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S. 1393

To require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out training for employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs relating to exposure of veterans to toxic substances.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 2021

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. CRAPO) 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 “Toxic Exposure Train-
5 ing Act of 2021”.

1 **SEC. 2. TRAINING FOR PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WITH RESPECT TO**
3 **EXPOSURE OF VETERANS TO TOXIC SUB-**
4 **STANCES.**

5 (a) HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL.—The Secretary of
6 Veterans Affairs shall provide to health care personnel of
7 the Department of Veterans Affairs education and train-
8 ing to identify, treat, and assess the impact on veterans
9 of illnesses related to exposure to toxic substances and in-
10 form such personnel of how to ask for additional informa-
11 tion from veterans regarding exposure to different toxi-
12 cants.

13 (b) BENEFITS PERSONNEL.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish
15 a training program for processors of claims under
16 the laws administered by the Secretary who review
17 claims for disability benefits relating to service-con-
18 nected disabilities based on exposure to toxic sub-
19 stances.

20 (2) ANNUAL TRAINING.—Training provided to
21 processors under paragraph (1) shall be provided not
22 less frequently than annually.

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