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Pub. L. No. 79-494 (1946) Compensation and Pension Distinguished

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Pub. L. No. 80-702 (1948) Adaptive Housing

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Pub. L. No. 81-108 (1949) Benefits for Reserve Forces and Dependents

Pub. L. No. 81-573 (1950) Presumption of Service-Connection for Active Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Pub. L. No. 81-798 (1950) Specially Adapted Automobiles

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Veterans' Benefit Act of 2003.

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## Appendix B: Annotated References

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No. of Pages: 89

Content Topics: Chronicles the development of the institutions that became the VBA.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

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No. of Pages: 1,039

Content Topics: Text of laws from 1914 to 1948.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

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No. of Pages: 1,554

Content Topics: Text of laws from 1941 through 1950.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

Merck, Carolyn L. (2003). Testimony before the Subcommittee on Personnel Senate Committee on Armed Services, United States Senate, *Concurrent Receipt of Military Retired Pay and Veterans Compensation: Precedents in Federal Civil Service and Other Programs*. March 27, 2003.

No. of Pages: 5

Content Topics: Analyzes precedents for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and Veterans Compensation.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Describes a 1993 CIS report analyzing precedents for concurrent receipt of military retired pay and Veterans Compensation. Merck, who participated in preparing the report, states “Although the CRS analysis was done 10 years ago, program rules have not changed, and the study remains valid.”

Moore, Mike. (1995). Atomic Vets Battle Time. *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, Vol. 51, (1). January 1995. Retrieved September 2004, from <http://www.highbeam.com/library/doc3.asp?docid=1G1:15987479>

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Content Topics: Narrative citing statistics and anecdotal accounts of veterans exposed to radiation in the 1950s.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

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No. of Pages: 1,500

Content Topics: History of veterans' benefits, compensation for service-connected disabilities, readjustment benefits, other federal disability programs, rehabilitation, evaluation, service-connected survivor benefits, non-service connected pension, benefit levels, state veterans' laws.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Many.

Notes: This is also known as the Bradley Commission report. It provides a comprehensive study of the laws and policies on pension, compensation, and nonmedical benefits for veterans. This volume, in particular, is on the findings and recommendations for topics listed above. The detailed study results are included in Volume II.

Rehabilitation Research and Training Center on Independent Living Management, Temple University. (2001). *Disability Rights Timeline*. Retrieved September 2004, from <http://courses.temple.edu/neighbor/ds/disabilityrightstimeline.htm>

No. of Pages: 14

Content Topics: Disability trends.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Timeline of key events affecting disability from 1817-2001.

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No. of Pages: 13

Content Topics: National disability policy before ADA, disability legislation, detail into the ADA as a legislative piece.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

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No. of Pages: 375

Content Topics: Provides information on amendments of VA Disability legislation from 1989 to 2001, discusses rating schedule changes over time (post 1989).

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Includes descriptions of amendments of all VA regulations, not limited to VA disability.

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Content Topics: Provides history of VA legislation, focusing on claims adjudication and appeals.

Significant Tables/Graphs: VA legislative timeline.

Notes: N/A

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Content Topics: Applicability of 38 U.S.C. 2305

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

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Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Answers questions of overlapping provisions in the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998 and the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998.

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No. of Pages: 4

Content Topics: A brief history of VA.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Goes over origination and history of the VA.

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No. of Pages: 71

Content Topics: Disability rating schedule.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Annual benefits in dollars by disability rating.

Notes: Review of current rating schedule with recommendations for future.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (1993, November). *Disabled Veteran Programs: U.S. Eligibility and Benefit Types Compared with Five Other Countries* (GAO/HRD-94-6). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 96

Content Topics: Veteran benefits, eligibility requirements.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Differences in benefits received.

Notes: Comparison of U.S. disability compensation programs to Australia, Canada, Finland, Germany and United Kingdom.



U.S. General Accounting Office. (1997, January). *VA Disability Compensation: Disability Ratings May Not Reflect Veterans' Economic Losses* (GAO/HEHS-97-9). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 38

Content Topics: Disability rating, economic impact.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Number of veterans receiving disability compensation.

Notes: Review of Disability Compensation Program with respect to economic losses of disabled veterans.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (1999, January). *Review of VA's Actuarial Model for Veterans' Compensation Benefits* (GAO/AIMD-99-46). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 10

Content Topics: Compensation benefits, actuarial model.

Significant Tables/Graphs: N/A

Notes: Review of actuarial model.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2000, December). *Veterans' Benefits, Veterans Have Mixed Views on a Lump Sum Disability Payment Option* (GAO-01-172). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 28

Content Topics: Disability payment options.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Monthly payments vs. lump sum payments.

