

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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Add at the end of division A the following:

1 **TITLE XIX—RADIATION EXPO-**
2 **SURE COMPENSATION REAU-**
3 **THORIZATION**

4 **Subtitle A—Manhattan Project**
5 **Waste**

6 **SEC. 901. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT**
7 **WASTE.**

8 The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public
9 Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by insert-
10 ing after section 5 the following:

11 **“SEC. 5A. CLAIMS RELATING TO MANHATTAN PROJECT**
12 **WASTE.**

13 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A claimant shall receive com-
14 pensation for a claim made under this Act, as described
15 in subsection (b) or (c), if—

16 “(1) a claim for compensation is filed with the
17 Attorney General—

18 “(A) by an individual described in para-
19 graph (2); or

1 “(B) on behalf of that individual by an au-
2 thorized agent of that individual, if the indi-
3 vidual is deceased or incapacitated, such as—

4 “(i) an executor of estate of that indi-
5 vidual; or

6 “(ii) a legal guardian or conservator
7 of that individual;

8 “(2) that individual, or if applicable, an author-
9 ized agent of that individual, demonstrates that the
10 individual—

11 “(A) was physically present in an affected
12 area for a period of at least 2 years after Janu-
13 ary 1, 1949; and

14 “(B) contracted a specified disease after
15 such period of physical presence;

16 “(3) the Attorney General certifies that the
17 identity of that individual, and if applicable, the au-
18 thorized agent of that individual, is not fraudulent
19 or otherwise misrepresented; and

20 “(4) the Attorney General determines that the
21 claimant has satisfied the applicable requirements of
22 this Act.

23 “(b) LOSSES AVAILABLE TO LIVING AFFECTED INDI-
24 VIDUALS.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—In the event of a claim
2 qualifying for compensation under subsection (a)
3 that is submitted to the Attorney General to be eligi-
4 ble for compensation under this section at a time
5 when the individual described in subsection (a)(2) is
6 living, the amount of compensation under this sec-
7 tion shall be in an amount that is the greater of
8 \$50,000 or the total amount of compensation for
9 which the individual is eligible under paragraph (2).

10 “(2) LOSSES DUE TO MEDICAL EXPENSES.—A
11 claimant described in paragraph (1) shall be eligible
12 to receive, upon submission of contemporaneous
13 written medical records, reports, or billing state-
14 ments created by or at the direction of a licensed
15 medical professional who provided contemporaneous
16 medical care to the claimant, additional compensa-
17 tion in the amount of all documented out-of-pocket
18 medical expenses incurred as a result of the specified
19 disease suffered by that claimant, such as any med-
20 ical expenses not covered, paid for, or reimbursed
21 through—

22 “(A) any public or private health insur-
23 ance;

24 “(B) any employee health insurance;

1 “(C) any workers’ compensation program;

2 or

3 “(D) any other public, private, or employee

4 health program or benefit.

5 “(c) PAYMENTS TO BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED

6 INDIVIDUALS.—In the event that an individual described

7 in subsection (a)(2) who qualifies for compensation under

8 subsection (a) is deceased at the time of submission of

9 the claim—

10 “(1) a surviving spouse may, upon submission

11 of a claim and records sufficient to satisfy the re-

12 quirements of subsection (a) with respect to the de-

13 ceased individual, receive compensation in the

14 amount of \$25,000; or

15 “(2) in the event that there is no surviving

16 spouse, the surviving children, minor or otherwise, of

17 the deceased individual may, upon submission of a

18 claim and records sufficient to satisfy the require-

19 ments of subsection (a) with respect to the deceased

20 individual, receive compensation in the total amount

21 of \$25,000, paid in equal shares to each surviving

22 child.

