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S. 219

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to increase the amount of certain payments during the emergency period resulting from the COVID–19 pandemic, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans’ Affairs

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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Aid and Attendance
5 Support Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCREASE OF AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PAYMENTS DURING**
3 **EMERGENCY PERIOD RESULTING FROM**
4 **COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—During the covered period, the
6 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall apply each of the fol-
7 lowing provisions of title 38, United States Code, by sub-
8 stituting for each of the dollar amounts in such provision
9 the amount equal to 125 percent of the dollar amount that
10 was in effect under such provision on the day before the
11 date of the enactment of this Act:

12 (1) Subsections (l), (m), (r), and (t) of section
13 1114.

14 (2) Paragraph (1)(E) of section 1115.

15 (3) Subsection (c) of section 1311.

16 (4) Subsection (g) of section 1315.

17 (5) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (d) of
18 section 1521.

19 (6) Paragraphs (2) and (4) of subsection (f) of
20 section 1521.

21 (b) TREATMENT OF AMOUNTS.—Any amount payable
22 to an individual under subsection (a) in excess of the
23 amount otherwise in effect shall be in addition to any
24 other benefit or any other amount payable to that indi-
25 vidual under any provision of law referred to in subsection

1 (a) or any other provision of law administered by the Sec-
2 retary of Veterans Affairs.

3 (c) COVERED PERIOD.—In this section, the covered
4 period is the period that begins on the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act and ends 60 days after the last day of
6 the emergency period (as defined in section 1135(g)(1) of
7 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)(1))) result-
8 ing from the COVID–19 pandemic.

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