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OFFERED BY MS. BUSH OF MISSOURI

At the end of title V, add the following:

SEC. 507. STUDY ON EXPOSURE OF VETERANS TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES RELATED TO FOSSIL FUELS.

(a) Study.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on the exposure of veterans to toxic substances related to fossil fuels, to identify populations of veterans who, during active military, naval, air, or space service, may have been so exposed and to determine risk factors associated with various military occupational specialties within the Armed Forces.

(b) Elements.—The study under subsection (a) shall assess, with respect to each veteran included in the study, the following:

1. The age, race, and gender of the veteran.
2. The period of service and length of service of the veteran in the Armed Forces.
3. Any military occupational speciality of the veteran relating to fossil fuels, including the processing, production, transport, or handling of fossil fuels.
(4) Any exposure of the veteran to fossil fuels that did not occur in connection with the service of the veteran in the active military, naval, air, or space service.

(5) Any type of cancer, or other illness associated with exposure to a toxic substance or environmental hazard, that the veteran has.

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

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term “illness” has the meaning given that term in section 1171 of title 38, United States Code, as added by section 202.