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To provide for monthly payments by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to certain children of veterans exposed to ionizing radiation while in military service.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HYDE (for himself and Mr. FAWELL) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. PAYMENTS TO CHILDREN OF RADIATION-**
4 **EXPOSED VETERANS.**

5 (a) PAYMENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs
6 shall pay to an individual described in subsection (b) a
7 monthly amount determined in the same manner as ap-
8 plies under chapter 11 of title 38, United States Code,
9 in the case of veterans with service-connected disabilities.

1 Payments under this section shall be made in the same
2 manner, and in accordance with the same procedures, as
3 apply to payments of compensation under such chapter.

4 (b) COVERED INDIVIDUALS.—This section applies to
5 any person—

6 (1) who is the biological child of an individual
7 who is a radiation-exposed veteran; and

8 (2) who has incurred a disease that (A) is a
9 statutory radiation-associated disease, or (B) is
10 specified in the regulations prescribed by the Sec-
11 retary under subsection (c)(2).

12 (c) DETERMINATION OF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IN
13 CHILDREN RELATED TO RADIATION EXPOSURE.—(1)
14 The Secretary shall determine for purposes of this section
15 those diseases (in addition to statutory radiation-associ-
16 ated diseases) with respect to which there is reason to be-
17 lieve that occurrence in a person may be attributable to
18 exposure to radiation of a biological parent of that person.

19 (2) The Secretary shall prescribe by regulation each
20 disease that the Secretary determines under paragraph
21 (1).

22 (d) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

23 (1) The term “radiation-exposed veteran” has
24 the meaning given such term in paragraph (3) of
25 section 1112(c) of title 38, United States Code.

1 (2) The term “statutory radiation-associated
2 disease” means a disease specified in paragraph (2)
3 of section 1112(c) of title 38, United States Code.

4 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—No payment may be made
5 under this section for any month before the month in
6 which this Act is enacted.

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