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H. R. 4145

To amend the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 to make technical corrections.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Ms. ROSS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MACE, Mr. BARR, and Mr. IVEY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Ensuring Justice for
5 Camp Lejeune Victims Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO THE CAMP LEJEUNE**
2 **JUSTICE ACT OF 2022.**

3 Section 804 of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022
4 (28 U.S.C. 2671 note prec.) is amended—

5 (1) in subsection (b)—

6 (A) by striking “in the United States Dis-
7 trict Court for the Eastern District of North
8 Carolina”;

9 (2) by amending subsection (c) to read as fol-
10 lows:

11 “(c) **BURDENS AND STANDARD OF PROOF.**—

12 “(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The party filing an action
13 under this section shall be entitled to appropriate re-
14 lief upon showing—

15 “(A) the existence of 1 or more relation-
16 ships between the type of contaminant in any
17 water at Camp Lejeune and the type of harm
18 suffered by the individual harm; and

19 “(B) that the individual was present at
20 Camp Lejeune for a period of not less than 30
21 days, whether or not consecutive.

22 “(2) **EVIDENTIARY STANDARDS.**—To meet the
23 causal relationship described in paragraph (1), a
24 party shall produce evidence showing that the rela-
25 tionship between exposure to any level of contami-

1 nants of a type in any water at Camp Lejeune and
2 the type of harm is—

3 “(A) sufficient to conclude that a causal
4 relationship exists; or

5 “(B) sufficient to conclude that a causal
6 relationship is at least as likely as not.”;

7 (3) by amending subsection (d) to read as fol-
8 lows:

9 “(d) EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION AND VENUE.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The United States District
11 Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina
12 shall have exclusive jurisdiction and venue for co-
13 ordinated or consolidated pretrial administrative and
14 procedural matters and resolution over any action
15 filed under subsection (b).

16 “(2) TRANSFER.—A party filing an action
17 under subsection (b) may transfer such action to
18 any district court of the Eastern, Middle or Western
19 Districts of North Carolina or the District of South
20 Carolina for pretrial and trial of such action, includ-
21 ing the adjudication of all evidentiary motions.

22 “(3) JURY TRIAL.—Any action against the
23 United States under subsection (b) shall, at the re-
24 quest of either party to such action, be tried by the
25 court with a jury.

1 “(4) EXPEDITED DISPOSITION.—The court
2 shall advance an action filed under subsection (b) on
3 the docket, and expedite the disposition of such ac-
4 tion to the greatest extent possible.”; and

5 (4) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(k) ATTORNEY FEES.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The total amount of attor-
8 neys fees under this section shall be in an amount
9 that is not more than—

10 “(A) 20 percent of any settlement entered
11 into before a civil action under subsection (b) is
12 commenced; or

13 “(B) 25 percent of any judgement ren-
14 dered or settlement entered into after a civil ac-
15 tion under subsection (b) is commenced.

16 “(2) DIVISION OF FEES.—A division of a fee
17 under paragraph (1) between attorneys who are not
18 in the same firm may be made only if the division
19 is in proportion to the services performed by each
20 attorney.

21 “(3) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
22 this subsection shall prohibit an individual or the
23 legal representative of an individual and such indi-
24 vidual’s or representative’s attorney from agreeing to

1 a fee award that is less than the maximum percent-
2 age specified in paragraph (1).”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
5 take effect as if enacted on August 10, 2022, and shall
6 apply to any claim or action under section 804 of the
7 Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 that is pending on,
8 or filed on or after, the date of enactment of this Act.

9 **SEC. 4. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**

10 Nothing in this Act or an amendment made by this
11 Act shall be construed to modify the applicability or stat-
12 ute of limitations provisions under section 804(j) of the
13 Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022 (28 U.S.C. 2671 note
14 prec.).

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