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1ST SESSION

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To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

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BORDALLO, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, and Ms. DEGETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, 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 “Blue Water Navy Viet-
 5 nam Veterans Act of 2015”.

6 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE**
 7 **FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF**
 8 **REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.**

9 (a) **COMPENSATION.**—Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of
 10 section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, are amended
 11 by inserting “(including the territorial seas of such Repub-
 12 lic)” after “served in the Republic of Vietnam” each place
 13 it appears.

14 (b) **HEALTH CARE.**—Section 1710(e)(4) of such title
 15 is amended by inserting “(including the territorial seas of
 16 such Republic)” after “served on active duty in the Repub-
 17 lic of Vietnam”.

1 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by
2 subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September
3 25, 1985.

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