23 “(d) AFFECTED AREA.—For purposes of this section,

24 the term ‘affected area’ means—

1 “(1) in the State of Missouri, the ZIP Codes of
2 63031, 63033, 63034, 63042, 63045, 63074, 63114,
3 63135, 63138, 63044, 63121, 63140, 63145, 63147,
4 63102, 63304, 63134, 63043, 63341, 63368, and
5 63367;

6 “(2) in the State of Tennessee, the ZIP Codes
7 of 37716, 37840, 37719, 37748, 37763, 37828,
8 37769, 37710, 37845, 37887, 37829, 37854, 37830,
9 and 37831;

10 “(3) in the State of Alaska, the ZIP Codes of
11 99546 and 99547;

12 “(4) in the State of Kentucky, the ZIP Codes
13 of 42001, 42003, and 42086; and

14 “(5) in the State of Illinois, the ZIP Code of
15 62060.

16 “(e) SPECIFIED DISEASE.—For purposes of this sec-
17 tion, the term ‘specified disease’ means any of the fol-
18 lowing:

19 “(1) Any leukemia, other than chronic
20 lymphocytic leukemia, provided that the initial expo-
21 sure occurred after the age of 20 and the onset of
22 the disease was at least 2 years after first exposure.

23 “(2) Any of the following diseases, provided
24 that the onset was at least 2 years after the initial
25 exposure:

- 1 “(A) Multiple myeloma.
- 2 “(B) Lymphoma, other than Hodgkin’s
- 3 disease.
- 4 “(C) Primary cancer of the—
- 5 “(i) thyroid;
- 6 “(ii) male or female breast;
- 7 “(iii) esophagus;
- 8 “(iv) stomach;
- 9 “(v) pharynx;
- 10 “(vi) small intestine;
- 11 “(vii) pancreas;
- 12 “(viii) bile ducts;
- 13 “(ix) gall bladder;
- 14 “(x) salivary gland;
- 15 “(xi) urinary bladder;
- 16 “(xii) brain;
- 17 “(xiii) colon;
- 18 “(xiv) ovary;
- 19 “(xv) bone;
- 20 “(xvi) renal;
- 21 “(xvii) liver, except if cirrhosis or hep-
- 22 atitis B is indicated; or
- 23 “(xviii) lung.
- 24 “(f) PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—

1 “(1) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this sec-
2 tion, the Attorney General shall not determine that
3 a claimant has satisfied the requirements of sub-
4 section (a) unless demonstrated by submission of—

5 “(A) contemporaneous written residential
6 documentation and at least 1 additional em-
7 ployer-issued or government-issued document or
8 record that the claimant, for at least 2 years
9 after January 1, 1949, was physically present
10 in an affected area; or

11 “(B) other documentation determined by
12 the Attorney General to demonstrate that the
13 claimant, for at least 2 years after January 1,
14 1949, was physically present in an affected
15 area.

16 “(2) TYPES OF PHYSICAL PRESENCE.—For
17 purposes of determining physical presence under this
18 section, a claimant shall be considered to have been
19 physically present in an affected area if—

20 “(A) the claimant’s primary residence was
21 in the affected area;

22 “(B) the claimant’s place of employment
23 was in the affected area; or

24 “(C) the claimant attended school in the
25 affected area.

1 “(g) DISEASE CONTRACTION IN AFFECTED
2 AREAS.—For purposes of this section, the Attorney Gen-
3 eral shall not determine that a claimant has satisfied the
4 requirements of subsection (a) unless the claimant sub-
5 mits—

6 “(1) written medical records or reports created
7 by or at the direction of a licensed medical profes-
8 sional, created contemporaneously with the provision
9 of medical care to the claimant, that the claimant,
10 after a period of physical presence in an affected
11 area, contracted a specified disease; or

12 “(2) other documentation determined by the At-
13 torney General to demonstrate that the claimant
14 contracted a specified disease after a period of phys-
15 ical presence in an affected area.”.

16 **SEC. 902. COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than September 30,
18 2025, the Secretary of Energy, acting through the Direc-
19 tor of the Office of Legacy Management, shall award to
20 an eligible association a cooperative agreement to support
21 the safeguarding of human and ecological health at the
22 Amchitka, Alaska, Site.

