

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2937

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 2008

Mr. TESTER 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. PERMANENT TREATMENT AUTHORITY FOR**
2 **PARTICIPANTS IN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**
3 **CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL TESTING CON-**
4 **DUCTED BY DESERET TEST CENTER (INCLUD-**
5 **ING PROJECT SHIPBOARD HAZARD AND DE-**
6 **FENSE).**

7 Section 1710(e)(3) of title 38, United States Code,
8 is amended—

- 9 (1) in subparagraph (B), by inserting “and”
10 after the semicolon;
11 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “; and”
12 and inserting a period; and
13 (3) by striking subparagraph (D).

14 **SEC. 2. EXPANDED STUDY ON THE HEALTH IMPACT OF**
15 **PROJECT SHIPBOARD HAZARD AND DE-**
16 **FENSE.**

17 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the
18 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-
19 erans Affairs shall enter into a contract with the Institute
20 of Medicine of the National Academies to conduct an ex-
21 panded study on the health impact of Project Shipboard
22 Hazard and Defense (Project SHAD).

23 (b) **COVERED VETERANS.**—The study required by
24 subsection (a) shall include, to the extent practicable, all
25 veterans who participated in Project Shipboard Hazard
26 and Defense.

1 (c) UTILIZATION OF EXISTING STUDIES.—The study
2 required by subsection (a) may use results from the study
3 covered in the report entitled “Long-Term Health Effects
4 of Participation in Project SHAD” of the Institute of
5 Medicine of the National Academies.

