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H. R. 4367

To amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide priority health care to veterans who received one or more nasopharyngeal radium irradiation treatments during active military, naval, or air service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 1998

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. FILNER, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. LEE, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, and Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE PRIORITY HEALTH**
2 **CARE FOR VETERANS WHO RECEIVED NASO-**
3 **PHARYNGEAL RADIUM IRRADIATION TREAT-**
4 **MENTS.**

5 Section 1710 of title 38, United States Code, is
6 amended—

7 (1) in subsection (a)(2)(F), by inserting “or
8 who while serving in the active military, naval, or air
9 service between January 1, 1940, and December 31,
10 1965, received one or more nasopharyngeal radium
11 irradiation treatments,” after “or other conditions,”;
12 and

13 (2) in subsection (e)(1)(B), by inserting “, or a
14 veteran who while serving in the active military,
15 naval, or air service between January 1, 1940, and
16 December 31, 1965, received one or more naso-
17 pharyngeal radium irradiation treatments while serv-
18 ing in the active military, naval or air service,” after
19 “radiation-exposed veteran”.

20 **SEC. 2. EXAMINATION AND INCLUSION IN REGISTRY.**

21 The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may examine, at
22 no cost to the veteran, any veteran who received one or
23 more nasopharyngeal radium irradiation treatments for ei-
24 ther clinical or occupational purposes while serving in the
25 active military, naval, or air service between January 1,
26 1940, and December 31, 1965. The Secretary may include

- 1 any veteran so examined in the Ionizing Radiation Reg-
- 2 istry Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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