23 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—A cooperative agreement
24 awarded under subsection (a)—

25 (1) may be used to fund—

1 (A) research and development that will im-
2 prove and focus long-term surveillance and
3 monitoring of the site;

4 (B) workforce development at the site; and

5 (C) such other activities as the Secretary
6 considers appropriate; and

7 (2) shall require that the eligible association—

8 (A) engage in stakeholder engagement; and

9 (B) to the greatest extent practicable, in-
10 corporate Indigenous knowledge and the partici-
11 pation of local Indian Tribes in research and
12 development and workforce development activi-
13 ties.

14 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

15 (1) ELIGIBLE ASSOCIATION.—The term “eligi-
16 ble association” means an association of 2 or more
17 of the following:

18 (A) An institution of higher education (as
19 that term is defined in section 101(a) of the
20 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
21 1001(a))) located in the State of Alaska.

22 (B) An agency of the State of Alaska.

23 (C) A local Indian Tribe.

24 (D) An organization—

1 (i) described in section 501(c)(3) of
2 the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and ex-
3 empt from taxation under section 501(a)
4 of such Code; and

5 (ii) located in the State of Alaska.

6 (2) LOCAL INDIAN TRIBE.—The term “local In-
7 dian Tribe” means an Indian tribe (as that term is
8 defined in section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination
9 and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5304))
10 that is located in the Aleut Region of the State of
11 Alaska.

12 **Subtitle B—Compensation for**
13 **Workers Involved in Uranium**
14 **Mining and Individuals Living**
15 **Downwind of Atmospheric Nu-**
16 **clear Testing**

17 **SEC. 1911. REFERENCES.**

18 Except as otherwise specifically provided, whenever in
19 this title an amendment or repeal is expressed in terms
20 of an amendment to or repeal of a section or other provi-
21 sion of law, the reference shall be considered to be made
22 to a section or other provision of the Radiation Exposure
23 Compensation Act (Public Law 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210
24 note).

1 **SEC. 1912. EXTENSION OF FUND.**

2 Section 3(d) is amended—

3 (1) by striking the first sentence and inserting
4 “The Fund shall terminate 6 years after the date of
5 the enactment of the Servicemember Quality of Life
6 Improvement and National Defense Authorization
7 Act for Fiscal Year 2025.”; and

8 (2) by striking “2-year” and inserting “6-year”.

9 **SEC. 1913. CLAIMS RELATING TO ATMOSPHERIC TESTING.**

10 (a) LEUKEMIA CLAIMS RELATING TO TRINITY TEST
11 IN NEW MEXICO AND TESTS AT THE NEVADA SITE AND
12 IN THE PACIFIC.—Section 4(a)(1)(A) is amended—

13 (1) in clause (i)—

14 (A) in subclause (I), by striking “October
15 31, 1958” and inserting “November 6, 1962”;

16 (B) in subclause (II)—

17 (i) by striking “in the affected area”
18 and inserting “in an affected area”; and

19 (ii) by striking “or” after the semi-
20 colon;

21 (C) by redesignating subclause (III) as
22 subclause (V); and

23 (D) by inserting after subclause (II) the
24 following:

25 “(III) was physically present in an af-
26 fected area for a period of at least 1 year

1 during the period beginning on September
2 24, 1944, and ending on November 6,
3 1962;

4 “(IV) was physically present in an af-
5 fected area—

6 “(aa) for a period of at least 1
7 year during the period beginning on
8 July 1, 1946, and ending on Novem-
9 ber 6, 1962; or

10 “(bb) for the period beginning on
11 April 25, 1962, and ending on No-
12 vember 6, 1962; or”; and

13 (2) in clause (ii)(I), by striking “physical pres-
14 ence described in subclause (I) or (II) of clause (i)
15 or onsite participation described in clause (i)(III)”
16 and inserting “physical presence described in sub-
17 clause (I), (II), (III), or (IV) of clause (i) or onsite
18 participation described in clause (i)(V)”.

