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Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. WELLSTONE, and Mrs. MURRAY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Persian Gulf War Vet-
3 erans Act of 1997”.

4 **SEC. 2. PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR ILL-**
5 **NESSES ASSOCIATED WITH SERVICE IN THE**
6 **PERSIAN GULF DURING THE PERSIAN GULF**
7 **WAR.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—(1) Subchapter II of chapter 11
9 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
10 the end the following:

11 **“§ 1118. Presumptions of service connection for ill-**
12 **nesses associated with service in the Per-**
13 **sian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War**

14 “(a)(1) For purposes of section 1110 of this title, and
15 subject to section 1113 of this title, each illness (if any)
16 described in paragraph (2) shall be considered to have
17 been incurred in or aggravated by service referred to in
18 that paragraph, notwithstanding that there is no record
19 of evidence of such illness during the period of such serv-
20 ice.

21 “(2) An illness referred to in paragraph (1) is any
22 diagnosed or undiagnosed illness that—

23 “(A) the Secretary determines in regulations
24 prescribed under this section to warrant a presump-
25 tion of service connection by reason of having a posi-
26 tive association with exposure to a biological, chemi-

1 cal, or other toxic agent or environmental or war-
2 time hazard known or presumed to be associated
3 with service in the Armed Forces in the Southwest
4 Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf
5 War; and

6 “(B) becomes manifest within the period (if
7 any) prescribed in such regulations in a veteran who
8 served on active duty in that theater of operations
9 during that war and by reason of such service was
10 exposed to such agent or hazard.

11 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, a veteran who
12 served on active duty in the Southwest Asia theater of op-
13 erations during the Persian Gulf War and has an illness
14 described in paragraph (2) shall be presumed to have been
15 exposed by reason of such service to the agent or hazard
16 associated with the illness in the regulations prescribed
17 under this section unless there is conclusive evidence to
18 establish that the veteran was not exposed to the agent
19 or hazard by reason of such service.

20 “(b)(1)(A) Whenever the Secretary makes a deter-
21 mination described in subparagraph (B), the Secretary
22 shall prescribe regulations providing that a presumption
23 of service connection is warranted for the illness covered
24 by that determination for purposes of this section.

1 “(B) A determination referred to in subparagraph
2 (A) is a determination based on sound medical and sci-
3 entific evidence that a positive association exists be-
4 tween—

5 “(i) the exposure of humans to a biological,
6 chemical, or other toxic agent or environmental or
7 wartime hazard known or presumed to be associated
8 with service in the Southwest Asia theater of oper-
9 ations during the Persian Gulf War; and

10 “(ii) the occurrence of a diagnosed or
11 undiagnosed illness in humans.

12 “(2)(A) In making determinations for purposes of
13 paragraph (1), the Secretary shall take into account—

14 “(i) the reports submitted to the Secretary by
15 the National Academy of Sciences under section 3 of
16 the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1997; and

17 “(ii) all other sound medical and scientific in-
18 formation and analyses available to the Secretary.

19 “(B) In evaluating any report, information, or analy-
20 sis for purposes of making such determinations, the Sec-
21 retary shall take into consideration whether the results are
22 statistically significant, are capable of replication, and
23 withstand peer review.

24 “(3) An association between the occurrence of an ill-
25 ness in humans and exposure to an agent or hazard shall

1 be considered to be positive for purposes of this subsection
2 if the credible evidence for the association is equal to or
3 outweighs the credible evidence against the association.

4 “(c)(1)(A) Not later than 60 days after the date on
5 which the Secretary receives a report from the National
6 Academy of Sciences under section 3 of the Persian Gulf
7 War Veterans Act of 1997, the Secretary shall determine
8 whether or not a presumption of service connection is war-
9 ranted for each illness (if any) covered by the report.

10 “(B) If the Secretary determines that a presumption
11 of service connection is warranted, the Secretary shall, not
12 later than 60 days after making the determination, issue
13 proposed regulations setting forth the Secretary’s deter-
14 mination.

