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

SEC. 18. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.

(a) Establishment of Registry.—

(1) In general.—Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

(A) establish and maintain a registry for eligible individuals who may have been exposed to perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances due to the environmental release of aqueous film-forming foam on military installations to meet the requirements of military specification MIL–F–24385F;

(B) include any information in such registry that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs determines necessary to ascertain and monitor the
health effects of the exposure of members of the Armed Forces to perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances associated with aqueous film-forming foam;

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

(D) periodically notify eligible individuals of significant developments in the study and treatment of conditions associated with exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

(2) COORDINATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall coordinate with the Secretary of Defense in carrying out paragraph (1).

(b) REPORTS.—

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

(A) An assessment of the effectiveness of actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense to collect
and maintain information on the health effects
of exposure to perfluoroalkyl substances or
polyfluoroalkyl substances.

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

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

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

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

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

(3) INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-
TION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter
into an agreement with an independent scientific organ- 
ization to prepare the reports under paragraphs (1) and (2).

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

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