19 (b) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO LEU-
20 KEMIA.—Section 4(a)(1) is amended—

21 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “an
22 amount” and inserting “the amount”; and

23 (2) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting
24 the following:

1 “(B) AMOUNT.—If the conditions de-
2 scribed in subparagraph (C) are met, an indi-
3 vidual who is described in subparagraph (A)
4 shall receive \$100,000.”.

5 (c) CONDITIONS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO LEU-
6 KEMIA.—Section 4(a)(1)(C) is amended—

7 (1) by striking clause (i); and

8 (2) by redesignating clauses (ii) and (iii) as
9 clauses (i) and (ii), respectively.

10 (d) SPECIFIED DISEASES CLAIMS RELATING TO
11 TRINITY TEST IN NEW MEXICO AND TESTS AT THE NE-
12 VADA SITE AND IN THE PACIFIC.—Section 4(a)(2) is
13 amended—

14 (1) in subparagraph (A)—

15 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
16 inserting “in an affected area”;

17 (B) by striking “2 years” and inserting “1
18 year”; and

19 (C) by striking “October 31, 1958” and
20 inserting “November 6, 1962”;

21 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

22 (A) by striking “in the affected area” and
23 inserting “in an affected area”; and

24 (B) by striking “or” at the end;

1 (3) by redesignating subparagraph (C) as sub-
2 paragraph (E); and

3 (4) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(C) was physically present in an affected
6 area for a period of at least 1 year during the
7 period beginning on September 24, 1944, and
8 ending on November 6, 1962;

9 “(D) was physically present in an affected
10 area—

11 “(i) for a period of at least 1 year
12 during the period beginning on July 1,
13 1946, and ending on November 6, 1962; or

14 “(ii) for the period beginning on April
15 25, 1962, and ending on November 6,
16 1962; or”.

17 (e) AMOUNTS FOR CLAIMS RELATED TO SPECIFIED
18 DISEASES.—Section 4(a)(2) is amended in the matter fol-
19 lowing subparagraph (E) (as redesignated by subsection
20 (d) of this section) by striking “\$50,000 (in the case of
21 an individual described in subparagraph (A) or (B)) or
22 \$75,000 (in the case of an individual described in subpara-
23 graph (C)),” and inserting “\$100,000”.

24 (f) DOWNWIND STATES.—Section 4(b)(1) is amended
25 to read as follows:

1 “(1) ‘affected area’ means—

2 “(A) except as provided under subpara-
3 graphs (B) and (C), Arizona, Colorado, Idaho,
4 Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and
5 Guam;

6 “(B) with respect to a claim by an indi-
7 vidual under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)(III) or sub-
8 section (a)(2)(C), only New Mexico; and

9 “(C) with respect to a claim by an indi-
10 vidual under subsection (a)(1)(A)(i)(IV) or sub-
11 section (a)(2)(D), only Guam.”.

12 (g) CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA AS A SPECI-
13 FIED DISEASE.—Section 4(b)(2) is amended by striking
14 “other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia” and inserting
15 “including chronic lymphocytic leukemia”.

16 **SEC. 1914. CLAIMS RELATING TO URANIUM MINING.**

17 (a) EMPLOYEES OF MINES AND MILLS.—Section
18 5(a)(1)(A)(i) is amended—

19 (1) by inserting “(I)” after “(i)”;

20 (2) by striking “December 31, 1971; and” and
21 inserting “December 31, 1990; or”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following:

23 “(II) was employed as a core driller in
24 a State referred to in subclause (I) during

1 the period described in such subclause;
2 and”.

3 (b) MINERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(I) is amended
4 by inserting “or renal cancer or any other chronic renal
5 disease, including nephritis and kidney tubal tissue in-
6 jury” after “nonmalignant respiratory disease”.

