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# H. R. 299

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 5, 2017

Mr. VALADAO (for himself, Mr. WALZ, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. ROSS, and Mr. LOBIONDO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Water Navy Viet-  
5 nam Veterans Act of 2017”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE**  
2 **FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF**  
3 **REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.**

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

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

13 (c) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
14 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September  
15 25, 1985.

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