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H.R. 14299 - VETERANS DISABILITY COMPENSATION  
AND SURVIVOR BENEFITS ACT OF 1976

H.R. 14299 alters existing veterans disability compensation survivor, dependency, and indemnity benefits effective October 1, 1976 by:

- Increasing monthly pension benefit rates by 8 percent, which will affect 2.2 million veterans with disabilities ranging from 10 percent to 100 percent. The last compensation rate increase was on August 1, 1975.
- Increasing by 8 percent the monthly benefits payable to surviving spouses and children of veterans whose deaths were service connected. The last compensation rate increase was effective August 1, 1975.
- Increasing (from \$175 to \$190) the annual clothing allowance to certain veterans wearing or using a prosthetic or orthopedic appliance.
- Increasing the maximum mortgage protection life insurance limit for veterans receiving grants for specially adapted housing from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

The Veterans Administration estimates that H.R. 14299 would cost approximately \$400 million in fiscal year 1977, exclusive of the cost of the new special allowance for a spouse in need of aid and attendance, which the Veterans Administration is unable to estimate.

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