

HR 5954

To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide veterans for presumptions of service connection for purposes of benefits under laws administered by Secretary of Veterans Affairs for diseases associated with service in the Armed Forces and exposure to biological, chemical, or other toxic agents as part of Project 112, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	May 23, 2008
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 12, 2008

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Creates, for veterans who were subjected to certain chemical or biological warfare testing involving Project 112 conducted through Deseret Test Center (including the Shipboard Hazard and Defense Project, also known as Project SHAD), a presumption that a disease was incurred in or aggravated by service, notwithstanding that there is no record of evidence of the disease during the period of service, if the disease warrants presumption of service connection by reason of increased exposure to a biological, chemical, or other toxic agent.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2008:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **May 23, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 9, 2008:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **May 1, 2008:** Introduced in House
- **May 1, 2008:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.