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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

May 25. 2001

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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Sponsors - Representative Chris Smith (R) NJ and 40 cosponsors

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Attention: Assistant Director
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Dear Mr. Daniels:

As requested, I am writing to recommend the President's approval of the enrolled H.R. 801, 107th Congress, the "Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001."

Section 3 of the bill would expand CHAMPVA (the Civilian Health and Medical Program administered by VA) eligibility to include beneficiaries who are 65 years of age and older. This change is consistent with recent changes made to the CHAMPUS/TRICARE program in the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001. Effective October 1, 2001, DoD will provide medical services to military dependents and retirees who are 65 and older, entitled to Medicare Part A and who also purchase Medicare Part B. The CHAMPUS/TRICARE benefit would be secondary, i.e., payable after payment by Medicare or other third-party payers. CHAMPVA is a cost-sharing program; benefits may not exceed the amount allowable under CHAMPVA minus the applicable co-payments and deductibles. CHAMPVA beneficiaries who have attained age 65 and are not enrolled in Medicare Part B as of the date of enactment will continue to be eligible for CHAMPVA benefits even though not enrolled in Medicare Part B.

By law, CHAMPVA must provide the same or similar benefits subject to the same or similar limitations as CHAMPUS. VA supports the express language in title 38 extending this benefit to CHAMPVA beneficiaries.

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VA strongly endorses extending the increase in SGLI coverage to insureds who died in a series of recent incidents related to their performance of duty, including the terrorist bombing of the USS Cole on October 12, 2000. We believe this action is particularly important as a reflection of the Nation's gratitude and obligation to those who have sacrificed so much in its service.

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Sincerely yours,

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We recommend that the President sign this bill into law.

Sincerely yours,

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H. R. 801

One Hundred Seventh Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Wednesday, the third day of January, two thousand and one

An Act

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Veterans' Survivor Benefits Improvements Act of 2001".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

SEC. 2. REFERENCES TO TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.

Except as otherwise expressly provided, whenever in this Act an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms of an amendment to, or repeal of, a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 3. ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS UNDER CHAMPVA FOR VETERANS' SURVIVORS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HOSPITAL INSURANCE BENEFITS UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM.

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"(ii) the total amount paid or payable for such medical care by third party payers other than the medicare program.

"(3) The amount payable under this subsection for medical care may not exceed the total amount that would be paid under subsection (b) if payment for such medical care were made solely under subsection (b).

"(4) In this paragraph:

"(A) The term 'medicare program' means the program of health insurance administered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.).

"(B) The term 'third party' has the meaning given that term in section 1729(i)(3) of this title.".

SEC. 4. FAMILY COVERAGE UNDER SERVICEMEMBERS' GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

(a) INSURABLE DEPENDENTS.—(1) Section 1965 is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(10) The term 'insurable dependent', with respect to a member, means the following:

"(A) The member's spouse.

"(B) The member's child, as defined in the first sentence of section 101(4)(A) of this title.".

(2) Section 101(4)(A) is amended in the matter preceding clause (i) by inserting "(other than with respect to a child who is an insurable dependent under section 1965(10)(B) of such chapter)" after "except for purposes of chapter 19 of this title".

(b) INSURANCE COVERAGE.—(1) Subsection (a) of section 1967 is amended to read as follows:

"(a)(1) Subject to an election under paragraph (2), any policy of insurance purchased by the Secretary under section 1966 of this title shall automatically insure the following persons against death:

"(A) In the case of any member of a uniformed service on active duty (other than active duty for training)—

"(i) the member; and

"(ii) each insurable dependent of the member.

"(B) Any member of a uniformed service on active duty for training or inactive duty training scheduled in advance by competent authority.

"(C) In the case of any member of the Ready Reserve of a uniformed service who meets the qualifications set forth in section 1965(5)(B) of this title—

"(i) the member; and

"(ii) each insurable dependent of the member.

"(2)(A) A member may elect in writing not to be insured under this subchapter.

