

S 777

Veterans' COLA Act of 2023

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: Senate

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Mar 14, 2023

Current Status: Became Public Law No: 118-6.

Latest Action: Became Public Law No: 118-6. (Jun 14, 2023)

Law: 118-6 (Enacted Jun 14, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/777>

Sponsor

Name: Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MT • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (12 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Boozman, John [R-AR]	R · AR		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Cassidy, Bill [R-LA]	R · LA		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Cramer, Kevin [R-ND]	R · ND		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Hirono, Mazie K. [D-HI]	D · HI		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. King, Angus S., Jr. [I-ME]	I · ME		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Moran, Jerry [R-KS]	R · KS		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Murray, Patty [D-WA]	D · WA		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Tillis, Thomas [R-NC]	R · NC		Mar 14, 2023
Sen. Rounds, Mike [R-SD]	R · SD		Mar 29, 2023
Sen. Cortez Masto, Catherine [D-NV]	D · NV		Apr 20, 2023

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Discharged From	Mar 30, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 4047	Related bill	Mar 21, 2024: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
118 HR 1529	Related bill	Apr 28, 2023: Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.

Summary (as of Jun 14, 2023)

Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023 or the Veterans' COLA Act of 2023

This act 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, 2023. 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

- Jun 14, 2023: Signed by President.
- Jun 14, 2023: Became Public Law No: 118-6.
- Jun 7, 2023: Presented to President.
- May 22, 2023: Mr. Bost moved to suspend the rules and pass the bill.
- May 22, 2023: Considered under suspension of the rules. (consideration: CR H2479-2481)
- May 22, 2023: DEBATE - The House proceeded with forty minutes of debate on S. 777.
- May 22, 2023: Passed/agreed to in House: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2479)
- May 22, 2023: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by voice vote. (text: CR H2479)
- May 22, 2023: Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
- Mar 30, 2023: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged by Unanimous Consent.
- Mar 30, 2023: Passed/agreed to in Senate: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent.(consideration: CR S1066-1067; text: CR S1066)
- Mar 30, 2023: Passed Senate without amendment by Unanimous Consent. (consideration: CR S1066-1067; text: CR S1066)
- Mar 30, 2023: Message on Senate action sent to the House.
- Mar 30, 2023: Received in the House.
- Mar 30, 2023: Held at the desk.
- Mar 14, 2023: Introduced in Senate
- Mar 14, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.