

116TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1377

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

Ms. MENG (for herself, Mr. AGUILAR, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mrs. BUSTOS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASE, Ms. JUDY CHU of California, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mr. DEFazio, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. GABBARD, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. HECK, Mr. HIGGINS of New York, Mr. HIMES, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KIND, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. LUJÁN, Mrs. LURIA, Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MASSIE, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MOORE, Mr. MOULTON, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. PERLMUTTER, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PRICE of North Carolina, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Miss RICE of New York, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. RUSH, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. SABLAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. SIRES, Ms. SPEIER, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL of California, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. YARMUTH, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. BYRNE, and Mr. GOMEZ) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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.

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 dur-
 16 ing the period beginning on January 1,
 17 1977, and ending on December 31,
 18 1980.”.

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