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# H. R. 2825

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Fort McClellan Health  
5       Registry Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. FORT MCCLELLAN HEALTH REGISTRY.**

7       (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of Veterans  
8       Affairs shall establish and maintain a special record to be

1 known as the “Fort McClellan Health Registry” (in this  
2 section referred to as the “Registry”).

3 (b) CONTENTS.—Except as provided in subsection  
4 (c), the Registry shall include the following information:

5 (1) A list containing the name of each indi-  
6 vidual who, while serving as a member of the Armed  
7 Forces, was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama,  
8 at any time during the period beginning January 1,  
9 1935, and ending on May 20, 1999, and who—

10 (A) applies for care or services from the  
11 Department of Veterans Affairs under chapter  
12 17 of title 38, United States Code;

13 (B) files a claim for compensation under  
14 chapter 11 of such title on the basis of any dis-  
15 ability which may be associated with such serv-  
16 ice;

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

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

23 (E) receives from the Secretary a health  
24 examination similar to the health examination

1           referred to in subparagraph (D) and requests  
2           inclusion in the Registry.

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

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

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

11          (c) INDIVIDUALS SUBMITTING CLAIMS OR MAKING  
12          REQUESTS BEFORE DATE OF ENACTMENT.—If in the  
13          case of an individual described in subsection (b)(1) the  
14          application, claim, or request referred to in such sub-  
15          section was submitted, filed, or made before the date of  
16          the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall, to the ex-  
17          tent feasible, include in the Registry such individual's  
18          name and the data and information, if any, described in  
19          subsection (b)(2) relating to the individual.

20          (d) EXAMINATIONS.—Upon the request of a veteran  
21          who was stationed at Fort McClellan, Alabama, at any  
22          time during the period beginning January 1, 1935, and  
23          ending on May 20, 1999, the Secretary shall provide the  
24          veteran with a health examination (including any appro-  
25          priate diagnostic tests) and consultation and counseling

1 with respect to the results of the examination and the  
2 tests.

3 (e) OUTREACH.—

4 (1) ONGOING OUTREACH TO INDIVIDUALS LIST-  
5 ED IN REGISTRY.—The Secretary shall, from time to  
6 time, notify individuals listed in the Registry of sig-  
7 nificant developments in research on the health con-  
8 sequences of potential exposure to a toxic substance  
9 or environmental hazard related to service at Fort  
10 McClellan.

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

16 (f) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary of Veterans Af-  
17 fairs shall consult with the Secretary of Defense to acquire  
18 information maintained by the Secretary of Defense that  
19 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs considers necessary to  
20 establish and maintain the Registry.

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