

105TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 466

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 1997

Mr. EVANS (for himself, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DEFazio, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. FILNER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MARTINEZ, Mr. TALENT, Mr. FROST, Mr. Faleomavaega, Mr. BARCIA, and Mr. BRYANT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the "Persian Gulf War Vet-  
5 erans Compensation Act of 1997".

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF PRESUMPTIVE PERIOD FOR MANI-**  
2 **FESTATION OF CHRONIC DISABILITIES DUE**  
3 **TO UNDIAGNOSED SYMPTOMS IN VETERANS**  
4 **WHO SERVED IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR.**

5 Subsection (b) of section 1117 of title 38, United  
6 States Code, is amended to read as follows:

7 “(b) The provisions of subsection (a) shall apply in  
8 the case of a disability of a veteran becoming manifest  
9 within 10 years after the last date on which the veteran  
10 performed active military, naval, or air service in the  
11 Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian  
12 Gulf War.”.

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