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H. R. 9531

To direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct a report on testing for helicobacter pylori for members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Preventing Stomach
5 Cancer in Our Nation’s Heroes Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON TESTING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
7 **FORCES FOR H. PYLORI.**

8 (a) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
9 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
10 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

1 Senate and the House of Representatives a report con-
2 taining a plan, cost estimate, and feasibility study for im-
3 plementing testing for helicobacter pylori (commonly
4 known as “H. pylori”) during the period in which a mem-
5 ber of the Armed Forces is transitioning to civilian life.

6 (b) COST ESTIMATE.—The cost estimate included in
7 the report under subsection (a) shall include an estimate
8 of costs for implementing a program for conducting test-
9 ing described in such subsection that includes testing for
10 H. pylori using breath and stool-based methods.

11 (c) CONSIDERATION OF EXPERTISE.—In preparing
12 the report required under subsection (a), the Secretary
13 may seek the input and expertise of physician experts, in-
14 cluding gastroenterologists who have expertise in—

- 15 (1) the field of H. pylori;
16 (2) the gastrointestinal diseases and disorders
17 that arise from H. pylori; or
18 (3) the screening and testing mechanisms for
19 such diseases and disorders.

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