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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Servicemembers’ Zika
5 Protection Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MITIGATION OF RISKS OF THE ZIKA VIRUS AMONG**
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DE-**
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN PER-**
4 **SONNEL.**

5 (a) MEASURES TO PROTECT SERVICEMEMBERS
6 FROM THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be ap-
8 propriated or otherwise made available for the De-
9 partment of Defense under any other provision of
10 law shall be made available for—

11 (A) the deployment of insect repellant and
12 other appropriate measures for members of the
13 Armed Forces and Department of Defense civil-
14 ian personnel stationed in or deployed to areas
15 affected by the Zika virus or areas that may
16 soon be affected by the Zika virus, as deter-
17 mined by the Secretary of Defense, inside and
18 outside the United States; and

19 (B) the treatment for insects at military
20 installations located in areas affected by the
21 Zika virus or areas that may soon be affected
22 by the Zika virus, as determined by the Sec-
23 retary, inside and outside the United States.

24 (2) FOREIGN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—
25 Using existing authorities to work with foreign gov-
26 ernments that host United States military and civil-

1 ian personnel, the Secretary shall provide support as
2 appropriate to those foreign governments to conduct
3 treatment for insects under paragraph (1)(B) at
4 military installations in areas affected by the Zika
5 virus or areas that may soon be affected by the Zika
6 virus, as determined by the Secretary, outside the
7 United States where members of the Armed Forces
8 and Department of Defense civilian personnel are
9 stationed.

10 (b) REPORT AND STRATEGY ON RISK TO
11 SERVICEMEMBERS POSED BY THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

12 (1) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the
13 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
14 Defense shall submit to the congressional defense
15 committees a report on the risk members of the
16 Armed Forces face of contracting the Zika virus and
17 the mitigation efforts being taken by the Depart-
18 ment of Defense in response to such risk.

19 (2) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after
20 submitting the report under paragraph (1), the Sec-
21 retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional
22 defense committees a strategy to counter the Zika
23 virus should it become a long-term issue to members
24 of the Armed Forces.

25 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AREAS AFFECTED BY THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

2 The term “areas affected by the Zika virus” means
3 areas under a level 2 or level 3 travel advisory notice
4 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-
5 vention related to the Zika virus.

6 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—

7 The term “congressional defense committees” has
8 the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16)
9 of title 10, United States Code.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO**
11 **TRANSFER FUNDS TO COUNTER OR CONTROL**
12 **THE ZIKA VIRUS.**

13 Upon a determination by the Secretary of Defense
14 that such action is necessary in the national interest, the
15 Secretary may transfer working capital funds of the De-
16 partment of Defense, and amounts appropriated or other-
17 wise made available for the Department of Defense under
18 any other provision of law, to and among appropriate ac-
19 counts of the Department in order to provide funds for
20 the following:

21 (1) Operations to counter or control the Zika
22 virus.

23 (2) Research, development, test, and evaluation
24 of medical items related to the Zika virus.

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