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H. R. 4791

To amend title 38, United States Code, to establish a presumption of service connection for the occurrence of hepatitis C in certain veterans.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAYWORTH (for himself, Mr. GIBBONS, and Mr. QUINN) 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,*

3 **SECTION 1. PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR**
4 **OCCURRENCE OF HEPATITIS C IN CERTAIN**
5 **VETERANS.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 11 of
7 title 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
8 end the following new section:

1 **“§ 1119. Presumption of service connection for hepa-**
2 **titis C**

3 “For purposes of sections 1110 and 1113 of this title,
4 and subject to section 1113 of this title, the disease of
5 hepatitis C becoming manifest in a veteran shall be consid-
6 ered to have been incurred in or aggravated by active mili-
7 tary, naval, or air service, notwithstanding that there is
8 no record of evidence of such illness during the period of
9 such service if it is shown that during such service the
10 veteran experienced one or more of the following:

11 “(1) Transfusion of blood or blood products be-
12 fore December 31, 1992.

13 “(2) Hemodialysis.”.

14 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
15 at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting
16 after the item relating to section 1118 the following new
17 item:

“1119. Presumption of service connection for hepatitis C.”.

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