

111<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 6054

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 30, 2010

Mr. MELANCON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE PAY-**  
4 **ABLE BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**  
5 **FAIRS FOR VETERANS' FUNERAL AND BURIAL**  
6 **EXPENSES.**

7 (a) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE FOR BUR-  
8 IAL EXPENSES.—Section 2302(a) of title 38, United

1 States Code, is amended by striking “\$300” and inserting  
2 “\$1,200”.

3 (b) INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF PLOT ALLOWANCE.—  
4 Section 2303 of such title is amended by striking “\$300”  
5 each place it appears and inserting “\$720”.

6 (c) INCREASE IN ASSISTANCE FOR DEATHS FROM  
7 SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES.—Section 2307 of  
8 such title is amended by striking “\$2,000” and inserting  
9 “\$3,830”.

10 (d) ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF RATES.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 23 of such title is  
12 amended by adding at the end the following new sec-  
13 tion:

14 **“§ 2309. Annual adjustment of benefit rates**

15 “Whenever there is an increase in benefit amounts  
16 payable under title II of the Social Security Act (42  
17 U.S.C. 401 et seq.) as a result of a determination made  
18 under section 215(i) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 415(i)), the  
19 Secretary shall, effective on the date of such increase in  
20 benefit amounts, increase each maximum annual rate of  
21 payment under sections 2302, 2303, and 2307 of this title,  
22 as such rates were in effect immediately prior to the date  
23 of such increase in benefit amounts payable under title  
24 II of the Social Security Act, by the same percentage as

1 the percentage by which such benefit amounts are in-  
2 creased.”.

3           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
4           tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
5           by adding at the end the following new item:

“2309. Annual adjustment of benefit rates.”.

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