

106TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 3816

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 1, 2000

Mr. STUPAK (for himself, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. COYNE, Ms. CARSON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FILNER, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. REYES, Mr. FROST, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Ms. BERKLEY, and Mr. QUINN) 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,*

1 **SECTION 1. STROKES AND HEART ATTACKS INCURRED OR**  
2 **AGGRAVATED BY MEMBERS OF RESERVE**  
3 **COMPONENTS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF**  
4 **DUTY WHILE PERFORMING INACTIVE DUTY**  
5 **TRAINING TO BE CONSIDERED TO BE SERV-**  
6 **ICE-CONNECTED FOR PURPOSES OF BENE-**  
7 **FITS UNDER LAWS ADMINISTERED BY THE**  
8 **SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

9 Section 101(24) of title 38, United States Code, is  
10 amended by adding at the end the following new sentence:  
11 “For purposes of this paragraph, a cardiovascular acci-  
12 dent or an acute myocardial infarction incurred in per-  
13 formance of duty during a period of inactive duty training  
14 shall be considered to be an injury incurred or aggravated  
15 in line of duty.”.

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