15 “(C)(i) If the Secretary determines that a presump-
16 tion of service connection is not warranted, the Secretary
17 shall, not later than 60 days after making the determina-
18 tion, publish in the Federal Register a notice of the deter-
19 mination. The notice shall include an explanation of the
20 scientific basis for the determination.

21 “(ii) If an illness already presumed to be service con-
22 nected under this section is subject to a determination
23 under clause (i), the Secretary shall, not later than 60
24 days after publication of the notice under that clause,

1 issue proposed regulations removing the presumption of
2 service connection for the illness.

3 “(2) Not later than 90 days after the date on which
4 the Secretary issues any proposed regulations under para-
5 graph (1), the Secretary shall issue final regulations. Such
6 regulations shall be effective on the date of issuance.

7 “(d) Whenever the presumption of service connection
8 for an illness under this section is removed under sub-
9 section (c)—

10 “(1) a veteran who was awarded compensation
11 for the illness on the basis of the presumption before
12 the effective date of the removal of the presumption
13 shall continue to be entitled to receive compensation
14 on that basis; and

15 “(2) a survivor of a veteran who was awarded
16 dependency and indemnity compensation for the
17 death of a veteran resulting from the illness on the
18 basis of the presumption before that date shall con-
19 tinue to be entitled to receive dependency and in-
20 demnity compensation on that basis.

21 “(e) Subsections (b) through (d) shall cease to be ef-
22 fective 10 years after the first day of the fiscal year in
23 which the National Academy of Sciences submits to the
24 Secretary the first report under section 3 of the Persian
25 Gulf War Veterans Act of 1997.”.

1 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of such
 2 chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating
 3 to section 1117 the following new item:

“1118. Presumptions of service connection for illnesses associated with service
 in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War.”.

4 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 1113 of
 5 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking out “or 1117” each place it ap-
 7 pears and inserting in lieu thereof “1117, or 1118”;
 8 and

9 (2) in subsection (a), by striking out “or 1116”
 10 and inserting in lieu thereof “, 1116, or 1118”.

11 (c) COMPENSATION FOR UNDIAGNOSED GULF WAR
 12 ILLNESSES.—Section 1117 of title 38, United States
 13 Code, is amended—

14 (1) by redesignating subsections (c), (d), and
 15 (e) as subsections (d), (e), and (f), respectively; and

16 (2) by inserting after subsection (b) the follow-
 17 ing new subsection (c):

18 “(c)(1) Whenever the Secretary determines as a re-
 19 sult of a determination under section 1118(c) of this title
 20 that a presumption of service connection for an
 21 undiagnosed illness (or combination of undiagnosed ill-
 22 nesses) is no longer warranted under this section—

23 “(A) a veteran who was awarded compensation
 24 under this section for such illness (or combination of

1 illnesses) on the basis of the presumption shall con-
 2 tinue to be entitled to receive compensation under
 3 this section on that basis; and

4 “(B) a survivor of a veteran who was awarded
 5 dependency and indemnity compensation for the
 6 death of a veteran resulting from the disease on the
 7 basis of the presumption before that date shall con-
 8 tinue to be entitled to receive dependency and in-
 9 demnity compensation on that basis.

10 “(2) This subsection shall cease to be effective 10
 11 years after the first day of the fiscal year in which the
 12 National Academy of Sciences submits to the Secretary
 13 the first report under section 3 of the Persian Gulf War
 14 Veterans Act of 1997.”.

15 **SEC. 3. AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF**
 16 **SCIENCES.**

17 (a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to pro-
 18 vide for the National Academy of Sciences, an independent
 19 nonprofit scientific organization with appropriate exper-
 20 tise, to review and evaluate the available scientific evidence
 21 regarding associations between illnesses and exposure to
 22 toxic agents or environmental or wartime hazards associ-
 23 ated with Gulf War service.