Notes: Surveyed sample population of Veterans for opinions on lump sum payments.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2001, April). *DOD Disability Overview of Compensation Program for Service Members Unfit for Duty* (GAO-01-622). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 15

Content Topics: DOD Disability Compensation Program.

Significant Tables/Graphs: N/A

Notes: Basic analysis of DOD program.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2002, February). Social Security Disability Disappointing Results From SSA's Efforts to Improve the Disability Claims Process Warrant Immediate Attention (GAO-02-322). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 37

Content Topics: Claims process, quality assurance.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Processing times for initial claims.

Notes: Critique of SSA's disability claims process.

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2002, April). *Veterans' Benefits, Despite Recent Improvements, Meeting Claims Processing Goals Will Be Challenging* (GAO-02-645T). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 14

Content Topics: Claims Processing, VBA Goals and Expectations.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Average Days to Complete Rating-Related Claims.

Notes: N/A

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2002, August). *Veterans' Benefits: Quality Assurance for Disability Claims and Appeals Processing Can Be Further Improved* (GAO-02-806). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 23

Content Topics: Claims processing, analysis and recommendations.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Accuracy rates.

Notes: N/A

U.S. General Accounting Office. (2003, September). *VA Benefits: Fundamental Changes to VA's Disability Criteria Need Careful Consideration* (GAO-03-1172T). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 6

Content Topics: Eligibility requirements, service-connection.

Significant Tables/Graphs: N/A

Notes: N/A

U.S. Bureau of the Census. (1940). *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1928 to 1939*. Washington, DC. U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: N/A

Content Topics: Statistical snapshot of wage and demographic profile of U.S.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Wage trends and demographic changes over time.

Notes: Used historical PDF versions available from web site.

U.S. House of Representatives. (1922). *Relief to Soldiers and Sailors of the War with Spain, Philippine Insurrection, Etc.* (Conference Committee Report 1182).

Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 3

Content Topics: Details changes to legislation.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Details of changes to legislation and provides a statement from the Managers of the House.

U.S. House of Representatives. (1923). *To Amend and Modify the War Risk Insurance Act.* (House Report 1704). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 4

Content Topics: Summarizes purposes of the legislation's 10 sections.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (1928). *Double Pension for Dependents in Case of Submarine Accidents.* (House Report 599). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 2

Content Topics: Summarizes recommended changes made to the submitted bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (1938). *Line of Duty for Peacetime Veterans, Their Widows, and Dependents*. (House Report 1965). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 5

Content Topics: Summarizes recommended changes and amendments to the submitted bill, H.R.7880.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (1952). *Providing Certain Increases in Monthly Rates of Compensation and Pension Payable to Veterans and Their Dependents*. (House Conference Report 1846). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 5

Content Topics: Explains changes needed to reconcile Senate and House bills.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Table of rates of compensation for service-connected disabilities for veterans, dependents, pension rates for World War I and World War II veterans, and for their dependents.

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (1998). *Veterans Benefits Improvement Act Of 1998*. (House Report 105-627). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 122

Content Topics: Detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Budget impacts and costs.

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (1999). *Veterans Benefits Improvement Act of 1999*. (House Report 106-202). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 41

Content Topics: Detailed section-by-section explanation of the bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. House of Representatives. (2001). *Report on Veterans' Benefits Act of 2001*. (House Report 107-156). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 45

Content Topics: Detailed analysis/explanation of the legislation, Significant Tables/Graphs: Projected cost/spending tables provided by CBO.

Notes: Also includes CBO cost estimates, as well as a statement from the VA Court of Appeals for Veterans' Claims.

U.S. House of Representatives. (2003). *Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003*. (House Report 108-108). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 5

Content Topics: Detailed analysis of the bill, and a CBO statement on the projected cost.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1928). *Amend the World War Veterans' Act*. (Senate Report 1297). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 7

Content Topics: Explains the 15 sections of the bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: Contains a letter from VA's director, with his recommendations.

U.S. Senate. (1930). *World War Veterans' Act of 1930*. (Senate Report 1128). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 11

Content Topics: Summarizes and explains the 25 sections of the law.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1937). *Liberalization of Existing Laws Governing Benefits for World War Veterans*. (Senate Report 1147). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 3

Content Topics: Summarizes the bill's 9 sections.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Table showing estimated cost of the bill.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1939). Pensions to members of Regular Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard who become disabled. (Senate Report 414). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 15

Content Topics: Explains the bill, has statements from several stakeholders, also contains data supporting certain stakeholder positions.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Graph showing cost of living for some consumer items, tables of wages/pay and educational attainment of military service members.

