

111TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 1657

To direct the Secretary of Defense to notify members of the Armed Forces and State military departments of exposure to potentially harmful materials and contaminants.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 19, 2009

Mr. SCHRADER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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. NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**

4 **FORCES OF EXPOSURE TO POTENTIALLY**

5 **HARMFUL MATERIALS AND CONTAMINANTS.**

6 (a) NOTIFICATION REQUIRED.—In the case of a

7 member of the Armed Forces who is exposed to a poten-

8 tially harmful material or contaminant, as determined by

1 the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary shall, as soon as
2 possible, notify the member, and in the case of a member
3 of a reserve component, the State military department of
4 the member, of the member's exposure to such material
5 or contaminant and any health risks associated with expo-
6 sure to such material or contaminant.

7 (b) IN-THEATER NOTIFICATION.—If the Secretary of
8 Defense determines that a member of the Armed Forces
9 has been exposed to a potentially harmful material or con-
10 tamitant while that member is deployed, the Secretary
11 shall notify the member of such exposure under subsection
12 (a) while that member is so deployed.

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