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113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To authorize the award of a military service medal to members of the Armed Forces who were exposed to ionizing radiation as a result of participation in the testing of nuclear weapons or under other circumstances.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCGOVERN 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 “Atomic Veterans Serv-
5 ice Medal Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ATOMIC VETERANS SERVICE MEDAL.**

2 (a) SERVICE MEDAL REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
3 Defense shall design and produce a military service medal,
4 to be known as the “Atomic Veterans Service Medal”, to
5 honor retired and former members of the Armed Forces
6 who are radiation-exposed veterans (as such term is de-
7 fined in section 1112(c)(3) of title 38, United States
8 Code).

9 (b) DISTRIBUTION OF MEDAL.—

10 (1) ISSUANCE TO RETIRED AND FORMER MEM-
11 BERS.—At the request of a radiation-exposed vet-
12 eran, the Secretary of Defense shall issue the Atom-
13 ic Veterans Service Medal to the veteran.

14 (2) ISSUANCE TO NEXT-OF-KIN.—In the case of
15 a radiation-exposed veteran who is deceased, the
16 Secretary may provide for issuance of the Atomic
17 Veterans Service Medal to the next-of-kin of the per-
18 son.

19 (3) APPLICATION.—The Secretary shall prepare
20 and disseminate as appropriate an application by
21 which radiation-exposed veterans and their next-of-
22 kin may apply to receive the Atomic Veterans Serv-
23 ice Medal.