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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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To direct the Secretaries of Defense and of Veterans Affairs to take certain steps regarding research related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life women's health, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. HOULAHAN 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 "Servicewomen and Vet-
5 erans Menopause Research Act".

1 **SEC. 2. EVALUATION OF CERTAIN RESEARCH RELATED TO**
2 **MENOPAUSE, PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE**
3 **WOMEN'S HEALTH.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense, in co-
5 ordination with Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall evalu-
6 ate—

7 (1) the results of research, conducted by either
8 such Secretary, related to menopause,
9 perimenopause, or mid-life women's health that is
10 complete;

11 (2) the status of such research that is ongoing;

12 (3) any gaps in knowledge and research on—

13 (A) treatments for menopause-related
14 symptoms;

15 (B) the safety and effectiveness of treat-
16 ments for menopause-related symptoms;

17 (C) the relation to and impact of military
18 service to perimenopause and menopause;

19 (D) the effect of combat roles on
20 perimenopause and menopause-related symp-
21 toms, including exposure to burn pits, toxic
22 chemicals, and perfluoroalkyl and
23 polyfluoroalkyl substances (commonly known as
24 “PFAS”) ; and

1 (E) the impact perimenopause and meno-
2 pause has on the mental health of women who
3 are members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

4 (b) REPORT; STRATEGIC PLAN.—Not later than 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, each Sec-
6 retary shall submit to Congress—

7 (1) a report on the findings of such evaluation;
8 and

9 (2) a strategic plan that—

10 (A) resolves the gaps in knowledge and re-
11 search identified in such report; and

12 (B) identifies topics in need of further re-
13 search relating to potential treatments for
14 menopause-related symptoms of women who are
15 members of the Armed Forces or veterans.

16 **SEC. 3. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH RELATED TO MENOPAUSE,**
17 **PERIMENOPAUSE, OR MID-LIFE WOMEN'S**
18 **HEALTH.**

19 The Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Sec-
20 retary of Veterans Affairs shall each conduct or fund re-
21 search related to menopause, perimenopause, or mid-life
22 health regarding women who are members of the Armed
23 Forces or veterans.