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# H. R. 4346

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 12, 2004

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (for himself, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. EVANS, Mr. EDWARDS, and Mr. MURTHA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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 “Healthy Troops Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO**  
2 **PREDEPLOYMENT AND POSTDEPLOYMENT**  
3 **MEDICAL EXAMS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF**  
4 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 (a) CLARIFICATION OF PREDEPLOYMENT AND  
6 POSTDEPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMS.—Subsection (b) of  
7 section 1074f of title 10, United States Code, is amended  
8 to read as follows:

9 “(b) ELEMENTS OF SYSTEM.—(1) The system de-  
10 scribed in subsection (a) shall include the use of  
11 predeployment medical examinations and postdeployment  
12 medical examinations, in accordance with this subsection,  
13 to accurately record the medical condition of members be-  
14 fore their deployment and any changes in their medical  
15 condition during the course of their deployment.

16 “(2) A predeployment medical examination shall con-  
17 sist of a self-administered survey followed by a clinical ex-  
18 amination conducted by medical personnel of the Depart-  
19 ment of Defense. The survey and clinical examination  
20 shall include—

21 “(A) the collection of clinical data (such as vital  
22 signs and the drawing of blood samples);

23 “(B) the collection of information (including in-  
24 formation on immunizations) on current and past  
25 physical or mental health conditions that might af-  
26 fect the ability of the member to perform duties;

1           “(C) an assessment of mental health;

2           “(D) screening for diseases that are prevalent  
3 in members of the armed forces; and

4           “(E) referral to appropriate medical care for  
5 any conditions needing further treatment.

6           “(3) A postdeployment medical examination shall  
7 consist of a self-administered survey followed by a clinical  
8 examination conducted by medical personnel of the De-  
9 partment of Defense. The survey and clinical examina-  
10 tion—

11           “(A) shall include self-reported information  
12 about any relevant exposures during the period of  
13 deployment, including witnessing or participating in  
14 combat and screening for post-traumatic stress dis-  
15 order; and

16           “(B) shall be conducted when the member is re-  
17 deployed or otherwise leaves an area in which the  
18 system is in operation (or as soon as possible there-  
19 after).”.

20           (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct  
21 a study of the effectiveness of self-administered surveys  
22 included in predeployment and postdeployment medical  
23 exams of members of the Armed Forces that are carried  
24 out as part of the medical tracking system required under

1 section 1074f of title 10, United States Code (as amended  
2 by subsection (a)).

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