

HR 1769

Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2016

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Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

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Rep. Gutierrez, Luis V. [D-IL-4]	D · IL		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	R · OH		Feb 23, 2016
Rep. Vela, Filemon [D-TX-34]	D · TX		Feb 23, 2016
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Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	R · MO		Mar 21, 2016
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Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-13]	D · PA		Mar 23, 2016
Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Mar 23, 2016
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Rep. King, Steve [R-IA-4]	R · IA		Apr 14, 2016
Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	D · OR		Apr 15, 2016
Rep. Curbelo, Carlos [R-FL-26]	R · FL		Apr 18, 2016
Rep. Hinojosa, Ruben [D-TX-15]	D · TX		Apr 18, 2016
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Rep. Miller, Candice S. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		May 13, 2016
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Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		May 13, 2016

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred to	Aug 13, 2015
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Discharged from	Feb 25, 2016

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
114 HR 5286	Related bill	Jun 9, 2016: Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
114 S 901	Identical bill	Jun 24, 2015: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held. Hearings printed: S.Hrg. 114-186.

Summary (as of May 24, 2016)

Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2016

(Sec. 3) This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to select a VA medical center to serve as the national center for research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of the biological children or grandchildren of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces that are related to such exposure.

The bill requires: (1) the Department of Defense (DOD) or the head of a federal agency to make available to the VA for review records held by DOD, an Armed Force, or that federal agency that might assist the VA in making determinations regarding individuals and descendents afflicted with an exposure-related health condition; (2) the VA and DOD or such agency head to jointly establish a mechanism for VA review of records; and (3) the national center to employ at least one licensed clinical social worker to coordinate access of individuals to appropriate social and health care programs and to handle case management.

(Sec. 4) The VA shall establish an Advisory Board to oversee and assess the national center and to advise the VA regarding the center's work.

The board shall report on its recommendations at least once a year.

(Sec. 5) DOD shall: (1) conduct a declassification review to determine what information may be made publicly available related to any known incident in which at least 100 members of the Armed Forces were exposed to a toxic substance that resulted in at least one case of a disability that an occupational medicine specialist has determined to be credibly associated with such substance; and (2) make such information available consistent with national security and limited to information necessary for determining whether an individual was exposed to such substance, the severity of exposure, and any potential health conditions resulting from such exposure.

(Sec. 6) The VA shall conduct a national outreach and education campaign directed toward members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their family members to communicate information on: (1) incidents of exposure of members of the Armed Forces to toxic substances, health conditions resulting from such exposure, and potential long-term effects; and (2) the national center for individuals eligible to participate in national center studies.

DOD and the Department of Health and Human Services shall assist the VA in implementing such campaign.

(Sec. 7) No additional funds are authorized to carry out this bill.

Actions Timeline

- **May 24, 2016:** Reported (Amended) by the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H. Rept. 114-592, Part I.
- **May 24, 2016:** Committee on Armed Services discharged.
- **May 24, 2016:** Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 460.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Subcommittee on Health Discharged.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **Feb 25, 2016:** Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
- **Aug 13, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Military Personnel.
- **May 15, 2015:** Subcommittee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
- **May 15, 2015:** Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Voice Vote .
- **Apr 23, 2015:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Apr 22, 2015:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Apr 14, 2015:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 14, 2015:** 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.