7 (c) MILLERS, CORE DRILLERS, AND ORE TRANS-
8 PORTERS.—Section 5(a)(1)(A)(ii)(II) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “, core driller,” after “was a
10 miller”;

11 (2) by inserting “, or was involved in remedi-
12 ation efforts at such a uranium mine or uranium
13 mill,” after “ore transporter”;

14 (3) by inserting “(I)” after “clause (i)”; and

15 (4) by striking all that follows “nonmalignant
16 respiratory disease” and inserting “or renal cancer
17 or any other chronic renal disease, including nephri-
18 tis and kidney tubal tissue injury; or”.

19 (d) COMBINED WORK HISTORIES.—Section
20 5(a)(1)(A)(ii) is further amended—

21 (1) by striking “or” at the end of subclause (I);
22 and

23 (2) by adding at the end the following:

24 “(III)(aa) does not meet the condi-
25 tions of subclause (I) or (II);

1 “(bb) worked, during the period de-
2 scribed in clause (i)(I), in two or more of
3 the following positions: miner, miller, core
4 driller, and ore transporter;

5 “(cc) meets the requirements of para-
6 graph (4) or (5), or both; and

7 “(dd) submits written medical docu-
8 mentation that the individual developed
9 lung cancer or a nonmalignant respiratory
10 disease or renal cancer or any other chron-
11 ic renal disease, including nephritis and
12 kidney tubal tissue injury after exposure to
13 radiation through work in one or more of
14 the positions referred to in item (bb);”.

15 (e) DATES OF OPERATION OF URANIUM MINE.—Sec-
16 tion 5(a)(2)(A) is amended by striking “December 31,
17 1971” and inserting “December 31, 1990”.

18 (f) SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO COMBINED WORK
19 HISTORIES.—Section 5(a) is amended by adding at the
20 end the following:

21 “(4) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
22 WORK HISTORIES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH AT LEAST
23 ONE YEAR OF EXPERIENCE.—An individual meets
24 the requirements of this paragraph if the individual
25 worked in one or more of the positions referred to

1 in paragraph (1)(A)(ii)(III)(bb) for a period of at
2 least one year during the period described in para-
3 graph (1)(A)(i)(I).

4 “(5) SPECIAL RULE RELATING TO COMBINED
5 WORK HISTORIES FOR MINERS.—An individual
6 meets the requirements of this paragraph if the indi-
7 vidual, during the period described in paragraph
8 (1)(A)(i)(I), worked as a miner and was exposed to
9 such number of working level months that the Attor-
10 ney General determines, when combined with the ex-
11 posure of such individual to radiation through work
12 as a miller, core driller, or ore transporter during
13 the period described in paragraph (1)(A)(i)(I), re-
14 sults in such individual being exposed to a total level
15 of radiation that is greater or equal to the level of
16 exposure of an individual described in paragraph
17 (4).”.

18 (g) DEFINITION OF CORE DRILLER.—Section 5(b) is
19 amended—

20 (1) by striking “and” at the end of paragraph
21 (7);

22 (2) by striking the period at the end of para-
23 graph (8) and inserting “; and”; and

24 (3) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(9) the term ‘core driller’ means any indi-
2 vidual employed to engage in the act or process of
3 obtaining cylindrical rock samples of uranium or va-
4 nadium by means of a borehole drilling machine for
5 the purpose of mining uranium or vanadium.”.

6 **SEC. 1915. EXPANSION OF USE OF AFFIDAVITS IN DETER-**
7 **MINATION OF CLAIMS; REGULATIONS.**

8 (a) AFFIDAVITS.—Section 6(b) is amended by adding
9 at the end the following:

10 “(3) AFFIDAVITS.—

11 “(A) EMPLOYMENT HISTORY.—For pur-
12 poses of this Act, the Attorney General shall ac-
13 cept a written affidavit or declaration as evi-
14 dence to substantiate the employment history of
15 an individual as a miner, miller, core driller, or
16 ore transporter if the affidavit—

17 “(i) is provided in addition to other
18 material that may be used to substantiate
19 the employment history of the individual;

20 “(ii) attests to the employment history
21 of the individual;

22 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
23 perjury; and

24 “(iv) is made by a person other than
25 the individual filing the claim.

