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HOUSE BILL NO. 1125

Introduced by: Representatives Kloucek, Hunhoff (Bernie), Iron Cloud III, Kirschman, Schrempp, and Stricherz and Senators Putnam, Bradford, Frerichs, Gray, and Sutton

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the amount of certain veterans' bonus payments.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

3 Section 1. That § 33-17-22 be amended to read as follows:

4 33-17-22. Any bonus earned pursuant to § 33-17-20 that is based on qualifying service
5 during the period September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined by the South Dakota
6 Legislature, shall be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars for the first month and ~~twenty~~ fifty
7 dollars for each subsequent month of active duty in the armed forces during such period, to a
8 maximum bonus of ~~two hundred forty~~ five hundred dollars. However, any person who qualifies
9 for a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 and who has received or is eligible to receive, based on
10 service in the armed forces from January 1, 1993, to a date to be determined by the South
11 Dakota Legislature, the southwest Asia service medal, the armed forces expeditionary medal,
12 Kosovo campaign medal, Afghanistan campaign medal, Iraq campaign medal, global war on
13 terrorism expeditionary medal, global war on terrorism service medal, or other United States
14 campaign or service medal awarded for participation outside the boundaries of the United States



1 in combat operations against hostile forces, shall, for the time served in one or more such areas
2 qualifying for any of the medals listed in this section, be paid ~~one hundred fifty~~ two hundred
3 dollars for the first month and fifty dollars for each subsequent month of such service, up to a
4 maximum bonus, together with any payments pursuant to this section for service not qualifying
5 for any such medal, of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars.

6 Section 2. That § 33-17-24 be amended to read as follows:

7 33-17-24. ~~Such~~ The bonus shall be paid in the amount of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand dollars
8 to dependents of each member of the armed forces who died as the result of wounds or injuries
9 suffered or illness incurred in service that would have qualified for a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-
10 20, regardless of the length of such service or regardless of whether or not such service was
11 within or without the continental United States.

12 Section 3. That § 33-17-24.1 be amended to read as follows:

13 33-17-24.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of § 33-17-22, if any veteran who qualifies for
14 a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 is rated ten percent or more disabled for service connected
15 disability or disabilities by the veterans administration as a result of wounds or injuries or illness
16 incurred while on active duty in the areas or periods specified in § 33-17-20 regardless of the
17 length of such service, the veteran's bonus shall be in the amount of ~~five hundred~~ one thousand
18 dollars.

19 Section 4. That § 33-17-24.2 be amended to read as follows:

20 33-17-24.2. Any veteran qualified for the benefits authorized by §§ 33-17-22, 33-17-24, or
21 33-17-24.1 who has previously filed a claim under §§ 33-17-16 to 33-17-38, inclusive, may
22 amend the claim, or if the original claim was paid, initiate a new claim for the difference
23 between that claimed or paid and the amount authorized by §§ 33-17-22, 33-17-24, or 33-17-
24 24.1.