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2D SESSION

H. R. 4424

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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AN ACT

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.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vietnam Veterans
3 Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act”.

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

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

18 (1) identify the rate of incidence of
19 cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Viet-
20 nam era and in residents of the United States, from
21 the beginning of the Vietnam era to the date of en-
22 actment of this Act; and

23 (2) for each of the groups specified in para-
24 graph (1), identify the percentage of individuals with
25 cholangiocarcinoma by various demographic charac-
26 teristics, including by age, gender, race, ethnicity,

1 and the geographic location of the patient at the
2 time of diagnosis.

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

6 (1) the results of the study under subsection
7 (a); and

8 (2) recommendations for administrative or leg-
9 islative actions required to address issues identified
10 in the study under subsection (a).

11 (c) CONTINUED TRACKING OF
12 CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN COVERED VETERANS OF THE
13 VIETNAM ERA.—The Secretary shall track the prevalence
14 of cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Vietnam
15 era using the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Registry,
16 and provide such information to Congress as required
17 under subsection (d).

18 (d) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—The Secretary shall pe-
19 riodically submit to the Congress an updated report under
20 subsection (b), as determined by the Secretary.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
23 of Veterans Affairs.

(3) The term “covered veterans of the Vietnam era” means veterans who served in the Vietnam theater of operations during the Vietnam era.

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

Passed the House of Representatives September 17,
2024.

Attest:

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.