

Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act (H.R. 6047)



What does it do?

- ★ The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides qualified survivors of servicemembers and veterans with Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).
- ★ VA Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) is an additional, tax-free payment for veterans with severe service-connected disabilities, offering more money than standard disability rates for needs like aid and attendance for daily living, loss of use of limbs or organs, or being homebound, with levels K through T reflecting increasing need and higher payments.
- ★ The **Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act (H.R. 6047)** would increase the amount of SMC for the most severely disabled veterans (levels R1, R2, and T) and raise DIC rates for the surviving family members of deceased servicemembers and veterans.



Why is it needed?

- ★ **Neither DIC nor SMC has been adjusted in decades.**
- ★ Severely disabled veterans have added expenses due to daily home-based care and other disability-related needs.
- ★ When a service-connected SCI/D veteran passes away, monthly compensation that may have been upwards of \$10,000 a month stops, and their surviving spouse receives roughly a fifth of that per month in DIC.