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S. 2660

To provide for the monitoring of the long-term medical health of firefighters who responded to emergencies in certain disaster areas.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 15, 2004

Mrs. BOXER introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 referred to as the “Healthy Fire-
5 fighters Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. MONITORING OF FIREFIGHTERS IN DISASTER**
7 **AREAS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Fire Adminis-
9 tration, after consultation with the National Institute for
10 Occupational Safety and Health, shall contract with an

1 appropriate, locally based medical research university to
2 conduct long-term medical health monitoring of those fire-
3 fighters who responded to emergencies in any areas re-
4 ferred to in subsection (b).

5 (b) AFFECTED FIREFIGHTERS.—An area referred to
6 in this subsection is any area which is declared a disaster
7 area by the Federal Government.

8 (c) HEALTH MONITORING.—The long-term health
9 monitoring referred to in subsection (a) shall include—
10 (1) pulmonary illness, neurological damage, and
11 cardiovascular damage, and
12 (2) exposure documentation.

13 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
14 are authorized to be appropriated to the United States
15 Fire Administration to carry out this section, such sums
16 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2005 through
17 2009.

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