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To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the eligibility criteria for special monthly pension.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Mr. AKAKA (by request) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SPECIAL MONTHLY PENSION FOR WARTIME**

4 **VETERANS 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER.**

5 (a) APPLICATION OF 38 U.S.C. 1513 IN DETERMINA-
6 TION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PENSION UNDER 38 U.S.C.
7 1521.—

8 (1) Section 1513(a) of title 38, United States
9 Code, is amended by adding “in subsection (a) of

1 section 1521” immediately following “(other than
2 the permanent and total disability requirement”.

3 (2) Section 1513 of title 38, United States
4 Code, is amended by adding a new subsection (c),
5 which provides the following:

6 “(c) If a veteran is eligible for basic pension under
7 this section, an increased pension shall be paid to the vet-
8 eran if the veteran meets the conditions applicable for an
9 increased pension under section 1521 of this title. An in-
10 creased pension shall be paid to the veteran at the rate
11 prescribed by subsection (e) of section 1521 of this title
12 if the veteran has a permanent and total disability and
13 either has additional disability or disabilities independ-
14 ently ratable at 60 per centum or more, or by reason of
15 a disability or disabilities is permanently housebound but
16 does not qualify for pension at the aid and attendance
17 rate.”.

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