

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 2102

AN ACT

To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide mammography screening for veterans who served in locations associated with toxic exposure.

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 “Dr. Kate Hendricks
3 Thomas Supporting Expanded Review for Veterans In
4 Combat Environments Act” or the “Dr. Kate Hendricks
5 Thomas SERVICE Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. REVISION OF BREAST CANCER MAMMOGRAPHY**
7 **POLICY OF DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AF-**
8 **FAIRS TO PROVIDE MAMMOGRAPHY SCREEN-**
9 **ING FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN LOCA-**
10 **TIONS ASSOCIATED WITH TOXIC EXPOSURE.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 7322 of title 38, United
12 States Code, is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “The” and in-
14 serting “IN GENERAL.—The”;

15 (2) in subsection (b)—

16 (A) by striking “The” and inserting
17 “STANDARDS FOR SCREENING.—The”; and

18 (B) in paragraph (2)(B), by inserting “a
19 record of service in a location and during a pe-
20 riod specified in subsection (d),” after “risk
21 factors,”; and

22 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-
23 sections:

24 “(c) ELIGIBILITY FOR SCREENING FOR VETERANS
25 EXPOSED TO TOXIC SUBSTANCES.—The Under Secretary
26 for Health shall ensure that, under the policy developed

1 under subsection (a), any veteran who, during active mili-
2 tary, naval, or air service, was deployed in support of a
3 contingency operation in a location and during a period
4 specified in subsection (d), is eligible for a mammography
5 screening by a health care provider of the Department.

6 “(d) LOCATIONS AND PERIODS SPECIFIED.—(1) The
7 locations and periods specified in this subsection are the
8 following:

9 “(A) Iraq during following periods:

10 “(i) The period beginning on August 2,
11 1990, and ending on February 28, 1991.

12 “(ii) The period beginning on March 19,
13 2003, and ending on such date as the Secretary
14 determines burn pits are no longer used in Iraq.

15 “(B) The Southwest Asia theater of operations,
16 other than Iraq, during the period beginning on Au-
17 gust 2, 1990, and ending on such date as the Sec-
18 retary determines burn pits are no longer used in
19 such location, including the following locations:

20 “(i) Kuwait.

21 “(ii) Saudi Arabia.

22 “(iii) Oman.

23 “(iv) Qatar.

24 “(C) Afghanistan during the period beginning
25 on September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as

1 the Secretary determines burn pits are no longer
2 used in Afghanistan.

3 “(D) Djibouti during the period beginning on
4 September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the
5 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
6 Djibouti.

7 “(E) Syria during the period beginning on Sep-
8 tember 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the
9 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
10 Syria.

11 “(F) Jordan during the period beginning on
12 September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the
13 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
14 Jordan.

15 “(G) Egypt during the period beginning on
16 September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the
17 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
18 Egypt.

19 “(H) Lebanon during the period beginning on
20 September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the
21 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
22 Lebanon.

23 “(I) Yemen during the period beginning on
24 September 11, 2001, and ending on such date as the

1 Secretary determines burn pits are no longer used in
2 Yemen.

3 “(J) Such other locations and corresponding pe-
4 riods as set forth by the Airborne Hazards and Open
5 Burn Pit Registry established under section 201 of
6 the Dignified Burial and Other Veterans’ Benefits
7 Improvement Act of 2012 (Public Law 112–260; 38
8 U.S.C. 527 note).

9 “(K) Such other locations and corresponding
10 periods as the Secretary, in collaboration with the
11 Secretary of Defense, may determine appropriate in
12 a report submitted under paragraph (2).

13 “(2) Not later than two years after the date of the
14 enactment of the Dr. Kate Hendricks Thomas Supporting
15 Expanded Review for Veterans In Combat Environments
16 Act, and not less frequently than once every two years
17 thereafter, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in collabora-
18 tion with the Secretary of Defense, shall submit to Con-
19 gress a report specifying other locations and cor-
20 responding periods for purposes of paragraph (1)(K).

21 “(3) A location under this subsection shall not in-
22 clude any body of water around or any airspace above such
23 location.

24 “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘burn pit’ means an
25 area of land that—

1 “(A) is used for disposal of solid waste by burn-
2 ing in the outdoor air; and

3 “(B) does not contain a commercially manufac-
4 tured incinerator or other equipment specifically de-
5 signed and manufactured for the burning of solid
6 waste.”.

7 (b) REPORT ON BREAST CANCER RATES FOR VET-
8 ERANS DEPLOYED TO CERTAIN AREAS.—Not later than
9 two years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
10 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to the Com-
11 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the Senate and the Com-
12 mittee on Veterans’ Affairs of the House of Representa-
13 tives a report that compares the rates of breast cancer
14 among members of the Armed Forces deployed to the loca-
15 tions and during the periods specified in section 7322(d)
16 of title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection
17 (a), as compared to members of the Armed Forces who
18 were not deployed to those locations during those periods
19 and to the civilian population.

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Attest:

Secretary.

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