24 (b) AGREEMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
 25 shall seek to enter into an agreement with the National

1 Academy of Sciences for the Academy to perform the serv-
 2 ices covered by this section and sections 4(a)(6) and 5(d).
 3 The Secretary shall seek to enter into the agreement not
 4 later than two months after the date of enactment of this
 5 Act.

6 (c) IDENTIFICATION OF AGENTS AND ILLNESSES.—

7 (1) Under the agreement under subsection (b), the Na-
 8 tional Academy of Sciences shall—

9 (A) identify the biological, chemical, or other
 10 toxic agents or environmental or wartime hazards to
 11 which members of the Armed Forces who served in
 12 the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the
 13 Persian Gulf War may have been exposed by reason
 14 of such service; and

15 (B) identify the illnesses (including diagnosed
 16 illnesses and undiagnosed illnesses) that are mani-
 17 fest in such members.

18 (2) In identifying illnesses under paragraph (1)(B),
 19 the Academy shall review and summarize the relevant sci-
 20 entific evidence regarding illnesses among the members
 21 described in paragraph (1)(B) and among other appro-
 22 priate populations of individuals, including mortality,
 23 symptoms, and adverse reproductive health outcomes
 24 among such members and individuals.

1 (d) DETERMINATIONS OF ASSOCIATIONS BETWEEN
 2 AGENTS AND ILLNESSES.—(1) For each agent or hazard
 3 and illness identified under subsection (c), the National
 4 Academy of Sciences shall determine, to the extent that
 5 available scientific data permit meaningful determina-
 6 tions—

7 (A) whether a statistical association exists be-
 8 tween exposure to the agent or hazard and the ill-
 9 ness, taking into account the strength of the sci-
 10 entific evidence and the appropriateness of the sci-
 11 entific methodology used to detect the association;

12 (B) the increased risk of the illness among
 13 human populations exposed to the agent or hazard;
 14 and

15 (C) whether a plausible biological mechanism or
 16 other evidence of a causal relationship exists between
 17 exposure to the agent or hazard and the illness.

18 (2) The Academy shall include in its reports under
 19 subsection (h) a full discussion of the scientific evidence
 20 and reasoning that led to its conclusions under this sub-
 21 section.

22 (e) REVIEW OF POTENTIAL TREATMENT MODELS
 23 FOR CERTAIN ILLNESSES.—Under the agreement under
 24 subsection (b), the National Academy of Sciences shall
 25 separately review, for each chronic undiagnosed illness

1 identified under subsection (c)(1)(B) and for any chronic
2 illness that the Academy determines to warrant the review,
3 the available scientific data in order to identify empirically
4 valid models of treatment for such illnesses which employ
5 successful treatment modalities for populations with simi-
6 lar symptoms.

7 (f) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL SCI-
8 ENTIFIC STUDIES.—(1) Under the agreement under sub-
9 section (b), the National Academy of Sciences shall make
10 any recommendations that it considers appropriate for ad-
11 ditional scientific studies (including studies relating to
12 treatment models) to resolve areas of continuing scientific
13 uncertainty relating to the health consequences of expo-
14 sure to toxic agents or environmental or wartime hazards
15 associated with Gulf War service.

16 (2) In making recommendations for additional stud-
17 ies, the Academy shall consider the available scientific
18 data, the value and relevance of the information that could
19 result from such studies, and the cost and feasibility of
20 carrying out such studies.

21 (g) SUBSEQUENT REVIEWS.—(1) Under the agree-
22 ment under subsection (b), the National Academy of
23 Sciences shall conduct on a periodic and ongoing basis ad-
24 ditional reviews of the evidence and data relating to its
25 activities under this section.

