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To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at or underwent training at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick, Canada, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 21, 2013

Mr. MICHAUD (for himself, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, and Mr. WELCH) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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. CANADIAN FORCES BASE GAGETOWN REG-**
4 **ISTRY.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
6 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of

1 Veterans Affairs shall establish and maintain a special
2 record to be known as the “Canadian Forces Base
3 Gagetown Health Registry” (in this section referred to as
4 the “Registry”).

5 (b) CONTENTS.—Except as provided in subsection
6 (c), the Registry shall include the following information:

7 (1) A list containing the name of each indi-
8 vidual who, while serving as a member of the Armed
9 Forces, was stationed at or underwent training at
10 Canadian Forces Base Gagetown, New Brunswick,
11 Canada, at any time during the period beginning
12 January 1, 1956, and ending on December 31,
13 2006, and who—

14 (A) applies for care or services from the
15 Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter
16 17 of title 38, United States Code;

17 (B) files a claim for compensation under
18 chapter 11 of such title on the basis of any dis-
19 ability which may be associated with such serv-
20 ice;

21 (C) dies and is survived by a spouse, child,
22 or parent who files a claim for dependency and
23 indemnity compensation under chapter 13 of
24 such title on the basis of such service;

1 (D) requests from the Secretary a health
2 examination under subsection (d); or

3 (E) receives from the Secretary a health
4 examination similar to the health examination
5 referred to in subparagraph (D) and requests
6 inclusion in the Registry.

7 (2) Relevant medical data relating to the health
8 status of, and other information that the Secretary
9 considers relevant and appropriate with respect to,
10 each individual described in paragraph (1) who—

11 (A) grants to the Secretary permission to
12 include such information in the Registry; or

13 (B) at the time the individual is listed in
14 the Registry, is deceased.

15 (c) INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING CLAIMS OR MAKING
16 REQUESTS BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—If in the
17 case of an individual described in subsection (b)(1) the
18 application, claim, or request referred to in such sub-
19 section was submitted, filed, or made, before the date of
20 the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, to the ex-
21 tent feasible, include in the Registry such individual's
22 name and the data and information, if any, described in
23 subsection (b)(2) relating to the individual.

24 (d) EXAMINATIONS.—Upon the request of a veteran
25 who was stationed at or underwent training at Canadian

1 Forces Base Gagetown at any time during the period be-
2 ginning January 1, 1956, and ending on December 31,
3 2006, the Secretary shall provide the veteran with a health
4 examination (including any appropriate diagnostic tests)
5 and consultation and counseling with respect to the results
6 of the examination and the tests.

7 (e) OUTREACH.—

8 (1) ONGOING OUTREACH TO INDIVIDUALS LIST-
9 ED IN REGISTRY.—The Secretary shall, from time to
10 time, notify individuals listed in the Registry of sig-
11 nificant developments in research on the health con-
12 sequences of potential exposure to a toxic substance
13 or environmental hazard related to service at Cana-
14 dian Forces Base Gagetown.

15 (2) EXAMINATION OUTREACH.—The Secretary
16 shall carry out appropriate outreach activities with
17 respect to the provision of any health examinations
18 (including any diagnostic tests) and consultation and
19 counseling services under subsection (d).

20 (f) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INFORMATION.—The
21 Secretary of Defense shall furnish to the Secretary of Vet-
22 erans Affairs such information maintained by the Sec-
23 retary of Defense as the Secretary of Veterans Affairs con-
24 siders necessary to establish and maintain the Registry.

1 (g) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than two years
2 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and each year
3 thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit
4 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
5 Representatives and the Senate a report on the Registry,
6 including—

7 (1) the number of veterans included in the Reg-
8 istry;

9 (2) any trends that exist with respect to vet-
10 erans included in the Registry and claims for com-
11 pensation under chapters 11 or 13 of title 38,
12 United States Code;

13 (3) a description of the outreach efforts made
14 by the Secretary under subsection (e) during the pe-
15 riod covered by the report; and

16 (4) such other information as the Secretary
17 considers appropriate.

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