

S 3507

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to prescribe regulations providing that a presumption of service connection is warranted for a disease with a positive association with exposure to a herbicide agent, and for other purposes.

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Latest Action: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs. (Sep 26, 2018)

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]

Party: Democratic • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Heller, Dean [R-NV]	R · NV		Sep 26, 2018
Sen. Blumenthal, Richard [D-CT]	D · CT		Oct 1, 2018
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		Oct 1, 2018
Sen. Sanders, Bernard [I-VT]	I · VT		Oct 2, 2018
Sen. Manchin, Joe, III [D-WV]	D · WV		Oct 5, 2018

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Sep 26, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6941	Related bill	Sep 27, 2018: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 26, 2018)

This bill reinstates and extends the authority of the Department of Veterans Affairs to determine and regulate diseases that warrant a presumption of service connection after exposure to a herbicide agent. Under a presumption of service connection, specific diseases diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits may then be awarded.

Actions Timeline

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