

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2009
Public Law 111-37

(S. 407)

Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

Mr. Akaka of Hawaii introduced S. 407 on February 10, 2009.

Public Law 111-37 will:

Increase in Rates of Disability Compensation and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation:

Amounts to be Increased-

- Wartime disability compensation
- Additional compensation for benefits
- Clothing allowance
- Dependency and indemnity compensation to surviving spouse
- Dependency and indemnity compensation to children

Determination of Increase-

Percentage- Except as provided in paragraph (2), each dollar amount described in subsection (b) shall be increased by the same percentage as the percentage by which benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401 et seq.)

Rounding- Each dollar amount increased under paragraph (1), if not a whole dollar amount, shall be rounded to the next lower whole dollar amount.

Effective Date: December 1, 2009

Cost: CBO estimates that enacting this bill would have no impact on spending.

Legislative History:

- May 21, 2009: Ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- June 4, 2009: Reported, as amended, S. Rept. 111-24.
- June 10, 2009: Passed Senate, amended, by Unanimous Consent.
- June 23, 2009: Passed the House by the Yeas and Nays: 403-0 (Roll No. 419)
- June 30, 2009: Signed by the President. P.L. 111-37