

S 1381

A bill 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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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (16 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Tester, Jon [D-MT]	D · MT		May 9, 2019
Sen. Rosen, Jacky [D-NV]	D · NV		May 13, 2019
Sen. Stabenow, Debbie [D-MI]	D · MI		May 13, 2019
Sen. Murkowski, Lisa [R-AK]	R · AK		Oct 15, 2019
Sen. Wyden, Ron [D-OR]	D · OR		Oct 17, 2019
Sen. Gillibrand, Kirsten E. [D-NY]	D · NY		Nov 5, 2019
Sen. Brown, Sherrod [D-OH]	D · OH		Dec 3, 2019
Sen. Warren, Elizabeth [D-MA]	D · MA		Dec 12, 2019
Sen. Leahy, Patrick J. [D-VT]	D · VT		Dec 18, 2019
Sen. Portman, Rob [R-OH]	R · OH		Dec 18, 2019
Sen. Shaheen, Jeanne [D-NH]	D · NH		Jan 8, 2020
Sen. Markey, Edward J. [D-MA]	D · MA		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Feb 11, 2020
Sen. Baldwin, Tammy [D-WI]	D · WI		Feb 12, 2020
Sen. Hassan, Margaret Wood [D-NH]	D · NH		Mar 10, 2020
Sen. Braun, Mike [R-IN]	R · IN		Sep 22, 2020

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	May 9, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 2201	Related bill	Apr 29, 2019: Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

Summary (as of May 9, 2019)

This bill requires 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 an herbicide agent while serving in the Armed Forces during the Vietnam era at a military base in Thailand, such presumption must also apply to exposure at any military base in Thailand, regardless of where on the base the veteran was located or what military job specialty the veteran performed.

Additionally, the bill extends eligibility for VA health care, vocational training and rehabilitation, and monetary allowance to children with spina bifida who have at least one veteran parent who may have been exposed to an herbicide agent while serving in Thailand between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975.

Actions Timeline

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