

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1005

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to amend the schedule for rating disabilities to add a diagnostic code and evaluation criteria for obliterative bronchiolitis, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. RUIZ, and Mr. CISNEROS) 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 “Burn Pit Veterans Re-
5 vision Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
2 **DISABILITY RATING SCHEDULE WITH RE-**
3 **SPECT TO OBLITERATIVE BRONCHIOLITIS.**

4 Not later than 180 days after the date of the enact-
5 ment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall—

6 (1) amend the schedule for rating disabilities
7 pursuant to section 1155 of title 38, United States
8 Code, to add a diagnostic code and evaluation cri-
9 teria for obliterative bronchiolitis; and

10 (2) provide a process by which a veteran who,
11 as of the date of the enactment of this Act, is receiv-
12 ing compensation under chapter 11 of such title for
13 a service-connected disability—

14 (A) may have such service-connected dis-
15 ability reevaluated based on the diagnostic code
16 and evaluation criteria described in paragraph
17 (1); and

18 (B) may be assigned a new disability rat-
19 ing as a result of such reevaluation, if such as-
20 signment does not reduce the disability rating
21 of such veteran in effect immediately prior to
22 the date of such assignment.

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