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To amend the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 to make technical corrections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. ROSS, Ms. MANNING, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. HUDSON, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. HUNT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Camp Lejeune Justice
5 Act of 2024”.

6 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE CAMP LEJEUNE**

7 **JUSTICE ACT OF 2022 .**

8 Section 804 of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022
9 (28 U.S.C. 2671 note) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (b), by striking “in the United
2 States District Court for the Eastern District of
3 North Carolina”;

4 (2) in subsection (c)—

5 (A) by amending paragraph (1) to read as
6 follows:

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The party filing an action
8 under this section shall be entitled to appropriate re-
9 lief upon showing—

10 “(A) the existence of one or more relation-
11 ships between the water at Camp Lejeune and
12 the type of harm suffered by the individual; and

13 “(B) that the individual was present at
14 Camp Lejeune for a period of not less than 30
15 days (whether or not consecutive).”;

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “the
17 water at Camp Lejeune and the harm” and in-
18 serting “any water at Camp Lejeune and the
19 type of harm”;

20 (3) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
21 lows:

22 “(d) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND VENUE.—The
23 United States District Court for the Eastern District of
24 North Carolina shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue
25 for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings and

1 resolution over any action filed under subsection (b), and
2 a party filing the action may transfer such action to any
3 United States district court situated within the United
4 States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit for trial
5 of such action. Any action against the United States under
6 subsection (b) shall, at the request of either party to such
7 action, be tried by the court with a jury. The court shall
8 advance an action filed under subsection (b) on the docket,
9 and expedite the disposition of such action to the greatest
10 extent possible.”;

11 (4) in subsection (e)(1), by striking “latent dis-
12 ease” and inserting “latent harm”;

13 (5) in subsection (j)(1), by striking “before the
14 date of enactment of this Act” and inserting “be-
15 fore, on, or after the date of enactment of this Act”;
16 and

17 (6) by adding at the end the following:

18 “(k) ATTORNEY FEES.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The total amount of attor-
20 neys fees under this section shall be in an amount
21 that is equal to—

22 “(A) 20 percent of any settlement entered
23 into before a civil action under subsection (b) is
24 commenced; or

1 “(B) 25 percent of any judgement ren-
2 dered or settlement entered into after a civil ac-
3 tion under subsection (b) is commenced.

4 “(2) DIVISION OF FEES.—A division of a fee
5 under paragraph (1) between attorneys who are not
6 in the same firm may be made only if the division
7 is in proportion to the services performed by each
8 attorney.”.

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