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To amend title 38, United States Code, to furnish hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to veterans who were stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BURR 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Caring for Camp
5 Lejeune Veterans Act of 2009”.

1 **SEC. 2. HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND NURS-**
 2 **ING HOME CARE FOR VETERANS STATIONED**
 3 **AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA,**
 4 **WHILE THE WATER WAS CONTAMINATED AT**
 5 **CAMP LEJEUNE.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1710(e)(1) of title 38,
 7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
 8 following new subparagraph:

9 “(F) Subject to paragraph (2), a veteran who, as a
 10 member of the Armed Forces, was stationed at Camp
 11 Lejeune, North Carolina, during a period, determined by
 12 the Secretary in consultation with the Agency for Toxic
 13 Substances and Disease Registry, in which the water at
 14 Camp Lejeune was contaminated by volatile organic com-
 15 pounds, including known human carcinogens and probable
 16 human carcinogens, is eligible for hospital care, medical
 17 services, and nursing home care under subsection
 18 (a)(2)(F) for any illness, notwithstanding that there is in-
 19 sufficient medical evidence to conclude that such illness
 20 is attributable to such contamination.”.

21 (b) FAMILY MEMBERS.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter VIII of chapter
 23 17 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
 24 adding at the end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1786. Health care of family members of veterans**
 2 **stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Caro-**
 3 **lina, while the water was contaminated**
 4 **at Camp Lejeune**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A family member of a veteran
 6 described in subparagraph (F) of section 1710(e)(1) of
 7 this title who resided at Camp Lejeune during the period
 8 described in such subparagraph or who was in utero dur-
 9 ing such period while the mother of such family member
 10 resided at such location shall be eligible for hospital care,
 11 medical services, and nursing home care furnished by the
 12 Secretary for any condition, or any disability that is asso-
 13 ciated with such condition, that is associated with expo-
 14 sure to the contaminants in the water at Camp Lejeune
 15 during such period.

16 “(b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary shall prescribe
 17 regulations that specify which—

18 “(1) conditions are associated with exposure to
 19 the contaminants described in subsection (a); and

20 “(2) disabilities are associated with such condi-
 21 tions.”.

22 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-
 23 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended
 24 by inserting after the item relating to section 1785
 25 the following new item:

“1786. Health care of family members of veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, while the water was contaminated at Camp Lejeune.”.

