NINETY-EIGHTH NATIONAL CONVENTION
OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION
Cincinnati, Ohio
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Resolution No. 251: Grant a 10% Rating for Veterans Who Must Take Daily Medications for Hypertension
Origin: Illinois
Submitted by: Convention Committee on Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization of veterans who have dedicated themselves to the service of their community, state and nation; and

WHEREAS, After veterans are released from service they are able to apply for VA compensation for their injuries and illnesses related to their active duty service; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of this program is to compensate a veteran for the average effect of their disability on their employment and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Most rated disabilities start at 10% disabling and may go up to 100% depending on the severity of the condition; and

WHEREAS, In the case of hypertension a veteran who takes their medication regularly, watches their diet, weight and exercises on a regular basis may be able to keep their hypertension under good control; and

WHEREAS, Due to their proactive measures their diastolic pressure can be kept below 100 and/or systolic pressure predominantly under 160; and

WHEREAS, Under the current rating schedule, diagnostic code 7101 this would only allow a 0% rating; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 30, 31, September 1, 2016, That The American Legion shall encourage and support legislation to change the rating schedule under diagnostic code 7101 to grant a 10% rating for any veteran who must take daily medication to keep their hypertension under control.