

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 586

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2025

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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 include—

18 (1) an identification of 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), an identification of the percentage of in-
25 dividuals with cholangiocarcinoma by various demo-
26 graphic characteristics, including by age, gender,

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

3 (b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than one year
5 after the completion of the study under subsection
6 (a), the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report
7 containing—

8 (A) the results of the study under sub-
9 section (a); and

10 (B) recommendations for administrative or
11 legislative actions required to address issues
12 identified in the study under subsection (a).

13 (2) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—The Secretary shall
14 periodically submit to the Congress a follow-up re-
15 ports, as determined by the Secretary, to provide up-
16 dates to the information included in the initial re-
17 port under paragraph (1) and information collected
18 pursuant to subsection (c).

19 (c) CONTINUED TRACKING OF
20 CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN COVERED VETERANS OF THE
21 VIETNAM ERA.—The Secretary shall track the prevalence
22 of cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Vietnam
23 era using the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Registry,
24 and provide such information to Congress in follow-up re-
25 ports submitted under subsection (b)(2).

1 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

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

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

8 **SEC. 3. EXTENSION OF CERTAIN LIMITATION OF PENSION**
9 **PAYMENTS.**

10 Section 5503(d)(7) of title 38, United States Code,
11 is amended by striking “November 30, 2031” and insert-
12 ing “December 31, 2031”.

Passed the House of Representatives April 7, 2025.

Attest: KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.