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H. R. 5121

To amend title 10, United States Code, to screen and register individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PORTER (for herself and Ms. JACOBS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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 “Healthy
5 Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING AND REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**
2 **HEALTH CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM UN-**
3 **SAFE HOUSING UNITS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 169 of
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2895. Screening and registry of individuals with**
8 **health conditions resulting from unsafe**
9 **housing units**

10 “(a) SCREENING.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense,
12 in consultation with appropriate scientific agencies
13 as determined by the Secretary, shall ensure that all
14 military medical treatment facilities screen eligible
15 individuals for covered conditions.

16 “(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROCEDURES.—The
17 Secretary may establish procedures through which
18 screening under paragraph (1) may allow an eligible
19 individual to be included in the registry under sub-
20 section (b).

21 “(b) REGISTRY.—

22 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall establish and maintain a registry of eligible in-
24 dividuals who have a covered condition.

25 “(2) INCLUSION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
26 retary shall include any information in the registry

1 under paragraph (1) that the Secretary determines
2 necessary to ascertain and monitor the health of eli-
3 gible individuals and the connection between the
4 health of such individuals and an unsafe housing
5 unit.

6 “(3) PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN.—The
7 Secretary shall develop a public information cam-
8 paign to inform eligible individuals about the reg-
9 istry under paragraph (1), including how to register
10 and the benefits of registering.

11 “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 “(1) The term ‘covered condition’ means a med-
13 ical condition that is determined by the Secretary of
14 Defense to have resulted from residing in an unsafe
15 housing unit.

16 “(2) The term ‘eligible individual’ means a
17 member of the armed forces or a family member of
18 a member of the armed forces who has resided in an
19 unsafe housing unit.

20 “(3) The term ‘unsafe housing unit’ means a
21 dwelling unit that—

22 “(A) does not meet the housing quality
23 standards established under section 8(o)(8)(B)
24 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42
25 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8)(B)); or

1 “(B) is not free from dangerous air pollu-
2 tion levels from mold.”.

3 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
4 at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by insert-
5 ing after the item relating to section 2894a the following
6 new item:

“2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting
from unsafe housing units.”.

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