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# H. R. 809

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Mr. ROSS 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 “Fighting for Orange-  
5 Stricken Territories in the Eastern Region Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF SERVICE-**  
2 **CONNECTION FOR VETERANS EXPOSED TO**  
3 **CERTAIN HERBICIDES WHILE SERVING IN**  
4 **THE ARMED FORCES DURING THE VIETNAM**  
5 **ERA.**

6 (a) **COMPENSATION.**—Section 1116 of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the  
8 following new subsection:

9 “(g) In this section, the term ‘Republic of Vietnam’  
10 includes each of the following:

11 “(1) The territorial seas of the Republic of  
12 Vietnam.

13 “(2) Guam.

14 “(3) The Northern Mariana Islands.

15 “(4) American Samoa.”.

16 (b) **HEALTH CARE.**—Section 1710(e)(4) of such title  
17 is amended—

18 (1) by striking “subsection—” and inserting  
19 “subsection:”; and

20 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
21 paragraph:

22 “(C) The term ‘Republic of Vietnam’ has the  
23 meaning given such term in section 1116(g) of this  
24 title.”.

1           (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September  
3 25, 1985.

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