

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117–**

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**OFFERED BY MR. PAPPAS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

At the end of title LI, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 51 \_\_\_\_ . REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO PER-**  
2 **AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES ON**  
3 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year  
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
7 retary of Veterans Affairs shall—

8 (A) establish and maintain a registry for  
9 eligible individuals who may have been exposed  
10 to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (in this  
11 section referred to as “PFAS”) due to the envi-  
12 ronmental release of aqueous film-forming foam  
13 (in this section referred to as “AFFF”) on mili-  
14 tary installations to meet the requirements of  
15 military specification MIL–F–24385F;

16 (B) include any information in such reg-  
17 istry that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs de-  
18 termines necessary to ascertain and monitor the

1 health effects of the exposure of members of the  
2 Armed Forces to PFAS associated with AFFF;

3 (C) develop a public information campaign  
4 to inform eligible individuals about the registry,  
5 including how to register and the benefits of  
6 registering; and

7 (D) periodically notify eligible individuals  
8 of significant developments in the study and  
9 treatment of conditions associated with expo-  
10 sure to PFAS.

11 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Vet-  
12 erans Affairs shall coordinate with the Secretary of  
13 Defense in carrying out paragraph (1).

14 (b) REPORTS.—

15 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than two years  
16 after the date on which the registry under subsection  
17 (a) is established, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
18 shall submit to Congress an initial report containing  
19 the following:

20 (A) An assessment of the effectiveness of  
21 actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Af-  
22 fairs and the Secretary of Defense to collect  
23 and maintain information on the health effects  
24 of exposure to PFAS.

1 (B) Recommendations to improve the col-  
2 lection and maintenance of such information.

3 (C) Using established and previously pub-  
4 lished epidemiological studies, recommendations  
5 regarding the most effective and prudent means  
6 of addressing the medical needs of eligible indi-  
7 viduals with respect to exposure to PFAS.

8 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORT.—Not later than five  
9 years after submitting the initial report under para-  
10 graph (1), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall  
11 submit to Congress a follow-up report containing the  
12 following:

13 (A) An update to the initial report sub-  
14 mitted under paragraph (1).

15 (B) An assessment of whether and to what  
16 degree the content of the registry established  
17 under subsection (a) is current and scientif-  
18 ically up-to-date.

19 (3) INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-  
20 TION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter  
21 into an agreement with an independent scientific or-  
22 ganization to prepare the reports under paragraphs  
23 (1) and (2).

24 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPO-  
25 SURES TO BE INCLUDED.—Not later than five years after

1 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every five years  
2 thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consulta-  
3 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator  
4 of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall submit to  
5 Congress recommendations for additional chemicals with  
6 respect to which individuals exposed to such chemicals  
7 should be included in the registry established under sub-  
8 section (a).

9 (d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-  
10 tion, the term “eligible individual” means any individual  
11 who, on or after a date specified by the Secretary of Vet-  
12 erans Affairs through regulations, served or is serving in  
13 the Armed Forces at a military installation where AFFF  
14 was used or at another location of the Department of De-  
15 fense where AFFF was used.

