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# H. R. 4179

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 20, 2004

Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota 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 “Veterans Carbon Tet-  
5       rachloride Benefits Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE CONNECTION WITH**  
2 **RESPECT TO EXPOSURE TO CARBON TETRA-**  
3 **CHLORIDE.**

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

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

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

19 “(A) Depleted vision or floater cataracts.

20 “(B) Hearing impairments such as high-pitch  
21 ringing, sensitivity to loud noises, and loss of hear-  
22 ing.

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

25 “(D) Growths.

26 “(E) Swelling of hands or feet.

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

3           “(G) Loss of hair.

4           “(H) Deterioration of nervous system.

5           “(I) Pulmonary edema.

6           “(J) Hemorrhagic congestion.”.

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