

## HR 8261

### Presumptive Benefits for War Fighters Exposed to Burn Pits and Other Toxins Act of 2020

**Congress:** 116 (2019–2021, Ended)

**Chamber:** House

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

**Introduced:** Sep 15, 2020

**Current Status:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services,

**Latest Action:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Education and Labor, 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. (Sep 15, 2020)

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]

**Party:** Democratic • **State:** CA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (14 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	D · DE		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	D · TN		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Courtney, Joe [D-CT-2]	D · CT		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Gabbard, Tulsi [D-HI-2]	D · HI		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Gallego, Ruben [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Kim, Andy [D-NJ-3]	D · NJ		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Kuster, Ann M. [D-NH-2]	D · NH		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Rose, Max [D-NY-11]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Rouda, Harley [D-CA-48]	D · CA		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	D · NJ		Oct 20, 2020
Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	D · NY		Oct 20, 2020

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2020
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2020
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 15, 2020

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 S 4572	Related bill	Sep 15, 2020: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Summary (as of Sep 15, 2020)

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This bill establishes a presumption of service-connection for specified diseases associated with exposure to open burn pits (an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment) and other toxins by veterans who meet certain criteria. Under a presumption of service-connection, specific conditions diagnosed in certain veterans are presumed to have been caused by the circumstances of their military service. Health care benefits and disability compensation may then be awarded.

The bill also makes disability or death from certain diseases due to service in support of a military operation for at least 15 days in a specified location compensable as a work injury.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 15, 2020:** Introduced in House
- **Sep 15, 2020:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Education and Labor, 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.