1 (2) As part of each review under this subsection, the
2 Academy shall—

3 (A) conduct as comprehensive a review as is
4 practicable of the evidence referred to in subsection
5 (c) and the data referred to in subsections (d), (e),
6 and (f) that became available since the last review
7 of such evidence and data under this section; and

8 (B) make its determinations on the basis of the
9 results of such review and all other reviews con-
10 ducted for the purposes of this section.

11 (h) REPORTS.—(1) Under the agreement under sub-
12 section (b), the National Academy of Sciences shall submit
13 to the committees and officials referred to in paragraph
14 (4) periodic written reports regarding the Academy's ac-
15 tivities under the agreement.

16 (2) The first report under paragraph (1) shall be
17 transmitted not later than 18 months after the date of
18 enactment of this Act. That report shall include—

19 (A) the determinations and discussion referred
20 to in subsection (d);

21 (B) the results of the review of models of treat-
22 ment under subsection (e); and

23 (C) any recommendations of the Academy
24 under subsection (f).

1 (3)(A) Reports shall be submitted under this sub-
 2 section at least once every two years, as measured from
 3 the date of the report under paragraph (2).

4 (B) In any report under this subsection (other than
 5 the report under paragraph (2)), the Academy may specify
 6 an absence of meaningful developments in the scientific
 7 or medical community with respect to the activities of the
 8 Academy under this section during the 2-year period pre-
 9 ceding the date of such report.

10 (4) Reports under this subsection shall be submitted
 11 to the following:

12 (A) The designated congressional committees.

13 (B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

14 (C) The Secretary of Defense.

15 (i) SUNSET.—This section shall cease to be effective
 16 10 years after the last day of the fiscal year in which the
 17 National Academy of Sciences submits the first report
 18 under subsection (h).

19 (j) ALTERNATIVE CONTRACT SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZA-
 20 TION.—(1) If the Secretary is unable within the time pe-
 21 riod set forth in subsection (b) to enter into an agreement
 22 with the National Academy of Sciences for the purposes
 23 of this section on terms acceptable to the Secretary, the
 24 Secretary shall seek to enter into an agreement for the
 25 purposes of this section with another appropriate scientific

1 organization that is not part of the Government and oper-
 2 ates as a not-for-profit entity and that has expertise and
 3 objectivity comparable to that of the National Academy
 4 of Sciences.

5 (2) If the Secretary enters into such an agreement
 6 with another organization, any reference in this section
 7 and in section 1118 of title 38, United States Code (as
 8 added by section 2), to the National Academy of Sciences
 9 shall be treated as a reference to the other organization.

10 **SEC. 4. MONITORING OF HEALTH STATUS AND TREATMENT**
 11 **OF PERSIAN GULF WAR VETERANS.**

12 (a) INFORMATION DATA BASE.—(1) The Secretary
 13 of Veterans Affairs shall, in consultation with the Sec-
 14 retary of Defense, develop a plan for the establishment
 15 and operation of a single computerized information data
 16 base for the collection, storage, and analysis of informa-
 17 tion on—

18 (A) the diagnosed and undiagnosed illnesses
 19 suffered by current and former members of the
 20 Armed Forces who served in the Southwest Asia the-
 21 ater of operations during the Persian Gulf War; and

22 (B) the treatment provided such members for—

23 (i) any chronic undiagnosed illnesses; and

24 (ii) any chronic illnesses for which the Na-
 25 tional Academy of Sciences has identified a

1 valid model of treatment pursuant to its review
2 under section 3(e).

3 (2) The plan shall provide for the commencement of
4 the operation of the data base not later than 18 months
5 after the date of enactment of this Act.

6 (3) The Secretary shall ensure in the plan that the
7 data base provides the capability of monitoring and ana-
8 lyzing information on—

9 (A) the illnesses covered by paragraph (1)(A);

10 (B) the treatments covered by paragraph
11 (1)(B); and

12 (C) the efficacy of such treatments.

