

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 6005

To amend the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022 to direct 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.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NOVEMBER 10, 2025

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

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,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Molly R. Loomis Re-
3 search for Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of
4 2025”.

5 **SEC. 2. RESEARCH ON DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF**
6 **HEALTH CONDITIONS OF DESCENDANTS OF**
7 **INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUB-**
8 **STANCES WHILE SERVING IN THE ARMED**
9 **FORCES.**

10 (a) INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP ON TOXIC EX-
11 POSURE RESEARCH.—

12 (1) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH INTERAGENCY
13 TASK FORCES.—Subsection (b) of section 501 of the
14 Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our
15 Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of
16 2022 (Public Law 117–168) is amended by adding
17 at the end the following new paragraph:

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

20 (2) REPORTING.—Subsection (c) of such section
21 is amended by striking paragraph (3) and inserting
22 the following new paragraphs:

23 “(3) Not later than one year after the date of
24 the enactment of the Molly R. Loomis Research for
25 Descendants of Toxic Exposed Veterans Act of
26 2025—

1 “(A) the findings of the members of the
2 Working Group with respect to the collaborative
3 research activities described in paragraph (2);

4 “(B) the strategic plan developed, by the
5 Working Group under subsection (b); and

6 “(C) such recommendations as the Work-
7 ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-
8 trative action to improve collaborative research
9 activities among the members of the Working
10 Group.

11 “(4) Not less frequently than annually during
12 the five-year period covered by the strategic plan de-
13 veloped under subsection (b)—

14 “(A) a summary of the collaborative re-
15 search activities carried out by the members of
16 the Working Group and the findings of the
17 members with respect to such research activi-
18 ties;

19 “(B) a progress report on implementation
20 of the strategic plan developed by the Working
21 Group under subsection (b); and

22 “(C) such recommendations as the Work-
23 ing Group may have for legislative or adminis-
24 trative action to improve collaborative research

1 activities among members of the Working
2 Group.”.

3 (3) RESEARCH REQUIREMENTS.—Such section
4 is further amended—

5 (A) by redesignating subsections (e)
6 through (e) as subsections (d) through (f), re-
7 spectively;

8 (B) in subsection (e), as redesignated by
9 paragraph (1), by striking “under subsection
10 (c)” and inserting “under subsection (d)”; and

11 (C) by inserting after subsection (b) the
12 following new subsection (c):

13 “(c) REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO CERTAIN RE-
14 SEARCH ON IMPACTS TO DESCENDANTS.—The Working
15 Group and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease
16 Registry shall—

17 “(1) establish an interagency task force to con-
18 duct research on the diagnosis and treatment of
19 health conditions of descendants of toxic-exposed
20 veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United
21 States Code);

22 “(2) maintain a publicly available website with
23 information on the activities and findings of the
24 Agency under subparagraph (A), including a review
25 of all relevant data to determine the strength of evi-

1 dence for a positive association between a health
2 condition researched and a toxic exposure risk activ-
3 ity (as defined in section 1710(e)(4) of title 38,
4 United States Code) based on the categories set
5 forth under section 1173(c)(2) of title 38, United
6 States Code; and

7 “(3) perform other actions as directed by the
8 Secretary.”.

9 (b) STUDY OF DESCENDANTS OF VETERANS OF OP-
10 ERATION RANCH HAND.—

11 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than, the Sec-
12 retary of Veterans Affairs shall conduct a study on
13 the biological descendants of veterans who served in
14 Operation Ranch Hand to—

15 (A) assess the rates of birth defects and
16 developmental delays among such descendants;
17 and

18 (B) identify—

19 (i) genetic factors that prevented
20 some of such descendants from developing
21 such a birth defect or developmental delay;

22 (ii) causes of related health outcomes;
23 and

24 (iii) preventative measures to mitigate
25 risks associated with toxic exposures.

1 (2) PARTICIPANTS.—Participation in the study
2 shall be voluntary. To recruit participants, the Sec-
3 retary shall contact such veterans and descendants.

4 (3) DATA COLLECTION.—To carry out the
5 study, the Secretary shall use—

6 (A) biological samples from such veterans
7 and descendants to which the Secretary has ac-
8 cess;

9 (B) health records of such veterans and
10 descendants to which the Secretary has access;
11 and

12 (C) surveys and questionnaires of such vet-
13 erans and descendants, to identify relevant—

14 (i) environmental exposures;

15 (ii) lifestyle factors; and

16 (iii) health conditions.

17 (4) DATA ANALYSIS.—To analyze data collected
18 under subsection (c), the Secretary shall—

19 (A) use statistical analysis (including re-
20 gression models and comparative analyses) to
21 determine correlations between toxic exposure
22 and health outcomes; and

23 (B) conduct genomic sequencing and anal-
24 ysis to identify genetic markers associated with
25 health issues in such descendants.

1 (5) REPORT.—Not later than, the Secretary
2 shall publish the findings of the study.

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