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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 25, 2023

Mr. BACON (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 “Autonomy for Disabled
5 Veterans Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO DISABLED**
2 **VETERANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUC-**
3 **TURAL ALTERATIONS FURNISHED AS PART**
4 **OF HOME HEALTH SERVICES.**

5 (a) INCREASE.—Paragraph (2) of section 1717(a) of
6 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) in subparagraph (A)(ii), by striking
8 “\$6,800” and inserting “\$10,000”; and

9 (2) in subparagraph (B)(ii), by striking
10 “\$2,000” and inserting “\$5,000”.

11 (b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made by sub-
12 section (a) shall apply with respect to a veteran who first
13 applies for benefits under section 1717(a)(2) of title 38,
14 United States Code, on or after the date of the enactment
15 of this Act.

16 (c) CLARIFICATION.—A veteran who exhausts the eli-
17 gibility of such veteran for benefits under section
18 1717(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code, before the date
19 of the enactment of this Act is not entitled to additional
20 benefits under such section by reason of the amendments
21 made by subsection (a).

22 **SEC. 3. ADJUSTMENT FOR INFLATION.**

23 Section 1717(a) of title 38, United States Code, is
24 further amended by adding at the end the following:

25 “(4) On an annual basis, the Secretary shall increase
26 the dollar amount in effect under subsection (a)(2) by a

1 percentage equal to the percentage by which the Consumer
2 Price Index for all urban consumers (United States city
3 average) increased during the 12-month period ending
4 with the last month for which Consumer Price Index data
5 is available. In the event that such Consumer Price Index
6 does not increase during such period, the Secretary shall
7 maintain the dollar amount in effect under subsection
8 (a)(2) during the previous fiscal year.”.

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