

**V. Preemption**

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

**VI. Conclusion**

Based upon its evaluation of the five exemption applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41 (b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**Cost of Living Adjustments for Service-Connected Benefits**

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017, Public Law 115-75, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of adjustments in certain benefit rates. These adjustments affect the compensation program.

**DATES:** These adjustments became effective on December 1, 2017, the date provided by Public Law 115-75.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 2 of Public Law 115-175 provides for an increase in each of the rates in sections 1114, 1115(1), and 1162 of title 38, United States Code. VA is required to increase these benefit rates by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. The increased rates are required to be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 2.0 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits for 2018. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following rates for VA's compensation program became effective on December 1, 2017:

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
<b>Disability Compensation [38 U.S.C. 1114]</b>	
10 .....	\$136.24
20 .....	269.30
30 .....	417.15
40 .....	600.90
50 .....	855.41
60 .....	1,083.52
70 .....	1,365.48
80 .....	1,587.25
90 .....	1,783.68
100 .....	2,973.86
(38 U.S.C. 1114(k) through (t)):	
38 U.S.C. 1114(k) .....	105.61
38 U.S.C. 1114(l) .....	3,700.43

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
38 U.S.C. 1114(m) .....	4,083.79
38 U.S.C. 1114(n) .....	4,645.60
38 U.S.C. 1114(o) .....	5,192.65
38 U.S.C. 1114(p) .....	5,192.65
38 U.S.C. 1114(r) .....	2,227.23;
	3,318.14
38 U.S.C. 1114(s) .....	3,328.70
38 U.S.C. 1114(t) .....	3,318.14

<b>Additional Compensation for Dependents [38 U.S.C. 1115(1)]</b>	
38 U.S.C. 1115(1):	
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(A) .....	\$165.81
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(B) .....	287.24; 82.38
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(C) .....	110.89; 82.38
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(D) .....	133.06
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(E) .....	317.87
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(F) .....	266.13

<b>Clothing Allowance [38 U.S.C. 1162]</b>	
\$795.21 per year.	

**Signing Authority**

The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or designee, approved this document and authorized the undersigned to sign and submit the document to the Office of the Federal Register for publication electronically as an official document of the Department of Veteran Affairs. Gina S. Farrisee, Deputy Chief of Staff, approved this document on February 5, 2018, for publication.

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