"(B) A member may elect in writing not to insure the member's spouse under this subchapter.

"(3)(A) Subject to subparagraphs (B) and (C), the amount for which a person is insured under this subchapter is as follows:

"(i) In the case of a member, $250,000.

"(ii) In the case of a member's spouse, $100,000.

"(iii) In the case of a member's child, $10,000.

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"(C) In no case may the amount of insurance coverage under this subsection of a member's spouse exceed the amount of insurance coverage of the member.

"(4)(A) An insurable dependent of a member is not insured under this chapter unless the member is insured under this subchapter.

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"(D) The date certified by the Secretary to the Secretary concerned as the date Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance under this subchapter for the class or group concerned takes effect.

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"(F) In the case of an insurable dependent who is a child, the date of birth of such child or, if the child is not the natural child of the member, the date on which the child acquires status as an insurable dependent of the member.".

(2) Subsection (c) of such section is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting the following: "If a person eligible for insurance under this subchapter is not so insured, or is insured for less than the maximum amount provided for the person under subparagraph (A) of subsection (a)(3), by reason of an election made by a member under subparagraph (B) of that subsection, the person may thereafter be insured under this subchapter in the maximum amount or any lesser amount elected as provided in such subparagraph (B) upon written application by the member,

proof of good health of each person (other than a child) to be so insured, and compliance with such other terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the Secretary.".

(c) TERMINATION OF COVERAGE.—(1) Subsection (a) of section 1968 is amended—

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"(5) With respect to an insurable dependent of the member, insurance under this subchapter shall cease—

"(A) 120 days after the date of an election made in writing by the member to terminate the coverage; or

"(B) on the earliest of—

"(i) 120 days after the date of the member's death;

"(ii) 120 days after the date of termination of the insurance on the member's life under this subchapter; or

"(iii) 120 days after the termination of the dependent's status as an insurable dependent of the member.".

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(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking ", and such insurance shall cease—" and inserting "and such insurance shall cease as follows:";

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(II) by striking "prior to the expiration of one hundred and twenty days" and inserting "before the end of 120 days"; and

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(3) Subsection (b)(1)(A) of such section is amended by inserting "(to insure against death of the member only)" after "converted to Veterans' Group Life Insurance".

(d) PREMIUMS.—Section 1969 is amended by adding at the end the following new subsections:

"(g)(1)(A) During any period in which a spouse of a member is insured under this subchapter and the member is on active duty, there shall be deducted each month from the member's basic or other pay until separation or release from active duty an amount determined by the Secretary as the premium allocable to the pay period for providing that insurance coverage. No premium may be charged for providing insurance coverage for a child.

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(f) CONVERSION OF SGLI TO PRIVATE LIFE INSURANCE.—Section 1968(b) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(3)(A) In the case of a policy purchased under this subchapter for an insurable dependent who is a spouse, upon election of the spouse, the policy may be converted to an individual policy of insurance under the same conditions as described in section 1977(e) of this title (with respect to conversion of a Veterans' Group Life Insurance policy to such an individual policy) upon written application for conversion made to the participating company selected by the spouse and payment of the required premiums. Conversion of such policy to Veterans' Group Life Insurance is prohibited.

"(B) In the case of a policy purchased under this subchapter for an insurable dependent who is a child, such policy may not be converted under this subsection.".

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE AND INITIAL IMPLEMENTATION.—(1) The amendments made by this section shall take effect on the first day of the first month that begins more than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(2) Each Secretary concerned, acting in consultation with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall take such action as is necessary to ensure that during the period between the date of the enactment of this Act and the effective date determined under paragraph (1) each eligible member—

(A) is furnished an explanation of the insurance benefits available for dependents under the amendments made by this section; and

(B) is afforded an opportunity before such effective date to make elections that are authorized under those amendments to be made with respect to dependents.

