



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
COST ESTIMATE**

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H.R. 2367
Veterans Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1997

As cleared by the Congress on November 5, 1997

For 1998, the bill would increase the amounts paid to veterans for disability compensation and to their survivors for dependency and indemnity compensation by the same cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) payable to Social Security recipients. The increase would take effect on December 1, 1997, and the results of the adjustment would be rounded to the next lower dollar. The bill would affect direct spending and thus pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. However, the COLA is assumed in the budget resolution baseline, pursuant to section 257 of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, and savings from rounding it down were achieved by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33). As a result, the bill would have no budgetary effect relative to the baseline as modified by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997.

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