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H. R. 1540

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 6, 1997

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE CONNECTION**
4 **WITH RESPECT TO EXPOSURE TO CARBON**
5 **TETRACHLORIDE.**

6 Section 1112 of title 38, United States Code, is
7 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
8 section:

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

11 “(2) Diseases and disabilities referred to in para-
12 graph (1) are the following:

13 “(A) Depleted vision or floater cataracts.

14 “(B) Hearing impairments such as high-pitch
15 ringing, sensitivity to loud noises, and loss of hear-
16 ing.

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

19 “(D) Growths.

20 “(E) Swelling of hands or feet.

21 “(F) Aching bones or joints throughout the
22 body (not associated with arthritis).

23 “(G) Loss of hair.

24 “(H) Deterioration of nervous system.”.

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