

HR 4843

To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 18, 2018

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
115 S 3175	Related bill	Jun 28, 2018: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
115 S 2105	Identical bill	Nov 8, 2017: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Jan 18, 2018)

This bill directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to ensure that if it creates a presumption of service connection between the occurrence of a disease and exposure to a herbicide agent while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era at a military base in Thailand, such presumption shall also apply to exposure to a herbicide agent while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era at any military base in Thailand without regard to where on the base the veteran was located or what military job specialty the veteran performed.

The VA may provide to any spina bifida-affected child of a veteran who served on active duty in Thailand beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975, and who was exposed to a herbicide agent during such service, the same health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance required to be paid to a similarly affected child of a Vietnam veteran.

Actions Timeline

- **Jan 18, 2018:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 18, 2018:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
- **Jan 18, 2018:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.