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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 16, 2017

Mrs. Gillibrand (for herself, Mr. Daines, Mr. Tester, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Markey, Ms. Murkowski, Ms. Warren, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Leahy, Ms. Klobuchar, Ms. Heitkamp, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Schatz, Mr. Whitehouse, Mr. Wyden, Mr. Casey, Mr. Kaine, Ms. Stabenow, Mr. Warner, Mr. Peters, Mr. Menendez, Mr. Portman, Mr. Blunt, and Mr. Rounds) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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. SHORT TITLE.
4 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Water Navy Viet-
5 nam Veterans Act of 2017”.

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S. 422

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SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE
FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

(a) COMPENSATION.—Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of
section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, are amended
by inserting “(including the territorial seas of such Repub-
lic)” after “served in the Republic of Vietnam” each place
it appears.

(b) HEALTH CARE.—Section 1710(e)(4) of such title
is amended by inserting “(including the territorial seas of
such Republic)” after “served on active duty in the Repub-
lic of Vietnam”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September