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At the end of title V, insert the following:

SEC. 507. STUDY ON TOXIC EXPOSURE AND MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES.

(a) Study Required.—The Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for the conduct of a study of veterans to assess possible relationships between toxic exposures experienced during service in the Armed Forces and mental health outcomes, including chronic multisymptom illness, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, psychosis, suicide attempts, and suicide deaths.

(b) Elements.—For each veteran included in the study under subsection (a), the following information shall be collected and assessed:

(1) Age.
(2) Gender.
(3) Race and ethnicity.
(4) Period and length of service in the Armed Forces.
(5) History of toxic exposure during service in the Armed Forces.
(6) Any diagnosis of chronic multisymptom illness.
(7) Any diagnosis of a mental health or cognitive disorder.
(8) Any history of suicide attempt or suicidality.
(9) If the veteran died by suicide.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report containing the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a).