AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle D of title VII of Division A, add the following:

SEC. 746. PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING VETERANS USING CIVILIAN TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFYING CONDITIONS RELATED TO TOXIC EXPOSURE.

(a) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS TO IDENTIFY VETERANS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in cooperation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall develop a process for identifying veterans using civilian treatment facilities in order to identify conditions that may be related to exposure of the veteran to toxic substances while serving in the Armed Forces.

(b) ONLINE PORTAL FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SYMPTOMS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services
shall jointly develop a uniform online portal for the purpose of identifying symptoms linked to diseases that may be unique to service in the Armed Forces.

(2) **Elements of Portal.**—The portal developed under paragraph (1)—

(A) shall be free to use by health care providers; and

(B) shall not require the entry of personally identifiable information.

(c) **Briefing by Secretary of Defense.**—The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members of the Armed Forces separating from active duty are briefed on the need to identify that they served in the Armed Forces when visiting a civilian health care provider.

(d) **Inquiry Regarding Military Service.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall require that any health care provider that provides health care under the laws administered by the Secretary inquire about whether any patient seen by the health care provider served in the Armed Forces upon intake of the patient.

(e) **Report.**—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a
report that outlines a plan for educating civilian health care providers on—

(1) exposure of members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces; and

(2) symptoms and diseases related to such exposure or such service.