13 (4) In order to meet the requirement under para-
14 graph (3), the plan shall ensure that the data base in-
15 cludes the following:

16 (i) Information in the Persian Gulf War Veter-
17 ans Health Registry established under section 702 of
18 the Persian Gulf War Veterans' Health Status Act
19 (title VII of Public Law 102-585; 38 U.S.C. 527
20 note).

21 (ii) Information in the Comprehensive Clinical
22 Evaluation Program for Veterans established under
23 section 734 of the National Defense Authorization
24 Act for Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (10 U.S.C.
25 1074 note).

1 (iii) Information derived from other examina-
2 tions and treatment provided veterans who served in
3 the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the
4 Persian Gulf War.

5 (iv) Information derived from other examina-
6 tions and treatment provided current members of
7 the Armed Forces (including members on active
8 duty and members of the reserve components) who
9 served in that theater of operations during that war.

10 (v) Such other information as the Secretary of
11 Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Defense con-
12 sider appropriate.

13 (5) Not later than one year after the date of enact-
14 ment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit the plan de-
15 veloped under paragraph (1) to the following:

16 (A) The designated congressional committees.

17 (B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

18 (C) The Secretary of Defense.

19 (D) The National Academy of Sciences.

20 (6)(A) The agreement under section 3 shall require
21 the evaluation of the plan developed under paragraph (1)
22 by the National Academy of Sciences. The Academy shall
23 complete the evaluation of the plan not later than 90 days
24 after the date of its submittal to the Academy under para-
25 graph (5).

1 (B) Upon completion of the evaluation, the Academy
2 shall submit a report on the evaluation to the committees
3 and individuals referred to in subparagraphs (A) through
4 (D) of paragraph (5).

5 (7) Not later than 90 days after receipt of the report
6 under paragraph (6), the Secretary shall—

7 (A) modify the plan in light of the evaluation
8 of the Academy in the report; and

9 (B) commence implementation of the plan as so
10 modified.

11 (b) COMPILATION AND ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION
12 IN DATABASE.—(1) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
13 shall compile and analyze, on an ongoing basis, all clinical
14 data in the data base under subsection (a) that is likely
15 to be scientifically useful in determining the association,
16 if any, between the illnesses (including diagnosed illnesses
17 and undiagnosed illnesses) of veterans covered by such
18 data and exposure to toxic agents or environmental or
19 wartime hazards associated with Gulf War service.

20 (2) The Secretary of Defense shall compile and ana-
21 lyze, on an ongoing basis, all clinical data in the data base
22 that is likely to be scientifically useful in determining the
23 association, if any, between the illnesses (including diag-
24 nosed illnesses and undiagnosed illnesses) of current mem-
25 bers of the Armed Forces (including members on active

1 duty and members of the reserve components) and expo-
2 sure to such agents or hazards.

3 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than April 1 of each
4 year after a year in which the Secretary of Veterans Af-
5 fairs and the Secretary of Defense carry out activities
6 under subsection (b), the Secretaries shall jointly submit
7 to the designated congressional committees a report con-
8 taining—

9 (1) with respect to the data compiled in accord-
10 ance with subsection (b) during the preceding year—

11 (A) an analysis of the data;

12 (B) a discussion of the types, incidences,
13 and prevalence of the disabilities and illnesses
14 identified through such data;

15 (C) an explanation for the incidence and
16 prevalence of such disabilities and illnesses;

17 (D) other reasonable explanations for the
18 incidence and prevalence of such disabilities and
19 illnesses; and

20 (E) an analysis of the scientific validity of
21 drawing conclusions from the incidence and
22 prevalence of such disabilities and illnesses, as
23 evidenced by such data, about any association
24 between such disabilities and illnesses, as the
25 case may be, and exposure to a toxic agent or

1 environmental or wartime hazard associated
 2 with Gulf War service; and

3 (2) with respect to the most current informa-
 4 tion received under section 3(h) regarding treatment
 5 models reviewed under section 3(e)—

6 (A) an analysis of the information;

7 (B) the results of any consultation between
 8 such Secretaries regarding the implementation
 9 of such treatment models in the health care sys-
 10 tems of the Department of Veterans Affairs
 11 and the Department of Defense; and

12 (C) in the event either such Secretary de-
 13 termines not to implement such treatment mod-
 14 els, an explanation for such determination.

