H. R. 3666

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 25, 2017

Mr. Tonko (for himself and Mr. O'Rourke) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Fort McClellan Health Registry Act”.

SEC. 2. FORT MCCLELLAN HEALTH REGISTRY.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish and maintain a special record to be
known as the “Fort McClellan Health Registry” (in this section referred to as the “Registry”).

(b) CONTENTS.—Except as provided in subsection (c), the Registry shall include the following information:

(1) A list containing the name of each individual who, while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, at any time during the period beginning January 1, 1935, and ending on May 20, 1999, and who—

(A) applies for care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code;

(B) files a claim for compensation under chapter 11 of such title on the basis of any disability which may be associated with such service;

(C) dies and is survived by a spouse, child, or parent who files a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation under chapter 13 of such title on the basis of such service;

(D) requests from the Secretary a health examination under subsection (d); or

(E) receives from the Secretary a health examination similar to the health examination
referred to in subparagraph (D) and requests
inclusion in the Registry.

(2) Relevant medical data relating to the health
status of, and other information that the Secretary
considers relevant and appropriate with respect to,
each individual described in paragraph (1) who—

(A) grants to the Secretary permission to
include such information in the Registry; or

(B) at the time the individual is listed in
the Registry, is deceased.

(c) INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING CLAIMS OR MAKING
REQUESTS BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—If in the
case of an individual described in subsection (b)(1) the
application, claim, or request referred to in such sub-
section was submitted, filed, or made before the date of
the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, to the ex-
tent feasible, include in the Registry such individual’s
name and the data and information, if any, described in
subsection (b)(2) relating to the individual.

(d) EXAMINATIONS.—Upon the request of a veteran
who was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, at any
time during the period beginning January 1, 1935, and
ending on May 20, 1999, the Secretary shall provide the
veteran with a health examination (including any appro-
priate diagnostic tests) and consultation and counseling
with respect to the results of the examination and the
tests.

(c) OUTREACH.—

(1) ONGOING OUTREACH TO INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN REGISTRY.—The Secretary shall, from time to
time, notify individuals listed in the Registry of sig-
nificant developments in research on the health con-
sequences of potential exposure to a toxic substance
or environmental hazard related to service at Fort
McClellan.

(2) EXAMINATION OUTREACH.—The Secretary
shall carry out appropriate outreach activities with
respect to the provision of any health examinations
(including any diagnostic tests) and consultation and
counseling services under subsection (d).

(f) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-
fairs shall consult with the Secretary of Defense to acquire
information maintained by the Secretary of Defense that
the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers necessary to
establish and maintain the Registry.