b) of the Veterans’ Pension Act of 1959 hereafter shall be \$3,300 and \$4,760 instead of \$3,100 and \$4,460, respectively.” 38 USC 521 note.

## TITLE II—DEPENDENCY AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION FOR PARENTS

SEC. 201. Section 415 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by—

(1) amending the table in subsection (b) (1) to read as follows:

“The monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation shall be \$152 reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$800
. 03	\$800	1, 000
. 05	1, 000	1, 200
. 06	1, 200	1, 500
. 08	1, 500	3, 770”;

(2) striking out “\$3,540” in subsection (b) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$3,770”;

(3) amending the table in subsection (c) (1) to read as follows:

"The monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation shall be \$107 reduced by—	For each \$1 of annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$800
. 02	\$800	1, 100
. 05	1, 100	2, 000
. 06	2, 000	3, 770";

(4) striking out "\$3,540" in subsection (c) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$3,770";

(5) amending the table in subsection (d) (1) to read as follows:

"The monthly rate of dependency and indemnity compensation shall be \$102 reduced by—	For each \$1 of the total combined annual income	
	Which is more than—	But not more than—
\$0. 00	0	\$1, 000
. 02	\$1, 000	2, 000
. 03	2, 000	2, 900
. 04	2, 900	3, 600
. 05	3, 600	5, 070";

(6) striking out "\$4,760" in subsection (d) (3) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$5,070"; and

(7) striking out "\$74" in subsection (h) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$79".

**TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS AND EFFECTIVE DATE  
PROVISIONS**

**Sec. 301.** Section 322(b) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by striking out “\$74” and inserting in lieu thereof “\$79”.

**Sec. 302.** The provisions of this Act shall take effect January 1, 1978. Effective date.  
38 USC 322 note.

Approved December 2, 1977.

---

**LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:**

**HOUSE REPORT** No. 95-411 (Comm. on Veterans' Affairs).

**SENATE REPORT** No. 95-374 (Comm. on Veterans' Affairs).

**CONGRESSIONAL RECORD**, Vol. 123 (1977):

July 12, considered and passed House.

Aug. 3, considered and passed Senate, amended.

Sept. 21, House concurred in Senate amendment with an amendment; Senate disagreed to House amendment.

Nov. 3, House receded from its amendment and concurred in Senate amendment with amendments; Senate agreed to House amendments.