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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SEC. 2. PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE CONNECTION WITH RESPECT TO EXPOSURE TO CARBON TETRACHLORIDE.

Section 1112 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(d)(1) For the purposes of section 1110 of this title, and subject to the provisions of section 1113 of this title, in the case of a veteran who served for ninety days or more in active military, naval, or air service and who while in such service was exposed to carbon tetrachloride, any disease or disability specified in paragraph (2) becoming manifest in such veteran shall be considered to have been incurred in or aggravated by such service, notwithstanding that there is no record of evidence of such disease during the period of such service.

“(2) Diseases and disabilities referred to in paragraph (1) are the following:

“(A) Depleted vision or floater cataracts.

“(B) Hearing impairments such as high-pitch ringing, sensitivity to loud noises, and loss of hearing.

“(C) Memory losses such as lapses of recall, dates, numbers, and inverting numbers and letters.

“(D) Growths.

“(E) Swelling of hands or feet.
“(F) Aching bones or joints throughout the body (not associated with arthritis).

“(G) Loss of hair.

“(H) Deterioration of nervous system.

“(I) Pulmonary edema.

“(J) Hemorrhagic congestion.”.

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