

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 18__ . DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REG-**
2 **ISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO PER-**
3 **AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES ON**
4 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY.—

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

9 (A) establish and maintain a registry for
10 eligible individuals who may have been exposed
11 to perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl
12 substances due to the environmental release of
13 aqueous film-forming foam on military installa-
14 tions to meet the requirements of military spec-
15 ification 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 perfluoroalkyl substances or
3 polyfluoroalkyl substances associated with aque-
4 ous film-forming foam;

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

9 (D) periodically notify eligible individuals
10 of significant developments in the study and
11 treatment of conditions associated with expo-
12 sure to perfluoroalkyl substances or
13 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

14 (2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Vet-
15 erans Affairs shall coordinate with the Secretary of
16 Defense in carrying out paragraph (1).

17 (b) REPORTS.—

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

23 (A) An assessment of the effectiveness of
24 actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
25 fairs and the Secretary of Defense to collect

1 and maintain information on the health effects
2 of exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances or
3 polyfluoroalkyl substances.

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

6 (C) Using established and previously pub-
7 lished epidemiological studies, recommendations
8 regarding the most effective and prudent means
9 of addressing the medical needs of eligible indi-
10 viduals with respect to exposure to
11 perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl sub-
12 stances.

13 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORT.—Not later than five
14 years after submitting the initial report under para-
15 graph (1), the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
16 submit to Congress a follow-up report containing the
17 following:

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

20 (B) An assessment of whether and to what
21 degree the content of the registry established
22 under subsection (a) is current and scientif-
23 ically up-to-date.

24 (3) INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-
25 TION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter

1 into an agreement with an independent scientific or-
2 ganization to prepare the reports under paragraphs
3 (1) and (2).

4 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPO-
5 SURES TO BE INCLUDED.—Not later than five years after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every five years
7 thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consulta-
8 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator
9 of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall submit to
10 Congress recommendations for additional chemicals with
11 respect to which individuals exposed to such chemicals
12 should be included in the registry established under sub-
13 section (a).

14 (d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
15 tion, the term “eligible individual” means any individual
16 who, on or after a date specified by the Secretary of Vet-
17 erans Affairs through regulations, served or is serving in
18 the Armed Forces at a military installation where aqueous
19 film-forming foam was used or at another location of the
20 Department of Defense where aqueous film-forming foam
21 was used.