Notes: Contained 15 relevant pages on disability compensation.

U.S. Senate. (1941). Standardization and Uniformity of Procedure Relating to Determination of Service Connection of Injuries or Diseases Alleged to Have Been Incurred in or Aggravated by Active Service in a War, Campaign, or Expedition. (Senate Report 902). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 3

Content Topics: Explains the purpose of the law, contains the VA's endorsement.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1950). Authorizing Payments by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs on the Purchase of Automobiles or Other Conveyances by Certain Disabled Veterans. (Senate Report 2273). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 3

Content Topics: Explains the context and purpose for this law, as well as a history of other legislation on automobiles for veterans.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Short table on costs and numbers of cars for veterans from 1947 through 1950.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1954). Prohibiting Reduction of any Rating of Total Disability or Permanent Total Disability for Compensation, Pension, or Insurance Purposes Which Has Been in Effect for 20 or More Years. (Senate Report 1027). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 2

Content Topics: Explains H.R. 2894.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1954). *Providing Increases in the Monthly Rates of Compensation Payable to Certain Veterans and Their Dependents.* (Senate Report 1986). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 4

Content Topics: Provides an “analysis” of the bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Table entitled “Veterans’ compensation — All wars and peacetime,” and a table showing projected costs of the bill.

Notes: Details changes showing old compensation in brackets.

U.S. Senate. (1960). *Prohibiting Severance of Service Connection After 10 Years.* (Senate Report 1394). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 3

Content Topics: Explanation of the bill, and a VA Departmental Report on the effects and costs of the bill.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (1962). *Increasing Rates of Compensation for Service-Connected Disabled Veteran.* (Senate Report 1806). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 14

Content Topics: Explains the bill, has the VA Departmental Report on the bill, plus reports from the Army and the Budget Bureau. Also has an excerpt from title 38 showing the changes.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Tables on cost estimates and details of disability compensation increases.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (2001). *Veterans’ Benefits Improvement Act of 2001* (Senate Report 107-86). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 65

Content Topics: Contains various amendments to Title 38 of United States Code including restoring a presumption on veterans exposed to Agent Orange and expanding the definition of “undiagnosed illnesses” to include multi-symptom illnesses for the purpose of authorizing compensation to Gulf War veterans with such illnesses.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Estimates on Compensation and Burial benefits, 2002-2006.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (2003). *Appropriations Act of 2004*. Senate Conference Report, November 12, 2003, S14494. Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 2

Content Topics: Explanation of the Act by Senator Hutchison.

Significant Tables/Graphs: None.

Notes: N/A

U.S. Senate. (2004). *Veterans Compensation Cost-Of-Living Adjustment Act of 2004*. (Senate Report 108-351). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.

No. of Pages: 9

Content Topics: Explanation of the bill, summary of committee actions and hearings, and cost estimates from CBO.

Significant Tables/Graphs: Table showing disability compensation increases from 1975 through 2005.

Notes: N/A



## **Appendix C – Abbreviations**

CBO	Congressional Budget Office
C.F.R.	Code of Federal Regulation
COLA	Cost of Living Adjustment
DIC	Dependency and Indemnity Compensation
DOD	Department of Defense
ECVARs	Economic Validation of the Rating Schedule
FECA	Federal Employees' Compensation Act
GAO	General Accounting Office
H.R.	House Report
MIA	Missing in Action
NAS	National Academy of Sciences
OASDI	Old Age, Survivors and Disability Insurance
OMB	Office of Management and Budget
PL	Public Law
POW	Prisoner of War
U.S.	United States
U.S.C.	United States Code
VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
WWI	World War I
WWII	World War II

## Errata

### Legislative History for the VA Disability Compensation Program

1. The following statement, which is found at p. 4, second paragraph, may be misleading: **“Presumption of service-connection now includes vaccinations against certain biological war hazards in preparation for operations in the Persian Gulf.”** In fact, neither Congress nor VA has created any such presumption. Congress did authorize VA to create such presumptions if the Secretary becomes convinced that there is a positive association between such inoculations and the development of disease, but that has not yet occurred.
2. At the top of p. 21, the first two paragraphs describe Public Law 100-321, enacted in 1988. The description is wrong in indicating that this Act covered veterans exposed to radiation during nuclear testing during the 1940s only. It covered veterans who were exposed during the U.S. occupations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during only the 1940s, but as the report later correctly notes (in 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on p. 71), the law covered veterans who participated onsite in any atmospheric testing of nuclear devices without temporal limitation. VA immediately began applying the new presumption to veterans exposed during atmospheric tests during the 1940s, 1950s and 1960s (when the U.S. discontinued atmospheric testing pursuant to international treaty).