

H.R. 411 FORT MCCLELLAN HEALTH REGISTRY ACT

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Mr. TONKO (for himself, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Mr. MARINO, Mr. HIGGINS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. SHEA-PORTER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a registry of certain veterans who were stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as 'Fort McClellan Health Registry Act'.

SEC. 2. FORT MCCLELLAN HEALTH REGISTRY.

(a) Establishment- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall establish and maintain a special record to be known as the 'Fort McClellan Health Registry' (in this section referred to as the 'Registry').

(b) Contents- Except as provided in subsection (c), the Registry shall include the following information:

- (1) A list containing the name of each individual who, while serving as a member of the Armed Forces, was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, at any time during the period beginning January 1, 1935, and ending on May 20, 1999, and who--
 - (A) applies for care or services from the Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code;
 - (B) files a claim for compensation under chapter 11 of such title on the basis of any disability which may be associated with such service;

(C) dies and is survived by a spouse, child, or parent who files a claim for dependency and indemnity compensation under chapter 13 of such title on the basis of such service;

(D) requests from the Secretary a health examination under subsection (d); or

(E) receives from the Secretary a health examination similar to the health examination referred to in subparagraph (D) and requests inclusion in the Registry.

(2) Relevant medical data relating to the health status of, and other information that the Secretary considers relevant and appropriate with respect to, each individual described in paragraph (1) who--

(A) grants to the Secretary permission to include such information in the Registry; or

(B) at the time the individual is listed in the Registry, is deceased.

(c) Individuals Submitting Claims or Making Requests Before Date of Enactment- If in the case of an individual described in subsection (b)(1) the application, claim, or request referred to in such subsection was submitted, filed, or made, before the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, to the extent feasible, include in the Registry such individual's name and the data and information, if any, described in subsection (b)(2) relating to the individual.

(d) Examinations- Upon the request of a veteran who was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, at any time during the period beginning January 1, 1935, and ending on May 20, 1999, the Secretary shall provide the veteran with a health examination (including any appropriate diagnostic tests) and consultation and counseling with respect to the results of the examination and the tests.

(e) Outreach-

(1) ONGOING OUTREACH TO INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN REGISTRY- The Secretary shall, from time to time, notify individuals listed in the Registry of significant developments in research on the health consequences of potential exposure to a toxic substance or environmental hazard related to service at Fort McClellan.

(2) EXAMINATION OUTREACH- The Secretary shall carry out appropriate outreach activities with respect to the provision of any health examinations (including any diagnostic tests) and consultation and counseling services under subsection (d).

(f) Consultation- The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall consult with the Secretary of Defense to acquire information maintained by the Secretary of Defense that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers necessary to establish and maintain the Registry.