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TEAM Act

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Party: Republican • **State:** IL • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	R · MI		Mar 23, 2021
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Rep. Murphy, Gregory [R-NC-3]	R · NC		Mar 29, 2021
Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	R · WA		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	R · UT		Apr 1, 2021
Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	R · WV		Apr 16, 2021
Rep. Wenstrup, Brad R. [R-OH-2]	R · OH		Apr 16, 2021
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Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	R · IL		May 7, 2021
Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	R · TN		May 7, 2021
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		May 7, 2021
Resident Commissioner González-Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	R · PR		May 7, 2021
Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	R · OH		May 12, 2021
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Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	R · WI		May 20, 2021
Rep. Hern, Kevin [R-OK-1]	R · OK		May 20, 2021
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Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	R · AR		May 20, 2021
Rep. Cooper, Jim [D-TN-5]	D · TN		May 28, 2021
Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	D · NY		May 28, 2021
Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	D · CO		May 28, 2021
Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	R · FL		May 28, 2021
Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	R · NY		May 28, 2021
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Rep. Cloud, Michael [R-TX-27]	R · TX		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. DesJarlais, Scott [R-TN-4]	R · TN		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Salazar, Maria Elvira [R-FL-27]	R · FL		Jun 14, 2021

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Rep. Wild, Susan [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Jun 14, 2021
Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	R · KY		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Duncan, Jeff [R-SC-3]	R · SC		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	D · MA		Jun 25, 2021
Rep. Moore, Blake D. [R-UT-1]	R · UT		Jun 25, 2021
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Rep. Obernolte, Jay [R-CA-8]	R · CA		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. Palazzo, Steven M. [R-MS-4]	R · MS		Jul 1, 2021
Rep. McMorris Rodgers, Cathy [R-WA-5]	R · WA		Jul 20, 2021
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Rep. Valadao, David G. [R-CA-21]	R · CA		Sep 10, 2021
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Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	R · NE		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Fleischmann, Charles J. "Chuck" [R-TN-3]	R · TN		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	R · AZ		Oct 22, 2021
Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	R · TN		Nov 18, 2021
Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	R · MI		Dec 20, 2021
Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	R · NY		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Young, Don [R-AK-At Large]	R · AK		Feb 8, 2022
Rep. Joyce, John [R-PA-13]	R · PA		Feb 28, 2022
Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	R · MN		Mar 16, 2022
Rep. Greene, Marjorie Taylor [R-GA-14]	R · GA		Jul 29, 2022
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Sep 13, 2022
Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	R · FL		Nov 3, 2022

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 16, 2021
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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 927	Identical bill	Apr 28, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

Toxic Exposure in the American Military Act or the TEAM Act

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to expand health care, benefits, and resources for veterans with conditions related to exposure to toxic substances.

Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for VA hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care to include veterans who (1) were exposed to toxic substances, radiation, or other conditions, and were awarded certain medals (e.g., the Armed Forces Service Medal); (2) are eligible for inclusion in the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry; or (3) have been identified by the Department of Defense to have been possibly exposed during service to an open burn pit, toxic substance, or specified hazardous sites. (A burn pit is an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment.)

The bill establishes a presumption of service-connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain toxic substances and that become manifest within a certain time period; the VA must specify such diseases and requirements through regulations. 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 requires the VA to take specified actions to (1) evaluate scientific evidence regarding associations between diseases and exposure to toxic substances; (2) train its health care personnel on identifying, treating, and assessing illnesses related to such exposure; and (3) provide resources to veterans exposed to toxic substances.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
- **Jun 16, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Mar 23, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.