

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

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

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

11 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The study under sub-
12 section (a) shall include the following:

13 (1) Identification of chemicals, compounds,
14 agents, and other phenomena that cause elevated
15 cancer incidence and mortality risks among covered
16 individuals, including a nexus study design to deter-
17 mine whether there is a scientifically established
18 causal link between such a chemical, compound,

1 agent, or other phenomena and such cancer inci-
2 dence or mortality risk.

3 (2) An assessment of not fewer than 10 types
4 of cancer that are of the greatest concern with re-
5 spect to exposure by covered individuals to the
6 chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phenomena
7 identified under paragraph (1), which may include
8 colon and rectum cancers, pancreatic cancer, mela-
9 noma skin cancer, prostate cancer, testis cancer, uri-
10 nary bladder cancer, kidney cancer, brain cancer,
11 thyroid cancer, lung cancer, and non-Hodgkin
12 lymphoma.

13 (3) A review of all available sources of relevant
14 data, including health care databases of the Depart-
15 ment of Veterans Affairs and the Department of De-
16 fense and the national death index, and the study
17 conducted under section 750 of the William M.
18 (Mae) Thornberry National Defense Authorization
19 Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134
20 Stat. 3716).

21 (c) SUBMISSION.—

22 (1) STUDY.—Upon completion of the study
23 under subsection (a), the National Academies shall
24 submit to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the Sec-
25 retary of Defense, the Secretary of the Navy, the

1 Secretary of the Air Force, and the Committees on
2 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
3 and the Senate the study.

4 (2) REPORT.—Not later than December 31,
5 2025, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
6 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House
7 of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
8 study under subsection (a), including—

9 (A) the specific actions the Secretary is
10 taking to ensure that the study informs the
11 evaluation of disability claims made to the Sec-
12 retary, including with respect to providing guid-
13 ance to claims examiners and revising the
14 schedule of ratings for disabilities under chap-
15 ter 11 of title 38, United States Code; and

16 (B) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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

19 (d) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
20 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual
21 who served in the regular or reserve components of the
22 Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps, as an air crew member
23 of a fixed-wing aircraft or personnel supporting generation
24 of the aircraft, including pilots, navigators, weapons sys-
25 tems operators, aircraft system operators, personnel asso-

1 ciated with aircraft maintenance, supply, logistics, fuels,
2 or transportation, and any other crew member who regu-
3 larly flew in an aircraft or was required to complete the
4 mission of the aircraft.

