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# H. R. 2713

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the service disabled veterans' insurance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana (for himself, Mr. HALL of New York, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SPACE, Mr. ELLSWORTH, Mr. HILL, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. ARCURI) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the service disabled veterans' insurance program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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 "Disabled Veterans Life  
5 Insurance Enhancement Act".

1 **SEC. 2. IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICE DISABLED VETERANS'**  
2 **INSURANCE.**

3 (a) OPEN PERIOD.—Section 1922 of title 38, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing new subsection:

6 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall provide for a two-year pe-  
7 riod beginning on the date of the enactment of this sub-  
8 section during which a person described in paragraph (2)  
9 may submit an application for insurance under this section  
10 and payment of premiums for such insurance and be  
11 granted insurance under this section.

12 “(2) A person described in this paragraph is a person  
13 who would be eligible under subsection (a) for insurance  
14 under this section except that the person did not submit  
15 application in writing and payment of premiums within  
16 two years from the date that the service-connection of the  
17 person’s disability was determined by the Secretary.”.

18 (b) REVISION OF PREMIUMS SCHEDULE.—Such sec-  
19 tion is further amended in subsection (a)—

20 (1) by striking “the Commissioners 1941  
21 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality” the first  
22 place it appears and inserting “an appropriate and  
23 current mortality table selected by the Secretary”;  
24 and

25 (2) by striking “the Commissioners 1941  
26 Standard Ordinary Table of Mortality” the second

1 place it appears and inserting “such mortality  
2 table”.

3 (c) INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PROTEC-  
4 TION.—Such section is further amended in subsection (b),  
5 by striking “\$10,000” and inserting “\$100,000”.

6 (d) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF SUPPLEMENTAL IN-  
7 SURANCE FOR TOTALLY DISABLED VETERANS.—Section  
8 1922A(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amended by  
9 striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$50,000”.

10 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
11 this section shall apply with respect to an insurance policy  
12 issued on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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