

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-

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OFFERED BY MR. LYNCH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Add at the end of title LX the following new section:

1 **SEC. 60 ____ . HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS FOR VETERANS**
2 **EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES WHILE**
3 **SERVING AT KARSHI KHANABAD AIR BASE,**
4 **UZBEKISTAN.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of section 1110 of
6 title 38, United States Code, and subject to section 1113
7 of such title, a disease specified in subsection (b) becoming
8 manifest in a veteran who served on active duty in the
9 Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan,
10 at any time during the period beginning on January 1,
11 2001, and ending on December 31, 2005, shall be consid-
12 ered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such serv-
13 ice, notwithstanding that there is no record of evidence
14 of such disease during the period of such service.

15 (b) DISEASES SPECIFIED.—The diseases specified in
16 this subsection are the illnesses and diseases that the Na-
17 tional Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
18 determine have a positive association, including a suffi-

1 cient, limited, or suggestive association, with exposure to
2 any of the following substances:

3 (1) Jet fuel.

4 (2) Volatile organic compounds.

5 (3) High levels of particulate matter and dust
6 resulting from open burn pits, as defined in section
7 201(c) of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans'
8 Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law
9 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).

10 (4) Depleted uranium.

11 (5) Asbestos.

12 (6) Lead-based paint.

13 (c) HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS EXPOSED TO
14 TOXIC SUBSTANCES WHILE SERVING AS MEMBERS OF
15 THE ARMED FORCES AT KARSHI KHANABAD AIR BASE,
16 UZBEKISTAN.—Section 1710(e) of title 38, United States
17 Code, is amended—

18 (1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the
19 following new subparagraph:

20 “(G) A veteran who served on active duty in the
21 Armed Forces at Karshi Khanabad Air Base, Uzbekistan,
22 during the period beginning on January 1, 2001, and end-
23 ing on December 31, 2005, is eligible for hospital care,
24 medical services, and nursing home care under subsection
25 (a)(2)(F) for any illness or disease for which the National

1 Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine deter-
2 mine has a positive association, including a sufficient, lim-
3 ited, or suggestive association, with exposure to any of the
4 following substances, notwithstanding that there is insuffi-
5 cient medical evidence to conclude that such illness or dis-
6 ease is attributable to such service:

7 “(i) Jet fuel.

8 “(ii) Volatile organic compounds.

9 “(iii) High levels of particulate matter and dust
10 resulting from open burn pits, as defined in section
11 201(c) of the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’
12 Benefits Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law
13 112–260; 38 U.S.C. 527 note).

14 “(iv) Depleted uranium.

15 “(v) Asbestos.

16 “(vi) Lead-based paint.”; and

17 (2) in paragraph (2)(B), by striking “or (F)”
18 and inserting “(F), or (G)”.

