

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1585

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the treatment of veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll as radiation-exposed veterans for purposes of the presumption of service-connection of certain disabilities by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 3, 2021

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. KAHELE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. WELCH, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. RYAN, Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. POCAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. DEUTCH, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. LIEU, Ms. PINGREE, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. NADLER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SCHRADER, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SHERRILL, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. CHU, Mr. BEYER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. CASE, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. ZELDIN, Mrs. AXNE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. PETERS, Mr. RUSH, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. KUSTER, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. EVANS, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. SIRES, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CARSON, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. BROWN, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. LAMB, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mrs. LURLA, Mr. HIMES, and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois) 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 “Mark Takai Atomic
 5 Veterans Healthcare Parity Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF VETERANS WHO PARTICIPATED IN**
 7 **CLEANUP OF ENEWETAK ATOLL AS RADI-**
 8 **ATION-EXPOSED VETERANS FOR PURPOSES**
 9 **OF PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE-CONNECTION**
 10 **OF CERTAIN DISABILITIES BY DEPARTMENT**
 11 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

12 Section 1112(c)(3)(B) of title 38, United States
 13 Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new
 14 clause:

15 “(v) Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll during the
 16 period beginning on January 1, 1977, and end-
 17 ing on December 31, 1980.”.

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