

118TH CONGRESS
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H. R. 7860

To direct the Secretary of Defense to periodically publish a report with respect to any human toxic exposures in Guam during the period beginning on August 15, 1958, and ending on July 31, 1980, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 2, 2024

Mr. MOYLAN 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. REPORT WITH RESPECT TO POTENTIAL TOXIC**
4 **EXPOSURE IN GUAM.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
6 date of the enactment of this section, and not less fre-
7 quently than every 3 years thereafter, the Secretary of De-
8 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and

1 Human Services and the Director of the Agency for Toxic
2 Substances and Disease Registry, shall publish in the Fed-
3 eral Register and on the website of the Department of
4 Health and Human Services a report that includes fol-
5 lowing:

6 (1) A review of scientific literature with respect
7 to any relationship between individuals present in
8 Guam for more than 30 days during the period be-
9 ginning on August 15, 1958, and ending on July 31,
10 1980, and any particular illnesses or conditions in-
11 curred by such individuals. Such review shall include
12 bibliographic citations of such literature.

13 (2) A determination with respect to any evi-
14 dence that exposure to a toxic substance during the
15 period specified in paragraph (1) may be a cause of
16 any such illness or condition, with such determina-
17 tion categorized as one of the following:

18 (A) Sufficient evidence to conclude with
19 reasonable confidence that exposure to a toxic
20 substance is a cause of the illness or condition.

21 (B) Modest evidence to support that expo-
22 sure to a toxic substance is a cause of the ill-
23 ness or condition, but not sufficient to conclude
24 with reasonable confidence that such exposure
25 is a cause.

1 (C) Limited evidence to support that expo-
2 sure to a toxic substance is a cause of the ill-
3 ness or condition.

4 (3) Any documentation with respect to the
5 transfer and storage of Agent Orange in Guam dur-
6 ing the period beginning on August 15, 1958, and
7 ending on July 31, 1980.

8 (b) REPORT UPDATES.—In addition to the periodic
9 reports required under subsection (a), the Secretary of De-
10 fense, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and
11 Human Services and the Director of the Agency for Toxic
12 Substances and Disease Registry, shall from time to time
13 publish in the Federal Register and on the website of the
14 Department of Health and Human Services updates to
15 such most recently published report to reflect any subse-
16 quent determinations made under subsection (a)(2).

17 (c) AGENT ORANGE DEFINED.—In this section, the
18 term “Agent Orange” means an herbicide agent con-
19 taining dioxin or 2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid.

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