

## 117TH CONGRESS 1ST SESSION H.R. 2580

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a presumption of service connected disability for certain veterans who served in Palomares, Spain, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

April 15, 2021

Mrs. Hayes 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 "Palomares Veterans
- 5 Act of 2021".

1	SEC. 2. PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNI	ECTED	DIS-	
2	2 ABILITY FOR CERTAIN VETER	RANS	wно	
3	SERVED IN PALOMARES, SPAIN.			
4	4 (a) Disability Compensatio	N.—Se	ection	
5	5 1112(c)(3)(B) of title 38, United States Code,	is ame	ended	
6	by adding at the end the following new clause:			
7	"(v) Onsite participation in the	ne res	ponse	
8	effort following the collision of a Un	nited S	States	
9	Air Force B-52 bomber and refu	eling	plane	
10	that caused the release of four the	ermonu	ıclear	
11	weapons in the vicinity of Paloma	res, S	Spain,	
12	during the period beginning Januar	y 17,	1966,	
13	and ending March 31, 1967.".			
14	4 (b) Effective Date and Applicability	7.—		
15	(1) Effective date.—The amend	ment.	made	
16	by subsection (a) shall take effect on the	date	of the	
17	enactment of this Act.			
18	3 (2) Applicability concerning di	EPEND	ENCY	
19	AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.—For	purpos	ses of	
20	section 1310 of title 38, United States	s Code	e, the	
21	amendment made by subsection (a) shall	apply	with	
22	respect to a death notwithstanding wh	nether	such	
23	death occurred before, on, or after such d	ate.		