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COMPENSATION INCREASES FOR SERVICE-CONNECTED
 DISABLED VETERANS

H.R. 16027, AS ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS

Summary

Provides a \$100 monthly increase in compensation payments to totally disabled veterans, and an 8-percent increase in compensation payments to other veterans with service-connected disabilities, effective January 1, 1969.

Cost and Effect

Annual cost of \$235 million, the largest single increase in the compensation program since it was first enacted; increases compensation payments to more than 1,950,000 veterans and their dependents.

Compensation Rates Under H.R. 16027

Disability	Compensation Rate	
	In 1968	Effective January 1969
(a) Rated at 10 percent.....	\$21	\$23
(b) Rated at 20 percent.....	40	43
(c) Rated at 30 percent.....	60	65
(d) Rated at 40 percent.....	82	89
(e) Rated at 50 percent.....	113	122
(f) Rated at 60 percent.....	136	147
(g) Rated at 70 percent.....	161	174
(h) Rated at 80 percent.....	186	201
(i) Rated at 90 percent.....	209	226
(j) Rated at total.....	300	400
(k) (1) These anatomical losses or loss of use of any of these organs: 1 foot, 1 hand, blindness in 1 eye (light perception only), creative organ, both buttocks, organic aphonia, deafness of both ears—for each loss.....	47	47
(2) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (a) to (j) above.....	400	500
(3) Limit for veterans receiving payments under (l) to (n) below.....	600	700
(l) Anatomical loss or loss of use of both hands, both feet, 1 foot and 1 hand, blindness in both eyes (5/200 visual acuity or less), permanently bedridden or so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....	400	500

Disability	Compensation Rate	
	In 1968	Effective January 1969
(m) Anatomical loss or loss of use of two extremities so as to prevent natural elbow or knee action with prosthesis in place, blind in both eyes, rendering veteran so helpless as to require regular aid and attendance.....	\$450	\$550
(n) Anatomical loss of two extremities so near shoulder or hip as to prevent use of prosthesis, anatomical loss of both eyes....	525	625
(o) Disability under conditions entitling veteran to two or more of the rates provided in (l) through (n), no condition being considered twice in the determination, or total deafness in combination with total blindness (5/200 visual acuity or less)	600	700
(p) If disabilities exceed requirements of any rates prescribed, Administrator of VA may allow next higher rate or an intermediate rate, but in no case may compensation exceed....	600	700
(q) Arrested tuberculosis, minimum monthly compensation rate....	67	(¹)
(r) If veteran entitled to compensation under (o) or to the maximum rate under (p), and is in need of regular aid and attendance, he shall receive a special allowance of the amount indicated at right for aid and attendance in addition to whatever he is receiving under (o) or (p).....	250	300
(s) Disability rated as total, plus additional disability independently ratable at 60 percent or over, or permanently housebound.....	350	450

¹ Subsection (q) is repealed by H.R. 16027; however, any veteran already receiving or entitled to receive the \$67 minimum shall continue to receive this minimum payment.