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To establish the Atomic Civilians Commemorative Service Medal, and for
other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. TOKUDA (for herself, Mr. CASE, Ms. TITUS, and Mr. HORSFORD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

To establish the Atomic Civilians Commemorative Service
Medal, and for other purposes.

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 “Atomic Civilians Rec-
5 ognition and Compensation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATOMIC CIVILIANS COM-**
7 **MEMORATIVE SERVICE MEDAL.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
9 design and produce a commemorative service medal, to be
10 known as the “Atomic Civilians Commemorative Service

1 Medal” (in this section referred to as the “Medal”), to
2 commemorate the service and sacrifice of civilian employ-
3 ees and contractors of the Department of Defense and
4 other Federal agencies who were instrumental in the de-
5 velopment of our Nation’s atomic and nuclear weapons
6 programs.

7 (b) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.—

8 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—Current or former civilian
9 employees, and former employees of any contractor,
10 of the United States Government shall be eligible for
11 the Medal if such individual—

12 (A) directly participated in the detonation
13 of an atomic weapon or device;

14 (B) directly participated in the cleanup of
15 radioactive material resulting from any such at-
16 mospheric detonation;

17 (C) directly participated in the cleanup of
18 radioactive material resulting from an accident
19 associated with an atomic weapon; or

20 (D) was exposed to ionizing radiation re-
21 sulting from the operational use of atomic
22 weapons during World War II.

23 (2) DOCUMENTATION.—The Secretary of De-
24 fense may require individuals to submit supporting
25 documentation for the medal authorized in sub-

1 section (a) to determine eligibility under paragraph
2 (1).

3 (c) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

4 (1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER CIVIL-
5 IAN EMPLOYEES.—At the request of an eligible indi-
6 vidual described under subsection (b)(1), the Sec-
7 retary of Defense shall issue the Medal to such indi-
8 vidual.

9 (2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of
10 an individual who is deceased but would otherwise
11 be eligible for the Medal, the Secretary may provide
12 for issuance of the Medal to the next-of-kin of such
13 individual. If applications for a Medal are filed by
14 more than one next of kin of such an individual, the
15 Secretary of Defense shall determine which next-of-
16 kin will receive the Medal.

17 (3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare
18 and disseminate as appropriate an application by
19 which eligible individuals and their next-of-kin may
20 apply to receive the Medal.

21 **SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM OF COMPENSATION**
22 **FOR ATOMIC CIVILIANS.**

23 (a) COMPENSATION PROGRAM.—The Secretary of
24 Defense shall establish a program of compensation for in-

1 individuals who directly participated in the cleanup of radio-
2 active material, subject to the requirements of this section.

3 (b) ELIGIBILITY.—

4 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—Subject to the availability of
5 appropriations, a current or former civilian employee
6 or a current or former employee of a contractor of
7 the United States Government—

8 (A) who directly participated in the clean-
9 up of radioactive material resulting from any
10 such atmospheric detonation or directly partici-
11 pated in the cleanup of radioactive material re-
12 sulting from an accident associated with an
13 atomic weapon; and

14 (B) who was diagnosed with a disease de-
15 scribed in paragraph (2)
16 shall be eligible for an award of \$75,000 under the
17 program established by subsection (a).

18 (2) DISEASES.—A disease described in this
19 paragraph is any of the following:

20 (A) Leukemia (other than chronic
21 lymphocytic leukemia).

22 (B) Cancer of the thyroid.

23 (C) Cancer of the breast.

24 (D) Cancer of the pharynx.

25 (E) Cancer of the esophagus.

1 (F) Cancer of the stomach.

2 (G) Cancer of the small intestine.

3 (H) Cancer of the pancreas.

4 (I) Multiple myeloma.

5 (J) Lymphomas (except Hodgkin's dis-
6 ease).

7 (K) Cancer of the bile ducts.

8 (L) Cancer of the gall bladder.

9 (M) Primary liver cancer (except if cir-
10 rrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated).

11 (N) Cancer of the salivary gland.

12 (O) Cancer of the urinary tract.

13 (P) Bronchiolo-alveolar carcinoma.

14 (Q) Cancer of the bone.

15 (R) Cancer of the brain.

16 (S) Cancer of the colon.

17 (T) Cancer of the lung.

18 (U) Cancer of the ovary.

19 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—Before paying any award
20 under this section to an individual, the Secretary of De-
21 fense shall—

22 (1) require the individual to submit supporting
23 documentation to determine eligibility for compensa-
24 tion under the program established under this sec-
25 tion; and

1 (2) prepare and disseminate as appropriate an
2 application by which current and former civilian em-
3 ployees and current and former contractors may
4 apply to receive compensation.

5 (d) OFFSET.—The Secretary of Defense shall offset
6 the amount of any award under this section by subtracting
7 from such award the amount of any payment made to an
8 otherwise eligible individual under the Radiation Exposure
9 Compensation Act.

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