

114TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3954

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access to hospital care and medical services furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs for certain members of the reserve components who received training at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 5, 2015

Mr. BILIRAKIS 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 “Camp Lejeune Reserv-
5 ist Parity Act of 2015”.

1 **SEC. 2. ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF RESERVE**
2 **COMPONENTS WHO RECEIVED TRAINING AT**
3 **CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA, FOR HOS-**
4 **PITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES FUR-**
5 **NISHED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS**
6 **AFFAIRS.**

7 Section 1710(e)(1)(F) of title 38, United States
8 Code, is amended—

9 (1) by inserting after “active duty in the Armed
10 Forces” the following: “or a member or former
11 member of a reserve component of the Armed
12 Forces who participated in training”; and

13 (2) by striking “30 days” and inserting “a total
14 of 30 cumulative days”.

15 **SEC. 3. COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON ACCESS TO**
16 **HOSPITAL CARE AND MEDICAL SERVICES**
17 **UNDER HONORING AMERICA’S VETERANS**
18 **AND CARING FOR CAMP LEJEUNE FAMILIES**
19 **ACT OF 2012.**

20 The Comptroller General of the United States shall
21 conduct a study of the access to hospital care and medical
22 services for veterans and family members stationed at
23 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, as provided under section
24 1710(e)(1)(F) and section 1787 of title 38, United States
25 Code. Such study shall include each of the following:

1 (1) The five most common reasons why access
2 to such care and services is denied by the Secretary.

3 (2) The total number and percentage of vet-
4 erans who seek access to such care and services who
5 are denied such access.

6 (3) The average number of days required for
7 processing an application for such care and services.

8 (4) The percentage of such applications that
9 are processed accurately by the Department of Vet-
10 erans Affairs.

11 (5) The total number and percentage of vet-
12 erans who submit such an application who appeal
13 the decision of the Department regarding the appli-
14 cation.

15 (6) The average number of days between the
16 date of the submittal of such an application and the
17 date on which a decision is made regarding the ap-
18 plication.

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