

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17__ . PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR**
2 **CERTAIN DISEASES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPO-**
3 **SURE TO CERTAIN TOXINS AT THE PEN-**
4 **TAGON RESERVATION DURING CERTAIN PE-**
5 **RIOD BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001.**

6 Subchapter II of chapter 11 of title 38, United States
7 Code is amended by adding at the end the following new
8 section (and conforming the table of sections at the begin-
9 ning of such chapter accordingly):

10 **“§ 1120A. Presumption of service connection for cer-**
11 **tain diseases associated with exposure to**
12 **toxins at Pentagon Reservation during**
13 **certain period beginning on September**
14 **11, 2001**

15 “(a) PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION.—For
16 the purposes of section 1110 of this title, and subject to
17 section 1113 of this title, a disease specified in subsection
18 (b) becoming manifest in a covered veteran shall be con-

1 sidered to have been incurred in or aggravated during ac-
2 tive military, naval, air, or space service, notwithstanding
3 that there is no record of evidence of such disease during
4 the period of such service.

5 “(b) DISEASES SPECIFIED.—The diseases specified
6 in this subsection are the following:

7 “(1) Asthma.

8 “(2) Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

9 “(3) Emphysema.

10 “(4) Tracheomalacia.

11 “(5) Cancer of any type.

12 “(6) A cardiovascular disease of any type.

13 “(7) A skin disease of any type.

14 “(8) A respiratory disease of any type.

15 “(9) Any other illness or condition for which
16 the Secretary determines, pursuant to regulations
17 prescribed under subchapter VII that a presumption
18 of service connection is warranted based on a posi-
19 tive association with a substance, chemical, or air-
20 borne hazard identified in the list under section
21 1119(b)(2) of this title.

22 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

23 “(1) The term ‘covered veteran’ means any vet-
24 eran who, during the period beginning on September
25 11, 2001, and ending on November 19, 2001, per-

1 formed active military, naval, air, or space service
2 while assigned to a duty station at the Pentagon
3 Reservation.

4 “(2) The term ‘Pentagon Reservation’ has the
5 meaning given such term in section 2674 of title
6 10.”.

