

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 573

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 4, 1997

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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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. REMOVAL OF REQUIREMENT THAT EXPOSURE**  
4                       **RESULTING IN STOMACH CANCER OCCUR BE-**  
5                       **FORE AGE 30.**

6       Section 4(b)(2) of the Radiation Exposure Com-  
7       pensation Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by strik-  
8       ing “(provided initial exposure occurred before age 30)”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE CLAIMS FORMERLY**  
2 **BARRED.**

3 Section 8 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation  
4 Act (42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

5 (1) by inserting “(a) IN GENERAL.—” before  
6 “A claim”; and

7 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
8 section:

9 “(b) STOMACH CANCER CLAIMS FORMERLY  
10 BARRED.—

11 “(1) EXTENSION OF TIME.—A claim by an indi-  
12 vidual described in section 4(a)(2), who submits the  
13 documentation required by such section to show that  
14 the individual contracted cancer of the stomach after  
15 initial exposure that occurred at or after age 30,  
16 shall be barred unless filed within 20 years after the  
17 date of the enactment of this subsection.

18 “(2) CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY DENIED.—An indi-  
19 vidual may reapply for payment under this Act if the  
20 individual’s claim under section 4(a)(2) was denied  
21 before the date of the enactment of this subsection  
22 on the grounds that the specific disease claimed by  
23 the individual was cancer of the stomach and the  
24 initial exposure of the individual did not occur before  
25 age 30.”.