

HR 5259

PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act

Congress: 118 (2023–2025, Ended)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Armed Forces and National Security

Introduced: Aug 22, 2023

Current Status: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

Latest Action: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. (Aug 22, 2023)

Official Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5259>

Sponsor

Name: Rep. Slotkin, Elissa [D-MI-7]

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

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	R · FL		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Turner, Michael R. [R-OH-10]	R · OH		Aug 22, 2023
Rep. Lawler, Michael [R-NY-17]	R · NY		Sep 19, 2023
Rep. Rouzer, David [R-NC-7]	R · NC		Nov 15, 2023
Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	R · PA		Jun 27, 2024

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Armed Services Committee	House	Referred To	Aug 22, 2023

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
118 S 1360	Related bill	Apr 27, 2023: Read twice and referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

PFAS Exposure Assessment and Documentation Act

This bill requires the Department of Defense (DOD) to include in various health evaluations an assessment of whether a member of the Armed Forces has been exposed to perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly referred to as PFAS.

Specifically, the bill requires DOD to ensure that any periodic health assessment, physical assessment for recently separated members, pre-deployment medical examination, post-deployment medical examination, and post-deployment health reassessment provided to a member of the Armed Forces includes an evaluation of whether the member has been exposed to PFAS or was based or stationed at a military installation with a known or suspected release of PFAS during the period the member was there.

If any of the evaluations result in a positive determination of potential exposure to PFAS, DOD must provide blood testing during the evaluation to be included in the member's health record.

DOD must pay for blood testing to determine and document potential exposure to PFAS for former members of the Armed Forces or family members of such members who lived at a location identified by DOD as having a known or suspected PFAS release during the time the individuals lived there.

DOD must share results of the evaluations with the Department of Veterans Affairs and establish a registry of members of the Armed Forces who have been exposed to, or suspected to have been exposed to, PFAS. Members may elect to be excluded from the registry.

Actions Timeline

- **Aug 22, 2023:** Introduced in House
- **Aug 22, 2023:** Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.