

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8852
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Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION TO COST OF WAR TOXIC EXPOSURES**

2 **FUND.**

3 Section 324 of title 38, United States Code, is
4 amended—

5 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting before the pe-
6 riod at the end the following: “, to provide for in-
7 vestment in the delivery of veterans’ health care, re-
8 search, and benefits associated with hazardous expo-
9 sure in service”; and

10 (2) by striking subsections (b) through (f) and
11 inserting the following new subsections:

12 “(b) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—There
13 is authorized to be appropriated to the Fund for fiscal
14 year 2023 and each subsequent fiscal year such sums as
15 are necessary to increase funding, over the fiscal year
16 2021 level, for any expenses incident to the delivery of
17 veterans’ health care and benefits associated with expo-
18 sure to environmental hazards in service, including admin-
19 istrative expenses, such as claims processing and appeals,
20 and for medical research related to hazardous exposures.

1 Amounts appropriated to the Fund pursuant to this sub-
2 section shall be counted as direct spending under the Con-
3 gressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974
4 and any other Act.

5 “(c) ESTIMATES FOR CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDER-
6 ATION.—The Secretary shall include in documents sub-
7 mitted to Congress in support of the President’s budget
8 submitted pursuant to section 1105 of title 31, United
9 States Code, detailed estimates of the sums described in
10 subsection (b) for the applicable fiscal year.

11 “(d) PROCEDURES FOR ESTIMATES.—The Secretary,
12 after consultation with the Committees on Appropriations
13 of the House of Representatives and the Senate, may es-
14 tablish policies and procedures for developing the annual
15 detailed estimates required in subsection (c).”.

