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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4424

[Report No. 118–600]

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 30, 2023

Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CASE, and Ms. SPANBERGER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

JULY 22, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. KILMER, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PEREZ, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, and Mr. CISCOMANI

JULY 22, 2024

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on June 30, 2023]

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 “Vietnam Veterans Liver*
 5 *Fluke Cancer Study Act”.*

6 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF**
 7 **CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN VETERANS WHO**
 8 **SERVED IN THE VIETNAM THEATER OF OPER-**
 9 **ATIONS DURING THE VIETNAM ERA.**

10 *(a) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY.—Not later than 120*
 11 *days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary*
 12 *of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Director of the*
 13 *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the Depart-*
 14 *ment of Health and Human Services, shall commence an*
 15 *epidemiological study on the prevalence of*
 16 *cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Vietnam era,*
 17 *using data from the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Reg-*
 18 *istry and the National Program of Cancer Registries. The*
 19 *study shall—*

20 *(1) identify the rate of incidence of*
 21 *cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Viet-*
 22 *nam era and in residents of the United States, from*
 23 *the beginning of the Vietnam era to the date of enact-*
 24 *ment of this Act; and*

1 (2) for each of the groups specified in paragraph
2 (1), identify the percentage of individuals with
3 cholangiocarcinoma by various demographic charac-
4 teristics, including by age, gender, race, ethnicity,
5 and the geographic location of the patient at the time
6 of diagnosis.

7 (b) *REPORT TO CONGRESS.*—Not later than one year
8 after the completion of the study under subsection (a), the
9 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing—

10 (1) the results of the study under subsection (a);
11 and

12 (2) recommendations for administrative or legis-
13 lative actions required to address issues identified in
14 the study under subsection (a).

15 (c) *CONTINUED TRACKING OF CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA*
16 *IN COVERED VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM ERA.*—The Sec-
17 retary shall track the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in
18 covered veterans of the Vietnam era using the Veterans Af-
19 fairs Central Cancer Registry, and provide such informa-
20 tion to Congress as required under subsection (d).

21 (d) *FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.*—The Secretary shall peri-
22 odically submit to the Congress an updated report under
23 subsection (b), as determined by the Secretary.

24 (e) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this section:

1 (1) *The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of*
2 *Veterans Affairs.*

3 (2) *The term “Vietnam era” has the meaning*
4 *given such term in section 101 of title 38, United*
5 *States Code.*

6 (3) *The term “covered veterans of the Vietnam*
7 *era” means veterans who served in the Vietnam the-*
8 *ater of operations during the Vietnam era.*

9 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

10 *The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,*
11 *United States Code, is amended by striking “November 15,*
12 *2031” each place it appears and inserting “November 29,*
13 *2031”.*

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