1 “(B) PHYSICAL PRESENCE IN AFFECTED
2 AREA.—For purposes of this Act, the Attorney
3 General shall accept a written affidavit or dec-
4 laration as evidence to substantiate an individ-
5 ual’s physical presence in an affected area (as
6 defined in section 4(b)(1)) during a period de-
7 scribed in section 4(a)(1)(A)(i) or section
8 4(a)(2) if the affidavit—

9 “(i) is provided in addition to other
10 material that may be used to substantiate
11 the individual’s presence in an affected
12 area during that time period;

13 “(ii) attests to the individual’s pres-
14 ence in an affected area during that pe-
15 riod;

16 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
17 perjury; and

18 “(iv) is made by a person other than
19 the individual filing the claim.

20 “(C) PARTICIPATION AT TESTING SITE.—
21 For purposes of this Act, the Attorney General
22 shall accept a written affidavit or declaration as
23 evidence to substantiate an individual’s partici-
24 pation onsite in a test involving the atmospheric
25 detonation of a nuclear device if the affidavit—

1 “(i) is provided in addition to other
2 material that may be used to substantiate
3 the individual’s participation onsite in a
4 test involving the atmospheric detonation
5 of a nuclear device;

6 “(ii) attests to the individual’s partici-
7 pation onsite in a test involving the atmos-
8 pheric detonation of a nuclear device;

9 “(iii) is made subject to penalty for
10 perjury; and

11 “(iv) is made by a person other than
12 the individual filing the claim.”.

13 (b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
14 Section 6 is amended—

15 (1) in subsection (b)(2)(C), by striking “section
16 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section 4(a)(2)(E)”;

17 (2) in subsection (c)(2)—

18 (A) in subparagraph (A)—

19 (i) in the matter preceding clause (i),
20 by striking “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A),
21 or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and inserting
22 “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
23 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and

24 (ii) in clause (i), by striking “sub-
25 section (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of

1 section 4” and inserting “subsection
2 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C), or
3 (a)(2)(D) of section 4”; and
4 (B) in subparagraph (B), by striking “sec-
5 tion 4(a)(2)(C)” and inserting “section
6 4(a)(2)(E)”; and
7 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “subsection
8 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), or (a)(2)(B) of section 4” and in-
9 serting “subsection (a)(1), (a)(2)(A), (a)(2)(B),
10 (a)(2)(C), or (a)(2)(D) of section 4”.

11 (c) REGULATIONS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6(k) is amended by
13 adding at the end the following: “Not later than 180
14 days after the date of enactment of the Servicemem-
15 ber Quality of Life Improvement and National De-
16 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025, the
17 Attorney General shall issue revised regulations to
18 carry out this Act.”.

19 (2) CONSIDERATIONS IN REVISIONS.—In
20 issuing revised regulations under section 6(k) of the
21 Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law
22 101–426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note), as amended under
23 paragraph (1), the Attorney General shall ensure
24 that procedures with respect to the submission and
25 processing of claims under such Act take into ac-

1 count and make allowances for the law, tradition,
2 and customs of Indian tribes, including by accepting
3 as a record of proof of physical presence for a claim-
4 ant a grazing permit, a homesite lease, a record of
5 being a holder of a post office box, a letter from an
6 elected leader of an Indian tribe, or a record of any
7 recognized tribal association or organization.

8 **SEC. 1916. LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.**

9 (a) **EXTENSION OF FILING TIME.**—Section 8(a) is
10 amended—

11 (1) by striking “2 years” and inserting “5
12 years”; and

13 (2) by striking “RECA Extension Act of 2022”
14 and inserting “Servicemember Quality of Life Im-
15 provement and National Defense Authorization Act
16 for Fiscal Year 2025”.

17 (b) **RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.**—Section 8(b) is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 “(b) **RESUBMITTAL OF CLAIMS.**—

20 “(1) **DENIED CLAIMS.**—After the date of enact-
21 ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improve-
22 ment and National Defense Authorization Act for
23 Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant who has been denied
24 compensation under this Act may resubmit a claim
25 for consideration by the Attorney General in accord-

1 ance with this Act not more than three times. Any
2 resubmittal made before the date of the enactment
3 of the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement
4 and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
5 Year 2025 shall not be applied to the limitation
6 under the preceding sentence.

