

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2007

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### SENATE BILL NO. 179

Introduced by: Senators Kloucek, Bartling, Jerstad, Katus, Koetzle, Maher, and Sutton and  
Representatives Lucas, Feinstein, Gassman, Koistinen, Miles, Novstrup (Al),  
Pederson (Gordon), Sigdestad, and Street

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to increase the veterans bonus payment amount.

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 dollars  
7 for each subsequent month of active duty in the armed forces during such period, to a maximum  
8 bonus of ~~two hundred forty~~ three hundred sixty dollars for service in nonhostile area.

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

10 33-17-24. Such bonus shall be paid in the amount of ~~five hundred~~ seven hundred fifty  
11 dollars to dependents of each member of the armed forces who died as the result of wounds or  
12 injuries suffered or illness incurred in service that would have qualified for a bonus pursuant to  
13 § 33-17-20, regardless of the length of such service or regardless of whether or not such service  
14 was within or without the continental United States.

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



1        33-17-24.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 33-17-22 and 33-17-37, if any veteran  
2        who qualifies for a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 is rated ten percent or more disabled for  
3        service connected disability or disabilities by the veterans administration as a result of wounds  
4        or injuries or illness incurred while on active duty in the areas or periods specified in § 33-17-20  
5        regardless of the length of such service, the veteran's bonus shall be in the amount of ~~five~~  
6        ~~hundred~~ seven hundred fifty dollars.

7        Section 4. That § 33-17-37 be amended to read as follows:

8        33-17-37. Any bonus earned pursuant to § 33-17-20 that is based on qualifying service  
9        during the period from September 11, 2001, to a date to be determined by the South Dakota  
10        Legislature, shall be paid at the rate of one hundred dollars for the first month and twenty dollars  
11        for each subsequent month of active duty in the armed forces during such period, to a maximum  
12        bonus of ~~two hundred forty~~ three hundred sixty dollars. However, any person who qualifies for  
13        a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 and who has received or is eligible to receive the southwest Asia  
14        service medal, the armed forces expeditionary medal, Kosovo campaign medal, Afghanistan  
15        campaign medal, Iraq campaign medal, global war on terrorism expeditionary medal, global war  
16        on terrorism service medal, or other United States campaign or service medal awarded for  
17        participation outside the boundaries of the United States in combat operations against hostile  
18        forces for service in the armed forces after January 1, 1993, to a date to be determined by the  
19        South Dakota Legislature, shall, for the time served in one or more such areas qualifying for any  
20        of the medals listed in this section, be paid one hundred fifty dollars for the first month and fifty  
21        dollars for each subsequent month of such service, up to a maximum bonus, together with any  
22        payments pursuant to this section for service not qualifying for either medal, of ~~five hundred~~  
23        seven hundred fifty dollars.

24        Section 5. That § 33-17-37.1 be amended to read as follows:

1        33-17-37.1. Any veteran who served on active duty after August 2, 1990, and who qualified  
2        for a veterans bonus as provided by chapter 238 of the 1992 Session Laws and chapter 243 of  
3        the 1993 Session Laws is eligible to receive a veterans bonus as provided for by chapter 238 of  
4        the 1992 Session Laws and chapter 243 of the 1993 Session Laws. Any such veteran shall be  
5        paid at the rates established pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

6        Section 6. That § 33-17-38 be amended to read as follows:

7        33-17-38. No veteran may receive more than one bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 for service  
8        before January 1, 1993, and no veteran may receive more than one bonus for service after  
9        January 1, 1993. However, any veteran who is eligible for a bonus pursuant to § 33-17-20 for  
10       service before December 31, 1992, and for service after January 1, 1993, may receive two  
11       separate bonuses. No single bonus may exceed ~~five hundred~~ seven hundred fifty dollars.