

118TH CONGRESS  
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# H. R. 9039

To require the Interagency Working Group on Toxic Exposure to conduct research on the diagnosis and treatment of health conditions of descendants of individuals exposed to toxic substances while serving as members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2024

Mrs. DINGELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Molly R. Loomis Re-  
5 search for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of  
6 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF**  
2 **HEALTH CONDITIONS OF DESCENDANTS OF**  
3 **INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUB-**  
4 **STANCES WHILE SERVING IN ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subsection (b) of section 501 of  
6 the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our  
7 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022  
8 (Public Law 117–168) is amended by adding at the end  
9 the following new paragraph:

10 “(3) Establish Federal interagency task forces  
11 to conduct collaborative research activities.”.

12 (b) REPORTING.—Subsection (c) of such section is  
13 amended by striking paragraphs (2) and (3) and inserting  
14 the following:

15 “(2) Not later than two years after the date of  
16 the enactment of this Act—

17 “(A) a report containing a description of  
18 the collaborative research activities identified by  
19 the Working Group under subsection (b);

20 “(B) the findings of the members of the  
21 Working Group with respect to the collaborative  
22 research activities described in subparagraph  
23 (A);

24 “(C) the strategic plan developed, by the  
25 Working Group under subsection (b); and

1           “(D) such recommendations as the Work-  
2           ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-  
3           trative action to improve collaborative research  
4           activities among the members of the Working  
5           Group.

6           “(3) Not less frequently than annually during  
7           the five-year period covered by the strategic plan de-  
8           veloped under subsection (b)—

9           “(A) a summary of the collaborative re-  
10          search activities carried out by the members of  
11          the Working Group and the findings of the  
12          members with respect to such research activi-  
13          ties;

14          “(B) a progress report on implementation  
15          of the strategic plan developed by the Working  
16          Group under subsection (b); and

17          “(C) such recommendations as the Work-  
18          ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-  
19          trative action to improve collaborative research  
20          activities among members of the Working  
21          Group.”.

22          (c) RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS.—Such section is  
23          amended—

24                  (1) by redesignating subsections (c) through (e)  
25                  as subsections (d) through (f), respectively;

1           (2) in subsection (e), as redesignated by para-  
2           graph (1), by striking “under subsection (e)” and  
3           inserting “under subsection (d)”; and

4           (3) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-  
5           lowing new subsection (c):

6           “(c) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN RE-  
7           SEARCH ON IMPACTS TO DESCENDANTS.—The Working  
8           Group and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease  
9           Registry shall—

10           “(1) establish an interagency task force to con-  
11           duct research on the diagnosis and treatment of  
12           health conditions of descendants of toxic-exposed  
13           veterans (as defined in section 101 of title 38,  
14           United States Code); and

15           “(2) maintain a publicly available website with  
16           information on the activities and findings of the  
17           Agency under subparagraph (A), including a review  
18           of all relevant data to determine the strength of evi-  
19           dence for a positive association between a health  
20           condition researched and a toxic exposure risk activ-  
21           ity (as defined in section 1710(e)(4) of title 38,  
22           United States Code) based on the categories set  
23           forth under section 1173(c)(2) of title 38, United  
24           States Code.”.

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