

## HR 1220

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005

**Congress:** 109 (2005–2007, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Mar 10, 2005

**Current Status:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

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### Sponsor

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**Name:** Rep. Buyer, Steve [R-IN-4]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** IN • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (27 total)

| Cosponsor                                | Party / State | Role | Date Joined  |
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| Rep. Berkley, Shelley [D-NV-1]           | D · NV        |      | Mar 10, 2005 |
| Rep. Evans, Lane [D-IL-17]               | D · IL        |      | Mar 10, 2005 |
| Rep. Miller, Jeff [R-FL-1]               | R · FL        |      | Mar 10, 2005 |
| Rep. Baker, Richard H. [R-LA-6]          | R · LA        |      | Apr 5, 2005  |
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| Rep. Michaud, Michael H. [D-ME-2]        | D · ME        |      | Apr 5, 2005  |
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| Rep. Foley, Mark [R-FL-16]               | R · FL        |      | Apr 21, 2005 |
| Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-3]         | D · MA        |      | Apr 21, 2005 |
| Rep. McHugh, John M. [R-NY-23]           | R · NY        |      | Apr 21, 2005 |
| Rep. Udall, Tom [D-NM-3]                 | D · NM        |      | Jun 7, 2005  |
| Rep. Holden, Tim [D-PA-17]               | D · PA        |      | Jun 8, 2005  |
| Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]            | D · MI        |      | Jun 8, 2005  |
| Rep. Reyes, Silvestre [D-TX-16]          | D · TX        |      | Jun 13, 2005 |
| Rep. Salazar, John T. [D-CO-3]           | D · CO        |      | Jun 14, 2005 |
| Rep. Strickland, Ted [D-OH-6]            | D · OH        |      | Jun 14, 2005 |
| Rep. Brown, Corrine [D-FL-3]             | D · FL        |      | Jun 23, 2005 |
| Rep. Kolbe, Jim [R-AZ-8]                 | R · AZ        |      | Jun 23, 2005 |
| Rep. Snyder, Vic [D-AR-2]                | D · AR        |      | Jun 23, 2005 |

Committee Activity

| Committee                   | Chamber | Activity    | Date         |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|--------------|
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | House   | Reported by | Jun 9, 2005  |
| Veterans' Affairs Committee | Senate  | Referred To | Jul 14, 2005 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill       | Relationship | Last Action                                  |
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| 109 S 1234 | Related bill | Nov 22, 2005: Became Public Law No: 109-111. |

**(This measure has not been amended since it was reported to the House on June 30, 2005. The summary of that version is repeated here.)**

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2005 - Directs the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase, as of December 1, 2005, the rates of veterans' disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled adult children, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children.

Requires each such increase to be the same percentage as the increase in benefits provided under title II (Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance) of the Social Security Act, on the same effective date.

Codifies under veterans' disability compensation provisions the increases to such compensation provided under the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004.

Directs the Secretary to conduct a two-year demonstration project for the improvement of business practices of the Veterans Health Administration (VHA). Requires: (1) the Secretary to enter into a performance-based contract for a contractor to carry out the demonstration project; (2) such project to be conducted at two VHA facilities having a relatively low performance in the recovery or collection of indebtedness from third-party payers for the provision of veterans' medical care; (3) a VHA employee to be designated as the full-time project manager; (4) the Secretary to submit interim reports and a final report to Congress on project operations; and (5) the Comptroller General to review the project and report review results to Congress. Authorizes appropriations.

Directs the Secretary to designate, establish, and operate at selected Department of Veterans Affairs health-care facilities six centers for Parkinson's disease research, education, and clinical activities. Requires the Under Secretary for Health to establish a panel to assess the scientific and clinical merit of proposals submitted by a facility for the operation of such a center. Authorizes appropriations.

## Actions Timeline

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- **Jul 14, 2005:** Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jul 13, 2005:** Mr. Buyer moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.
- **Jul 13, 2005:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H5749-5754)
- **Jul 13, 2005:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on H.R. 1220.
- **Jul 13, 2005:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote.(text: CR H5749-5751)
- **Jul 13, 2005:** On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H5749-5751)
- **Jul 13, 2005:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109-162.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 109-162.
- **Jun 30, 2005:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 98.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Committee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Provisions of H.R. 2988 Incorporated in This Measure, Section 5.
- **Jun 23, 2005:** Provisions of H.R. 2959 Incorporated in This Measure, Section 6.
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Jun 9, 2005:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.
- **Apr 4, 2005:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Introduced in House
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- **Mar 10, 2005:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E412)
- **Mar 10, 2005:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.