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To amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a presumption of service connection for the occurrence of certain diseases related to exposure to herbicides or other environmental hazards or conditions in veterans who served in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam era.

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(for himself, and see attached list)

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Mr. DASCHL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans Affairs

A BILL

(53) ← set in 14/7

S6201

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

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1 <sup>(7)</sup> That this Act may be cited as the "Vietnam Veterans Agent  
2 Orange Relief Act".

3 <sup>(20)</sup> <sup>(74)</sup> <sup>(71)</sup> SEC. 2. The Congress finds that-<sup>1</sup>

4 <sup>(22)</sup> (1) certain adverse health effects occurring among  
5 persons who served in the Armed Forces in Southeast Asia  
6 during the Vietnam era, and certain birth defects  
7 occurring among the children of such persons, may be the  
8 result of the exposure of such persons during such  
9 service to phenoxy herbicides (including the herbicide  
10 known as Agent Orange) and the class of chemicals known  
11 as the dioxins produced during the manufacture of such  
12 herbicides or to other factors involved in such service  
13 including exposure to other herbicides, chemicals,  
14 medications, or environmental hazards or conditions; and

15 <sup>(2)</sup> (2) a comprehensive review and scientific analysis  
16 of the literature covering studies relating to whether  
17 there may be long-term adverse health effects in humans  
18 from exposure to any of the class of chemicals known as  
19 the dioxins produced during the manufacture of the  
20 various phenoxy herbicides (including the herbicide  
21 known as Agent Orange), as required by section  
22 307(a)(1)(B) of Public Law 96<sup>1</sup>-151, has been completed  
23 and submitted to the Veterans' Administration.

24 <sup>(20)</sup> <sup>(74)</sup> <sup>(71)</sup> SEC. 3. Section 312 of title 38, United States Code, is  
25 amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

1 (19) (d)(1) For the purposes of section 310 of this title  
2 and subject to the provisions of section 313 of this title,  
3 in the case of a veteran who served in Southeast Asia during  
4 the Vietnam era and who after such service suffers from a  
5 disease described in paragraph (2)(A) of this subsection,  
6 such disease shall be considered to have been incurred in or  
7 aggravated by such service, notwithstanding that there is no  
8 record of evidence of such disease during the period of  
9 service.

10 (2)(A) The diseases referred to in paragraph (1) of  
11 this subsection are the following:

12 (22) (i) Soft-tissue sarcomas.

13 (22) (ii) Porphyria cutanea tarda.

14 (22) (ii) Active and residual chloracne and  
15 chloracneform lesions.

16 (22) (iv) A disease listed in a regulation prescribed  
17 by the Administrator under subparagraph (B) of this  
18 paragraph.

19 (20) (B) The Administrator may determine, and prescribe by  
20 regulation, diseases (in addition to those listed in  
21 subparagraph (A) of this paragraph) that medical research  
22 has shown may be due to exposure to herbicides, chemicals,  
23 medications, or environmental hazards or conditions. The  
24 Administrator shall include in such regulations a  
25 specification of the standards used by the Administrator in

1 making such determination.

2 20 (3) Paragraph (1) of this subsection shall terminate  
3 on the first day of the first month beginning after the end  
4 of the one-year period beginning on the date the  
5 Administrator submits to the appropriate Committees of  
6 Congress the first report required by section 307(b)(2) of  
7 the Veterans Health Programs Extension and Improvement Act  
8 of 1979 (Public Law 96<sup>1</sup>/<sub>✓</sub>151; 93 Stat. 1098).''.

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