

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO PER-**
2 **AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES ON**
3 **MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.**

4 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGISTRY.—

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

8 (A) establish and maintain a registry for
9 eligible individuals who may have been exposed
10 to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (in this
11 section referred to as “PFAS”) due to the envi-
12 ronmental release of aqueous film-forming foam
13 (in this section referred to as “AFFF”) on mili-
14 tary installations to meet the requirements of
15 military specification MIL-F-24385F;

16 (B) include any information in such reg-
17 istry that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs de-

1 termines necessary to ascertain and monitor the
2 health effects of the exposure of members of the
3 Armed Forces to PFAS associated with AFFF;

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

8 (D) periodically notify eligible individuals
9 of significant developments in the study and
10 treatment of conditions associated with expo-
11 sure to PFAS.

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

15 (b) REPORTS.—

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

21 (A) An assessment of the effectiveness of
22 actions taken by the Secretary of Veterans Af-
23 airs and the Secretary of Defense to collect
24 and maintain information on the health effects
25 of exposure to PFAS.

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

3 (C) Using established and previously pub-
4 lished epidemiological studies, recommendations
5 regarding the most effective and prudent means
6 of addressing the medical needs of eligible indi-
7 viduals with respect to exposure to PFAS.

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

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

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

19 (3) INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-
20 TION.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall enter
21 into an agreement with an independent scientific or-
22 ganization to prepare the reports under paragraphs
23 (1) and (2).

24 (c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL EXPO-
25 SURES TO BE INCLUDED.—Not later than five years after

1 the date of the enactment of this Act, and every five years
2 thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in consulta-
3 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Administrator
4 of the Environmental Protection Agency, shall submit to
5 Congress recommendations for additional chemicals with
6 respect to which individuals exposed to such chemicals
7 should be included in the registry established under sub-
8 section (a).

9 (d) ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
10 tion, the term “eligible individual” means any individual
11 who, on or after November 21, 1969, served or is serving
12 in the Armed Forces at a military installation where
13 AFFF was used or at another location of the Department
14 of Defense where AFFF was used.

