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# H. R. 5590

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 13, 2020

Mr. CISNEROS (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. KIM, Ms. MENG, Mr. PASCRELL, and Ms. JUDY CHU of California) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “Korean American Viet-  
3 nam Allies Long Overdue for Relief Act” or the “Korean  
4 American VALOR Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CER-**  
6 **TAIN INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED IN THE**  
7 **ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF**  
8 **KOREA.**

9       Section 109 of title 38, United States Code, is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-  
11 section:

12       “(d)(1) Any person described in paragraph (2) shall  
13 be entitled to hospital and domiciliary care and medical  
14 services within the United States under chapter 17 of this  
15 title to the same extent as if the service described in such  
16 paragraph had been performed in the Armed Forces of  
17 the United States.

18       “(2) A person described in this paragraph is a person  
19 whom the Secretary determines meets the following cri-  
20 teria:

21               “(A) The person served in Vietnam as a mem-  
22 ber of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea at  
23 any time during the period beginning on January 9,  
24 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975, or such other pe-  
25 riod as determined appropriate by the Secretary for  
26 purposes of this subsection.

1           “(B) The person became a citizen of the United  
2       States on or after the date on which such service in  
3       the armed forces of the Republic of Korea ended.”.

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