

114TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5980

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

SEPTEMBER 9, 2016

Ms. MENG (for herself, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. POLIQUIN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. GALLEGRO, Miss RICE of New York, Mr. ASHFORD, Mr. GRAYSON, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. KIRKPATRICK, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LANGEVIN, Mr. HONDA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. ISRAEL, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. JONES, Ms. BORDALLO, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Mark Takai Atomic
3 Veterans Healthcare Parity Act”.

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

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

13 “(v) Cleanup of Enewetak Atoll dur-
14 ing the period beginning on January 1,
15 1977, and ending on December 31,
16 1980.”.

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