

## HR 2436

Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2021

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**Chamber:** House

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

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**Latest Action:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. (Jul 14, 2021)

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** MI • **Chamber:** Senate

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Rep. Moulton, Seth [D-MA-6]	D · MA		Jul 13, 2021
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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Apr 8, 2021
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2021

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

## Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
117 S 437	Related bill	Apr 28, 2021: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. Hearings held.

## **Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act of 2021**

This bill requires the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to concede, for the purposes of health care benefits and wartime disability compensation, that a veteran was exposed to certain toxic substances, chemicals, and hazards from burn pits if such veteran served on active duty in a covered location during a specified time frame (unless there is affirmative evidence to establish that the veteran was not exposed during such service). A burn pit is an area used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment.

Specifically, the bill covers the following locations and corresponding time periods:

- Iraq between August 2, 1990, and February 28, 1991, as well as from March 19, 2003, until burn pits are no longer used in this location;
- Somalia and Southwest Asia (including Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, and Qatar) from August 2, 1990, until burn pits are no longer used in these locations; and
- Afghanistan, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, Yemen, Uzbekistan, the Philippines, and Djibouti from September 11, 2001, until burn pits are no longer used in these locations.

Under the bill, if an exposed veteran submits insufficient evidence to establish a service-connection for purposes of disability compensation, the VA shall provide a medical examination and request a medical opinion regarding a causal link between the disability and a toxin, chemical, or hazard.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 8, 2021:** Referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, 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.