## 112TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION

## H. R. 2996

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 21, 2011

Mr. Kissell (for himself and Mr. Roe of Tennessee) introduced the following bill; which was 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 "Gulf War Syndrome
- 5 'Presumptive Illness' Extension Act of 2011".

1	SEC. 2. PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR CERTAIN DISABILITIES
2	OCCURRING IN VETERANS WHO SERVED IN
3	THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, OPERATION EN-
4	DURING FREEDOM, OPERATION IRAQI FREE-
5	DOM, OR OPERATION NEW DAWN.
6	(a) Extension of Period.—Subsection (b) of sec-
7	tion 1117 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by
8	striking "section." and inserting "section, but in no event
9	may the end of such period of time be earlier than Decem-
10	ber 31, 2018.".
11	(b) Clarification of Veterans Covered.—
12	(1) Compensation.—Such section is further
13	amended by adding at the end the following:
14	"(i)(1) For purposes of this section, the Secretary
15	shall treat a veteran described in paragraph (2) as a vet-
16	eran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces in
17	the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Per-
18	sian Gulf War.
19	"(2) A veteran described in this paragraph is a vet-
20	eran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces dur-
21	ing Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Free-
22	dom, or Operation New Dawn in the Southwest Asia the-
23	ater of operations, Afghanistan, or other location that sup-
24	ported such an operation, as determined by the Sec-
25	retary"

1	(2) Presumption.—Section 1118 of such title
2	is amended by adding at the end the following:
3	"(e)(1) For purposes of this section, the Secretary
4	shall treat a veteran described in paragraph (2) as a vet-
5	eran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces in
6	the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Per-
7	sian Gulf War.
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9	eran who served on active duty in the Armed Forces dur-
10	ing Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom
11	dom, or Operation New Dawn in the Southwest Asia the-
12	ater of operations, Afghanistan, or other location that sup-
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14 retary.".