(3) For purposes of paragraph (2):

(A) The term "Secretary concerned" has the meaning given that term in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

(B) The term "eligible member" means a member of the uniformed services described in subparagraph (A) or (C) of section 1967(a)(1) of title 38, United States Code, as amended by subsection (b)(1).

SEC. 5. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY OF INCREASE IN MAXIMUM SGLI BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS DYING IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTY ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2000.

(a) APPLICABILITY OF INCREASE IN BENEFIT.—Notwithstanding subsection (c) of section 312 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1854), the amendments made by subsection (a) of that section shall take effect on October 1, 2000, with respect to any member of the uniformed services who died in the performance of duty (as determined by the Secretary concerned) during the period beginning on October 1, 2000, and ending at the close of March 31, 2001, and who on the date of death was insured under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program under subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States Code, for the maximum coverage available under that program.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term "Secretary concerned" has the meaning given that term in section 101(25) of title 38, United States Code.

(2) The term "uniformed services" has the meaning given that term in section 1965(6) of title 38, United States Code.

SEC. 6. EXPANSION OF OUTREACH EFFORTS TO ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS.

(a) AVAILABILITY OF OUTREACH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN, SPOUSES, SURVIVING SPOUSES, AND DEPENDENT PARENTS.—Paragraph (2) of section 7721(b) is amended to read as follows:

"(2) the term 'eligible dependent' means a spouse, surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent of a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service.".

(b) IMPROVED OUTREACH PROGRAM.—(1) Subchapter II of chapter 77 is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

"§ 7727. Outreach for eligible dependents

"(a) In carrying out this subchapter, the Secretary shall ensure that the needs of eligible dependents are fully addressed.

"(b) The Secretary shall ensure that the availability of outreach services and assistance for eligible dependents under this subchapter is made known through a variety of means, including the Internet, announcements in veterans publications, and announcements to the media.".

(2) The table of sections at the beginning of that chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 7726 the following new item:

"7727. Outreach for eligible dependents.".

SEC. 7. TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE MONTGOMERY GI BILL STATUTE.

(a) CLARIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT FOR BENEFITS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section 3011(a)(1)(A), as amended by section 103(a)(1)(A) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1825), is amended by striking "serves an obligated period of active duty of" and inserting "(I) in the case of an individual whose obligated period of active duty is three years or more, serves at least three years of continuous active duty in the Armed Forces, or (II) in the case of an individual whose obligated period of active duty is less than three years, serves".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419).

(b) ENTITLEMENT CHARGE FOR OFF-DUTY TRAINING AND EDUCATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 3014(b)(2) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking "(without regard to" and all that follows through "this subsection"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) The number of months of entitlement charged under this chapter in the case of an individual who has been paid a basic educational assistance allowance under this subsection shall be equal to the number (including any fraction) determined by dividing the total amount of such educational assistance allowance paid the individual by the full-time monthly institutional rate of educational assistance which such individual would otherwise be paid under subsection (a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), or (e)(1) of section 3015 of this title, as the case may be.".

(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section 3015 is amended—

(i) in subsections (a)(1) and (b)(1), by inserting "subsection (h)" after "from time to time under"; and

(ii) by striking the subsection that was inserted as subsection (g) by section 1602(b)(3)(C) of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (as enacted by Public Law 106–398; 114 Stat. 1654A–359) and redesignated as subsection (h) by 105(b)(2) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1829).

(B) Section 3032(b) is amended—

(i) by striking "the lesser of" and inserting "the least of the following:";

(ii) by striking "or" after "chapter,"; and

(iii) by inserting before the period at the end the following: ", or (3) the amount of the charges of the educational institution elected by the individual under section 3014(b)(1) of this title".

(3) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419).

(c) INCREMENTAL INCREASES FOR CONTRIBUTING ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS.—

(1) ACTIVE DUTY PROGRAM.—Section 3011(e), as added by section 105(a)(1) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1828), is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting ", but not more frequently than monthly" before the period;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "$4" and inserting "$20"; and

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking "Secretary. The" and inserting "Secretary of the military department concerned. That"; and

(ii) by striking "by the Secretary".

