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115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to study and report on the prevalence of cholangiocarcinoma in veterans of the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. ZELDIN introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Vietnam Veterans
5 Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF**
2 **CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN VETERANS OF**
3 **THE VIETNAM ERA.**

4 (a) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY.—Not later than 120
5 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary
6 of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Director of
7 the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention of the De-
8 partment of Health and Human Services, shall commence
9 an epidemiological study on the prevalence of
10 cholangiocarcinoma in veterans of the Vietnam era, using
11 data from the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Registry
12 and the National Program of Cancer Registries. The study
13 shall—

14 (1) identify the rate of incidence of
15 cholangiocarcinoma in veterans of the Vietnam era
16 and in residents of the United States, from the be-
17 ginning of the Vietnam era to the date of enactment
18 of this Act; and

19 (2) for each of the groups specified in para-
20 graph (1), identify the percentage of individuals with
21 cholangiocarcinoma by various demographic charac-
22 teristics, including by age, gender, race, ethnicity,
23 and the geographic location of the patient at the
24 time of diagnosis.

1 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year
2 after the completion of the study under subsection (a), the
3 Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing—

4 (1) the results of the study under subsection
5 (a); and

6 (2) recommendations for administrative or leg-
7 islative actions required to address issues identified
8 in the study under subsection (a).

9 (c) CONTINUED TRACKING OF
10 CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN VETERANS OF THE VIETNAM
11 ERA.—The Secretary shall track the prevalence of
12 cholangiocarcinoma in veterans of the Vietnam era using
13 the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Registry, and provide
14 such information to Congress as required under subsection
15 (d).

16 (d) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—The Secretary shall peri-
17 odically submit to the Congress an updated report under
18 subsection (b), as determined by the Secretary.

19 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary
21 of Veterans Affairs.

22 (2) The term “Vietnam era” has the meaning
23 given such term in section 101 of title 38, United
24 States Code.

1 (3) The term “veterans of the Vietnam era”
2 has the meaning given such term in section 4211 of
3 title 38, United States Code.