

S 2078

Burn Pit Registry Enhancement Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • State: VT • Chamber: Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Veterans' Affairs Committee	Senate	Referred To	Jun 21, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 HR 2472	Identical bill	Apr 14, 2023: Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

Summary (as of Jun 21, 2023)

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This bill authorizes specified individuals to update the Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry with the cause of death of a registered individual. The Department of Veterans Affairs established the burn pit registry to allow certain veterans and service members to document their exposures and report health concerns. The registry is for individuals who may have been exposed to toxic airborne chemicals and fumes caused by open burn pits (areas used for burning solid waste in open air without equipment) while deployed in certain locations (e.g., Afghanistan or Iraq).

Specifically, the bill authorizes a designee of a registered individual or an immediate family member to update the registry with the cause of death of the individual.

## Actions Timeline

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