(2) SELECTED RESERVE PROGRAM.—Section 3012(f), as added by section 105(a)(2) of such Act, is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by inserting ", but not more frequently than monthly" before the period;

(B) in paragraph (3), by striking "$4" and inserting "$20"; and

(C) in paragraph (4)—

(i) by striking "Secretary. The" and inserting "Secretary of the military department concerned. That"; and

(ii) by striking "by the Secretary".

(3) INCREASED ASSISTANCE AMOUNT.—Section 3015(g), as added by section 105(b)(3) of such Act, is amended—

(A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "effective as of the first day of the enrollment period following receipt of such contributions from such individual by the Secretary concerned," after "by section 3011(e) or 3012(f) of this title,"; and

(B) in paragraph (1)—

(i) by striking "$1" and inserting "$5";

(ii) by striking "$4" and inserting "$20"; and

(iii) by inserting “of this title” after “section 3011(e) or 3012(f)”.

(4) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subsection shall take effect as if included in the enactment of section 105 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1828).

(d) DEATH BENEFITS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Paragraph (1) of section 3017(b) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) the total of—

“(A) the amount reduced from the individual’s basic pay under section 3011(b), 3012(c), 3018(c), 3018A(b), 3018B(b), 3018C(b), or 3018C(e) of this title;

“(B) the amount reduced from the individual’s retired pay under section 3018C(e) of this title;

“(C) the amount collected from the individual by the Secretary under section 3018B(b), 3018C(b), or 3018C(e) of this title; and

“(D) the amount of any contributions made by the individual under section 3011(c) or 3012(f) of this title, less”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as of May 1, 2001.

(e) CLARIFICATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED BY VEAP PARTICIPANTS WHO ENROLL IN BASIC EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE.—

(1) CLARIFICATION.—Section 3018C(b), as amended by section 104(b) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1828), is amended by striking “or (e)”.

(2) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS.—Any amount collected under section 3018C(b) of title 38, United States Code (whether by reduction in basic pay under paragraph (1) of that section, collection under paragraph (2) of that section, or both), with respect to an individual who enrolled in basic educational assistance under section 3018C(e) of that title, during the period beginning on November 1, 2000, and ending on the date of the enactment of this Act, shall be treated as an amount collected with respect to the individual under section 3018C(e)(3)(A) of that title (whether as a reduction in basic pay under clause (i) of that section, a collection under clause (ii) of that section, or both) for basic educational assistance under section 3018C of that title.

(f) CLARIFICATION OF TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION OF BEGINNING OF CHAPTER 35 ELIGIBILITY FOR DEPENDENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—(A) Section 3512(a)(3)(B), as amended by section 112 of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419; 114 Stat. 1831), is amended to read as follows:

“(B) the eligible person elects that beginning date by not later than the end of the 60-day period beginning on the date on which the Secretary provides written notice to that person of that person’s opportunity to make such election, such notice including a statement of the deadline for the election imposed under this subparagraph; and”.

(B) Section 3512(a)(3)(C), as so amended, is amended by striking “between the dates described in” and inserting “the date determined pursuant to”.

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect as if enacted on November 1, 2000, immediately after the enactment of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000.

SEC. 8. MISCELLANEOUS TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.

(a) TITLE 38, UNITED STATES CODE.—Title 38, United States Code, is amended as follows:

(1) Effective as of November 1, 2000, section 107 is amended—

(A) in the second sentence of subsection (a), by inserting "or (d)" after "subsection (c)";

(B) by redesignating the second subsection (c) (added by section 332(a)(2) of the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419)) as subsection (d); and

(C) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by striking "In" in paragraph (1) and inserting "With respect to benefits under chapter 23 of this title, in".

(2) Section 1710B(c)(2)(B) is amended by striking "on the date of the enactment of the Veterans Millennium Health Care and Benefits Act" and inserting "November 30, 1999".

(3) Section 2301(f) is amended—

(A) in the matter in paragraph (1) preceding subparagraph (A), by striking "(as" and all that follows through "in section" and inserting "(as described in section"; and

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "subparagraphs" and inserting "subparagraph".

(4) Section 3452 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) by striking "or" at the end of subparagraph (A); and

(ii) by striking "clause (B) of this paragraph" in subparagraph (C) and inserting "subparagraph (B)";

(B) in subsection (a)(2)—

(i) by striking "paragraph (1)(A) or (B)" and inserting "subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1)"; and

(ii) by striking "one hundred and eighty days" and inserting "180 days";

(C) in subsection (a)(3), by striking "section 511(d) of title 10" and inserting "section 12103(d) of title 10"; and

(D) in subsection (e), by striking "chapter 4C of title 29," and inserting "the Act of August 16, 1937, popularly known as the 'National Apprenticeship Act' (29 U.S.C. 50 et seq.),".

(5) Section 3462(a) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(6) Section 3512 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(5), by striking "clause (4) of this subsection" and inserting "paragraph (4)"; and

(B) in subsection (b)(2), by striking "willfull" and inserting "willful".

(7) Section 3674 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(2)—

(i) in subparagraph (A)—

(I) by striking ", effective at the beginning of fiscal year 1988,"; and

(II) by striking "section 3674A(a)(4)" and inserting "section 3674A(a)(3)";

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "paragraph (3)(A)" and inserting "paragraph (3)"; and

(iii) in subparagraph (C), by striking "section 3674A(a)(4)" and inserting "section 3674A(a)(3)"; and

(B) in subsection (c)—

(i) by striking "on September 30, 1978, and"; and

(ii) by striking "thereafter,".

(8) Section 3674A(a)(2) is amended by striking "clause (1)" and inserting "paragraph (1)".

(9) Section 3734(a) is amended—

(A) by striking "United States Code," in the matter preceding paragraph (1); and

(B) by striking "appropriations in" in paragraph (2) and inserting "appropriations for".

(10) Section 4104 is amended—

(A) in subsection (a)(1)—

(i) by striking "Beginning with fiscal year 1988," and inserting "For any fiscal year,";

(ii) by striking "clause" in subparagraph (B) and inserting "subparagraph"; and

(iii) by striking "clauses" in subparagraph (C) and inserting "subparagraphs";

(B) in subsection (a)(4), by striking "on or after July 1, 1988"; and

(C) in subsection (b)—

(i) by striking "shall—" in the matter preceding paragraph (1) and inserting "shall perform the following functions:";

(ii) by capitalizing the initial letter of the first word of each of paragraphs (1) through (12);

(iii) by striking the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (1) through (10) and inserting a period; and

(iv) by striking "; and" at the end of paragraph (11) and inserting a period.

(11) Section 4303(13) is amended by striking the second period at the end.

(12) Section 5103(b)(1) is amended by striking "1 year" and inserting "one year".

(13) Section 5701(g) is amended by striking "clause" in paragraphs (2)(B) and (3) and inserting "subparagraph".

(14)(A) Section 7367 is repealed.

(B) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 73 is amended by striking the item relating to section 7367.

(15) Section 8125(d) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by striking "(beginning in 1992)";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "(beginning in 1993)"; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3).

(16) The following provisions are each amended by striking "hereafter" and inserting "hereinafter": sections 545(a)(1), 1710B(e)(1), 3485(a)(1), 3537(a), 3722(a), 3763(a), 5121(a),

7101(a), 7105(b)(1), 7671, 7672(e)(1)(B), 7681(a)(1), 7801, and 8520(a).

(b) PUBLIC LAW 106–419.—Effective as of November 1, 2000, and as if included therein as originally enacted, the Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 (Public Law 106–419) is amended as follows:

(1) Section 111(f)(3) (114 Stat. 1831) is amended by striking "3654" and inserting "3564".