7 “(2) PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL CLAIMS.—

8 “(A) IN GENERAL.—After the date of en-
9 actment of the Servicemember Quality of Life
10 Improvement and National Defense Authoriza-
11 tion Act for Fiscal Year 2025, any claimant
12 who received compensation under this Act may
13 submit a request to the Attorney General for
14 additional compensation and benefits. Such re-
15 quest shall contain—

16 “(i) the claimant’s name, social secu-
17 rity number, and date of birth;

18 “(ii) the amount of award received
19 under this Act before the date of enact-
20 ment of the Servicemember Quality of Life
21 Improvement and National Defense Au-
22 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025;

23 “(iii) any additional benefits and com-
24 pensation sought through such request;
25 and

1 “(iv) any additional information re-
2 quired by the Attorney General.

3 “(B) ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION.—If the
4 claimant received compensation under this Act
5 before the date of enactment of the Service-
6 member Quality of Life Improvement and Na-
7 tional Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
8 Year 2025 and submits a request under sub-
9 paragraph (A), the Attorney General shall—

10 “(i) pay the claimant the amount that
11 is equal to any excess of—

12 “(I) the amount the claimant is
13 eligible to receive under this Act (as
14 amended by the Servicemember Qual-
15 ity of Life Improvement and National
16 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal
17 Year 2025); minus

18 “(II) the aggregate amount paid
19 to the claimant under this Act before
20 the date of enactment of the Service-
21 member Quality of Life Improvement
22 and National Defense Authorization
23 Act for Fiscal Year 2025; and

24 “(ii) in any case in which the claimant
25 was compensated under section 4, provide

1 the claimant with medical benefits under
2 section 4(a)(5).”.

3 **SEC. 1917. GRANT PROGRAM ON EPIDEMIOLOGICAL IM-**
4 **PACTS OF URANIUM MINING AND MILLING.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

6 (1) the term “institution of higher education”
7 has the meaning given under section 101 of the
8 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001);

9 (2) the term “program” means the grant pro-
10 gram established under subsection (b); and

11 (3) the term “Secretary” means the Secretary
12 of Health and Human Services.

13 (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish
14 a grant program relating to the epidemiological impacts
15 of uranium mining and milling. Grants awarded under the
16 program shall be used for the study of the epidemiological
17 impacts of uranium mining and milling among non-occu-
18 pationally exposed individuals, including family members
19 of uranium miners and millers.

20 (c) ADMINISTRATION.—The Secretary shall admin-
21 ister the program through the National Institute of Envi-
22 ronmental Health Sciences.

23 (d) ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION.—Any institution
24 of higher education or nonprofit private entity shall be eli-
25 gible to apply for a grant. To apply for a grant an eligible

1 institution or entity shall submit to the Secretary an appli-
2 cation at such time, in such manner, and containing or
3 accompanied by such information as the Secretary may
4 reasonably require.

5 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
6 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section
7 \$3,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2027.

8 **SEC. 1918. ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS**
9 **COMPENSATION PROGRAM.**

10 (a) COVERED EMPLOYEES WITH CANCER.—Section
11 3621(9) of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness
12 Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384l(9))
13 is amended by striking subparagraph (A) and inserting
14 the following:

15 “(A) An individual with a specified cancer
16 who is a member of the Special Exposure Co-
17 hort, if and only if—

18 “(i) that individual contracted that
19 specified cancer after beginning employ-
20 ment at a Department of Energy facility
21 (in the case of a Department of Energy
22 employee or Department of Energy con-
23 tractor employee) or at an atomic weapons
24 employer facility (in the case of an atomic
25 weapons employee); or

