

## 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.

**Congress:** 115 (2017–2019, Ended)

**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Armed Forces and National Security

**Introduced:** Sep 26, 2018

**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

**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

#### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 HR 6941	Related bill	<b>Sep 27, 2018:</b> 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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- **Sep 26, 2018:** Introduced in Senate
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