

113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 543

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2013

Mr. GIBSON (for himself, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HOLT, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HANNA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. POLIS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. ROSLEHTINEN, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Water Navy Viet-
3 nam Veterans Act of 2013”.

4 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE**
5 **FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF**
6 **REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.**

7 (a) **COMPENSATION.**—Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of
8 section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, are amended
9 by inserting “(including the territorial seas of such Repub-
10 lic)” after “served in the Republic of Vietnam” each place
11 it appears.

12 (b) **HEALTH CARE.**—Section 1710(e)(4) of such title
13 is amended by inserting “(including the territorial seas of
14 such Republic)” after “served on active duty in the Repub-
15 lic of Vietnam”.

16 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by
17 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September
18 25, 1985.

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