

HR 2569

Veterans Agent Orange Exposure Equity Act

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Sponsor

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

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Rep. Aguilar, Pete [D-CA-31]	D · CA		Jul 13, 2021
Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	D · IA		Jul 13, 2021

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	House	Referred to	Jul 14, 2021

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Apr 15, 2021)

Veterans Agent Orange Exposure Equity Act

This bill expands the presumption of service-connection for diseases associated with exposure to certain herbicide agents for veterans who served in Vietnam between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975. 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.

Specifically, the bill expands the presumption to cover veterans who served

- in Thailand at a U.S. Army base or Royal Thai Air Force base between January 9, 1962, and May 7, 1975;
- at the Royal Thai Army Replacement Training Center, Pranburi Military Reservation between January 1, 1964, and April 30, 1964;
- in Laos between December 1, 1965, and September 30, 1969; or
- in Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kompon Cham Province between April 16, 1969, and April 30, 1969.

Actions Timeline

- **Jul 14, 2021:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Introduced in House
- **Apr 15, 2021:** Referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs.