AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of title LI, insert the following new section:

SEC. 51___. STUDY ON INCIDENCE AND MORTALITY OF CANCER AMONG FORMER AIRCREW OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND MARINE CORPS.

(a) STUDY.—Not later than 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine under which the National Academies shall conduct a study of the incidence and mortality of cancers among covered individuals.

(b) MATTERS INCLUDED.—The study under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) Identification of chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena that cause elevated cancer incidence and mortality risks among covered individuals, including a nexus study design to determine whether there is a scientifically established causal link between such a chemical, compound,
agent, or other phenomena and such cancer incidence or mortality risk.

(2) An assessment of not fewer than 10 types of cancer that are of the greatest concern with respect to exposure by covered individuals to the chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena identified under paragraph (1), which may include colon and rectum cancers, pancreatic cancer, melanoma skin cancer, prostate cancer, testis cancer, urinary bladder cancer, kidney cancer, brain cancer, thyroid cancer, lung cancer, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma.


(c) SUBMISSION.—

(1) STUDY.—Upon completion of the study under subsection (a), the National Academies shall submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the
Secretary of the Air Force, and the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate the study.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than December 31, 2025, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the study under subsection (a), including—

(A) the specific actions the Secretary is taking to ensure that the study informs the evaluation of disability claims made to the Secretary, including with respect to providing guidance to claims examiners and revising the schedule of ratings for disabilities under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code; and

(B) any recommendations of the Secretary.

(3) FORM.—The report under paragraph (2) shall be submitted in unclassified form.

(d) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this section, the term “covered individual” means an individual who served in the regular or reserve components of the Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, as an air crew member of a fixed-wing aircraft or personnel supporting generation of the aircraft, including pilots, navigators, weapons systems operators, aircraft system operators, personnel asso-
ciated with aircraft maintenance, supply, logistics, fuels, or transportation, and any other crew member who regularly flew in an aircraft or was required to complete the mission of the aircraft.