15 **SEC. 5. SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FEASIBILITY STUDIES PRO-**
 16 **GRAM.**

17 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—The Secretary
 18 of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, and the Sec-
 19 retary of Health and Human Services shall jointly carry
 20 out a program to provide for the conduct of studies of
 21 the feasibility of conducting additional scientific research
 22 on health hazards resulting from exposure to toxic agents
 23 or environmental or wartime hazards associated with Gulf
 24 War service.

1 (b) PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS.—(1) Under the pro-
2 gram under subsection (a), the Secretaries shall, pursuant
3 to criteria prescribed pursuant to paragraph (2), jointly
4 award contracts or furnish financial assistance to non-
5 Government entities for the conduct of studies referred to
6 in subsection (a).

7 (2) The Secretaries shall jointly prescribe criteria
8 for—

9 (A) the selection of entities to be awarded con-
10 tracts or to receive financial assistance under the
11 program; and

12 (B) the approval of studies to be conducted
13 under such contracts or with such financial assist-
14 ance.

15 (c) REPORT.—The Secretaries shall jointly report the
16 results of studies conducted under the program to the des-
17 ignated congressional committees.

18 (d) CONSULTATION WITH NATIONAL ACADEMY OF
19 SCIENCES.—(1) To the extent provided under the agree-
20 ment entered into by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs
21 and the National Academy of Sciences under section 3—

22 (A) the Secretary shall consult with the Acad-
23 emy regarding the establishment and administration
24 of the program under subsection (a); and

1 (B) the Academy shall review the studies con-
2 ducted under contracts awarded pursuant to the
3 program and the studies conducted with financial
4 assistance furnished pursuant to the program.

5 (2) The agreement shall require the Academy to sub-
6 mit any recommendations that the Academy considers ap-
7 propriate regarding any studies reviewed for purposes of
8 this subsection to the following:

9 (A) The designated congressional committees.

10 (B) The Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

11 (C) The Secretary of Defense.

12 (D) The Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
13 ices.

14 **SEC. 6. OUTREACH.**

15 (a) OUTREACH BY SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-
16 FAIRS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall, in con-
17 sultation with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary
18 of Health and Human Services, carry out an ongoing pro-
19 gram to provide veterans who served in the Southwest
20 Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War
21 the information described in subsection (c).

22 (b) OUTREACH BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The
23 Secretary of Defense shall, in consultation with the Sec-
24 retary of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and
25 Human Services, carry out an ongoing program to provide

1 current members of the Armed Forces (including members
2 on active duty and members of the reserve components)
3 who served in that theater of operations during that war
4 the information described in subsection (c).

5 (c) COVERED INFORMATION.—Information under
6 this subsection is information relating to—

- 7 (1) the health risks, if any, resulting from expo-
8 sure to toxic agents or environmental or wartime
9 hazards associated with Gulf War service; and
10 (2) any services or benefits available with re-
11 spect to such health risks.

12 **SEC. 7. DEFINITIONS.**

13 In this Act:

14 (1) The term “toxic agent or environmental or
15 wartime hazard associated with Gulf War service”
16 means a biological, chemical, or other toxic agent or
17 environmental or wartime hazard that is known or
18 presumed to be associated with service in the Armed
19 Forces in the Southwest Asia theater of operations
20 during the Persian Gulf War.

21 (2) The term “designated congressional com-
22 mittees” means the following:

23 (A) The Committees on Veterans’ Affairs
24 and Armed Services of the Senate.

1 (B) The Committees on Veterans' Affairs
2 and National Security of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives.

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