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Disabled Veterans Urge Congress to Pass Special Payment Bill

WASHINGTON—The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) is urging Congress to approve legislation that would provide a special one-time payment to recipients of veterans disability compensation, pension or survivor's benefits. The Seniors Protection Act of 2010 (H.R. 5987) directs the Secretary of the Treasury to disburse a \$250 payment to recipients of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, railroad retirement benefits and veterans disability compensation or pension benefits if no cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) is payable in 2011.

“Once again, our nation’s economic woes have affected every disabled veteran and surviving spouse receiving compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs,” said DAV National Commander Wallace E. Tyson. “It is especially troubling for those who already bear the burden of disability and loss.”

In a grassroots alert to its members and others, the DAV urged them to encourage their lawmakers to support this legislation vital to so many service-connected disabled veterans and their families. The \$250 would be helpful to many veterans and their families who are struggling with the second consecutive year of no cost-of-living allowance in their veteran and dependent benefits.

Earlier this month government officials said consumer prices have risen slightly from a year ago, but not enough to trigger a COLA. Under government rules, consumer prices must have risen past their level when the last Social Security increase was awarded for another increase to take effect.

H.R. 5987, introduced by Rep. Earl Pomeroy (D-N.D.), has 127 cosponsors, and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has vowed to bring the bill to a vote during the “lame duck” Congressional session.

The 1.2 million-member Disabled American Veterans, a non-profit organization founded in 1920 and chartered by the U.S. Congress in 1932, represents this nation’s disabled veterans. It is dedicated to a single purpose: building better lives for our nation’s disabled veterans and their families. For more information, visit the organization’s Web site, www.dav.org.

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