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# S. 3446

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 11, 2020

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. MANCHIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and 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 “Expedite Agent Orange  
5 Coverage Act of 2020”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORITY OF SECRETARY OF VET-**  
2 **ERANS AFFAIRS REGARDING PRESUMPTIONS**  
3 **OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR DISEASES AS-**  
4 **SOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO HERBICIDE**  
5 **AGENTS.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1116(e) of title 38,  
7 United States Code, is amended by striking “September  
8 30, 2015” and inserting “September 30, 2025”.

9 (b) **TREATMENT OF REPORTS RECEIVED DURING**  
10 **EXPIRED PERIOD.**—Each report described in section  
11 1116(c)(1)(A) of such title that was received by the Sec-  
12 retary of Veterans Affairs during the period beginning on  
13 September 30, 2015, and ending on the date of the enact-  
14 ment of this Act shall be treated, for purposes of such  
15 section, as if it were received by the Secretary on the date  
16 of the enactment of this Act.

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