1 “(ii) that individual—

2 “(I) contracted that specified
3 cancer after beginning employment in
4 a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
5 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of
6 the Radiation Exposure Compensation
7 Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including
8 any individual who was employed in
9 core drilling or the transport of ura-
10 nium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
11 from such mine or mill) located in
12 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyo-
13 ming, South Dakota, Washington,
14 Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Oregon,
15 Texas, or any State the Attorney Gen-
16 eral makes a determination under sec-
17 tion 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion
18 of eligibility under section 5(a)(1) of
19 that Act; and

20 “(II) was employed in a uranium
21 mine or uranium mill described under
22 subclause (I) (including any individual
23 who was employed in core drilling or
24 the transport of uranium ore or vana-
25 dium-uranium ore from such mine or

1 mill) at any time during the period
2 beginning on January 1, 1942, and
3 ending on December 31, 1990.”.

4 (b) MEMBERS OF SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.—
5 Section 3626 of the Energy Employees Occupational Ill-
6 ness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
7 7384q) is amended—

8 (1) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (1)
9 and inserting the following:

10 “(1) The Advisory Board on Radiation and
11 Worker Health under section 3624 shall advise the
12 President whether there is a class of employees—

13 “(A) at any Department of Energy facility
14 who likely were exposed to radiation at that fa-
15 cility but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
16 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
17 received; and

18 “(B) employed in a uranium mine or ura-
19 nium mill described under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i)
20 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act
21 (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) (including any individual
22 who was employed in core drilling or the trans-
23 port of uranium ore or vanadium-uranium ore
24 from such mine or mill) located in Colorado,
25 New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South Dakota,

1 Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota, Or-
2 egon, Texas, and any State the Attorney Gen-
3 eral makes a determination under section
4 5(a)(2) of that Act for inclusion of eligibility
5 under section 5(a)(1) of that Act, at any time
6 during the period beginning on January 1,
7 1942, and ending on December 31, 1990, who
8 likely were exposed to radiation at that mine or
9 mill but for whom it is not feasible to estimate
10 with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose they
11 received.”; and

12 (2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(b) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.—

15 “(1) Subject to the provisions of section
16 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees at
17 a Department of Energy facility, or at an atomic
18 weapons employer facility, may be treated as mem-
19 bers of the Special Exposure Cohort for purposes of
20 the compensation program if the President, upon
21 recommendation of the Advisory Board on Radiation
22 and Worker Health, determines that—

23 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
24 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
25 class received; and

1 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
2 such radiation dose may have endangered the
3 health of members of the class.

4 “(2) Subject to the provisions of section
5 3621(14)(C), the members of a class of employees
6 employed in a uranium mine or uranium mill de-
7 scribed under section 5(a)(1)(A)(i) of the Radiation
8 Exposure Compensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note)
9 (including any individual who was employed in core
10 drilling or the transport of uranium ore or vana-
11 dium-uranium ore from such mine or mill) located in
12 Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Wyoming, South
13 Dakota, Washington, Utah, Idaho, North Dakota,
14 Oregon, Texas, and any State the Attorney General
15 makes a determination under section 5(a)(2) of that
16 Act for inclusion of eligibility under section 5(a)(1)
17 of that Act, at any time during the period beginning
18 on January 1, 1942, and ending on December 31,
19 1990, may be treated as members of the Special Ex-
20 posure Cohort for purposes of the compensation pro-
21 gram if the President, upon recommendation of the
22 Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health,
23 determines that—

1 “(A) it is not feasible to estimate with suf-
2 ficient accuracy the radiation dose that the
3 class received; and

4 “(B) there is a reasonable likelihood that
5 such radiation dose may have endangered the
6 health of members of the class.”.

7 **SEC. 1919. GAO STUDY AND REPORT.**

8 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
9 of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States
10 shall conduct, and submit to Congress a report describing
11 the results of, a study on the importance of, and need for,
12 unmet medical benefits coverage for individuals who were
13 exposed to radiation in atmospheric nuclear tests con-
14 ducted by the Federal Government, and recommendations
15 to provide such unmet medical benefits coverage for such
16 individuals.

