

## S 189

### Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2021

**Congress:** 117 (2021–2023, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

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

**Introduced:** Feb 3, 2021

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**Latest Action:** Became Public Law No: 117-45. (Oct 8, 2021)

**Law:** 117-45 (Enacted Oct 8, 2021)

**Official Text:** <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/189>

### Sponsor

**Name:** Sen. Thune, John [R-SD]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** SD • **Chamber:** Senate

### Cosponsors (9 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Schatz, Brian [D-HI]	D · HI		Feb 3, 2021
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Apr 27, 2021
Sen. Sinema, Kyrsten [D-AZ]	D · AZ		May 25, 2021
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Jun 9, 2021
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Jun 14, 2021
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Jun 16, 2021
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Jun 16, 2021
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Jun 22, 2021

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Reported By	Jun 24, 2021

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 HR 7846	Related bill	Oct 10, 2022: Became Public Law No: 117-191.
117 S 4223	Related bill	Jul 13, 2022: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
117 HR 3909	Related bill	Sep 7, 2021: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

## **Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to increase the amounts payable for wartime disability compensation, additional compensation for dependents, the clothing allowance for certain disabled veterans, and dependency and indemnity compensation for surviving spouses and children. Specifically, the VA must increase the amounts by the same percentage as the cost-of-living increase in benefits for Social Security recipients that is effective on December 1, 2021. The bill requires the VA to publish the amounts payable, as increased, in the Federal Register.

The VA is authorized to make a similar adjustment to the rates of disability compensation payable to persons who have not received compensation for service-connected disability or death.

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Oct 8, 2021:** Signed by President.
- **Oct 8, 2021:** Became Public Law No: 117-45.
- **Sep 27, 2021:** Presented to President.
- **Sep 20, 2021:** Mr. Takano moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- **Sep 20, 2021:** Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H4536-4537)
- **Sep 20, 2021:** DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 189.
- **Sep 20, 2021:** At the conclusion of debate, the Yeas and Nays were demanded and ordered. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8, rule XX, the Chair announced that further proceedings on the motion would be postponed.
- **Sep 20, 2021:** Considered as unfinished business. (consideration: CR H4544)
- **Sep 20, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 423 - 0 (Roll no. 262). (text: CR H4536)
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- **Sep 20, 2021:** Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Received in the House.
- **Jul 26, 2021:** Held at the desk.
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5023; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5023)
- **Jul 21, 2021:** Passed Senate with an amendment and an amendment to the Title by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S5023; text of amendment in the nature of a substitute: CR S5023)
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Reported by Senator Tester with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title. Without written report.
- **Jun 24, 2021:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 84.
- **May 26, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment favorably.
- **Apr 28, 2021:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
- **Feb 3, 2021:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (text: CR S319)