(2) Section 323(a)(1) (114 Stat. 1855) is amended by inserting a comma in the second quoted matter therein after "duty".

(3) Section 401(e)(1) (114 Stat. 1860) is amended by striking "this" both places it appears in quoted matter and inserting "This".

(4) Section 402(b) (114 Stat. 1861) is amended by striking the close quotation marks and period at the end of the table in paragraph (2) of the matter inserted by the amendment made that section.

(c) PUBLIC LAW 102–590.—Section 3(a)(1) of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Programs Act of 1992 (38 U.S.C. 7721 note) is amended by striking ", during,".

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H.R. 801 would extend retroactively the increase in the maximum amount of SGLI coverage as established by Public Law 106-419, which increased the maximum amount of SGLI coverage from $200,000 to $250,000, effective April 1, 2001. H.R. 801 would extend the increase to servicemembers who died in the performance of duty between October 1, 2000, and March 31, 2001, and had previously elected the maximum amount of SGLI coverage. The retroactive SGLI increase would be paid from the SGLI contingency reserves, which are built up from servicemembers' premiums. The Secretary of each of the uniformed services would determine the definition of "performance of duty." According to a statement made on the House floor during consideration of H.R. 801, the retroactive SGLI increase is intended to include the servicemembers who were killed in the attack on the U.S.S. Cole.

H.R. 801 also would automatically enroll for coverage in SGLI certain family members of servicemembers. It would expand SGLI to provide automatic SGLI coverage to the spouses and certain children of insured, full-time, active-duty servicemembers. The enrolled bill would provide $10,000 of SGLI coverage for certain children and a maximum of $100,000 for the spouse. The servicemember would be able to elect not to insure the spouse or to purchase coverage for less than $100,000. Coverage for children would be at no cost to the family, but would instead be paid from SGLI reserves. It could not be declined. Premiums for spouses' coverage would be deducted from each family's servicemember's pay at rates to be set by VA. SGLI coverage for family members would end 120 days after the servicemember's death, 120 days after the date on which the servicemember's SGLI coverage is terminated, or 120 days after the termination of the insured's status as the child or spouse of the servicemember. If a spouse's SGLI coverage was terminated by one of these events, the spouse would have the option to convert to commercial coverage.

CHAMPVA Expansion. H.R. 801 contains provisions intended to make certain CHAMPVA benefits consistent with recently-enacted benefit changes provided under the Department of Defense's CHAMPUS/TRICARE programs. CHAMPVA, which is administered by VA, provides medical services to certain veterans' survivors. The CHAMPUS/TRICARE program provides medical services to certain military dependents and retirees who are age 65 and over. Specifically, the enrolled bill would expand CHAMPVA eligibility to include veterans' survivors who are 65 years of age and older. Current statute requires CHAMPVA to provide the same or similar benefits subject to the same or similar limitations as CHAMPUS. Therefore, VA advises informally that the Department would be required to expand CHAMPVA benefits as specified in H.R. 801 even in the absence of the bill's enactment.

VA's Outreach Efforts. H.R. 801 would expand VA's responsibilities for outreach to potential beneficiaries who are eligible dependents of veterans to notify them of benefits to which they are entitled. The enrolled bill would expand the definition of eligible dependents to include all spouses, surviving spouses, children, and dependent parents of persons who have served in active military service. The VA Secretary would be required to ensure the availability of outreach services and assistance for eligible dependents through a variety of means, including the Internet, announcements in veterans publications, and announcements to the media.

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Conclusion and Recommendations

VA recommends approval of H.R. 801. In its views letter, VA notes that it strongly endorses the retroactive increase in SGLI coverage to certain servicemembers who died in the performance of duty since October 1, 2000. VA states that this provision is "particularly important as a reflection of the Nation's gratitude and obligation to those who have sacrificed so much in its service."

We join VA in recommending approval of H.R. 801, which passed the House and Senate by unanimous consent.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Strom Thurmond

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