

117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1972

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 17, 2021

Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. STAUBER) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fair Care for Vietnam
5 Veterans Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. ADDITION OF ADDITIONAL DISEASES ASSOCIATED**
2 **WITH EXPOSURE TO CERTAIN HERBICIDE**
3 **AGENTS FOR WHICH THERE IS A PRESUMP-**
4 **TION OF SERVICE CONNECTION FOR VET-**
5 **ERANS WHO SERVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF**
6 **VIETNAM.**

7 Section 1116(a)(2) of title 38, United States Code,
8 as amended by the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National
9 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (Public
10 Law 116–283), is amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing new subparagraphs:

12 “(L) Hypertension.

13 “(M) Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined
14 significance.”.

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