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At the end of subtitle B of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

SEC. 28. SCREENING AND REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM UNSAFE HOUSING UNITS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 169 of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

§ 2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units

“(a) SCREENING.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in consultation with appropriate scientific agencies as determined by the Secretary, shall ensure that all military medical treatment facilities screen eligible individuals for covered conditions.

“(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The Secretary may establish procedures through which screening under paragraph (1) may allow an eligible
individual to be included in the registry under subsection (b).

“(b) REGISTRY.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall establish and maintain a registry of eligible individuals who have a covered condition.

“(2) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—The Secretary shall include any information in the registry under paragraph (1) that the Secretary determines necessary to ascertain and monitor the health of eligible individuals and the connection between the health of such individuals and an unsafe housing unit.

“(3) PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.—The Secretary shall develop a public information campaign to inform eligible individuals about the registry under paragraph (1), including how to register and the benefits of registering.

“(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

“(1) The term ‘covered condition’ means a medical condition that is determined by the Secretary of Defense to have resulted from residing in an unsafe housing unit.

“(2) The term ‘eligible individual’ means a member of the armed forces or a family member of
a member of the armed forces who has resided in an unsafe housing unit.

“(3) The term ‘unsafe housing unit’ means a dwelling unit that—

“(A) does not meet the housing quality standards established under section 8(o)(8)(B) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8)(B)); or

“(B) is not free from dangerous air pollution levels from mold.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 2894a the following new item:

“2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units.”.