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H. R. 543

To amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**February 6, 2013**

Mr. GIBSON (for himself, Mr. WALZ, Mr. MASSIE, Mr. HOLT, Ms. PINGREE of Maine, Mr. TIERNEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. EDWARDS, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. CLARKE, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SCHWARTZ, Mr. YOUNG of Florida, Mr. HANNA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LEWIS, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas, Mr. RUSH, Mr. BRALEY of Iowa, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. HIMES, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, Mr. MICHAUD, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. POLIS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KING of New York, Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. WELCH, Mr. ISRAEL, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

A BILL

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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 the `Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013'.

SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

(a) Compensation- Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, are amended by inserting `(including the territorial seas of such Republic)' after `served in the Republic of Vietnam' each place it appears.

(b) Health Care- Section 1710(e)(4) of such title is amended by inserting `(including the territorial seas of such Republic)' after `served on active duty in the Republic of Vietnam'.

(c) Effective Date- The amendments made by subsections (a) and (b) shall take effect as of September 25, 1985.

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