

# Advocacy in Action 2021

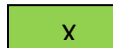
Team conducted 6 of 10 Meetings (Ruppersberger, Sarbanes, Brown, Trone, Carden, Van Hollen)

No response to requests to meet – Harris, Hoyer, Mfume, Raskin

Maryland members generated 609 of >15,000 letters (4%)

How to read this chart

Co-sponsor/date signed on



No action taken



As of July 13, 2021

Bill No.	Introduced Date	Co-sponsors	Up From	D-1 Cong. A. Harris	D-2 Cong. D. Ruppersberger	D-3 Cong. J. Sarbanes	D-4 Cong. A. Brown	D-5 Cong. S. Hoyer	D-6 Cong. D. Trone	D-7 Cong. Kweisi Mfume	D-8 Cong. Jaime Raskin	Sen. Ben Cardin	Sen. Chris Van Hollen
<b>Parity for TRICARE Young Adult Health Care Coverage - Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act</b>													
HR 475	Jan 25	66	11		X 5/04		X 6/16		X 6/08				
S 1972	June 8	5											
<b>Basic Needs Allowance - Military Hunger Prevention Act</b>													
HR 2339	April 1	51	8		X 5/04				X 5/11				
S 1488	April 29	21	8										
<b>MAJ Richard Star Act* Interest only (not an AiA issue)</b>													
HR 1282	April 12	109	58		X 4/08				X 4/08		X 4/08		
S 344	Feb 22	50	43									X 4/29	X 2/22

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**Comprehensive Toxic Exposure Reform**

**Veterans Burn Exposure Recognition Act**

HR 2436*	April 8	37	30		X 5/21								
S 437*	Feb. 24	37	1									X 3/09	X 3/05

**Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM)**

HR 2127*		38	18										
S 927*	April 28	11	8										

\*During MOAA’s engagements with legislators, two congressional leaders identified the need to combine these efforts and others into comprehensive legislation. Congressman Trone was one of them.

**Ombudsmen bills – (combines elements of original legislation)**

House version (Rep. Mark Takano D-CA): **Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2021**

H.R. 3967	June 17	31	25				X 6/17		X 6/17				
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Senate version (Sen. Jon Tester D-MT): **Comprehensive and Overdue Support for Troops (COST) of War Act of 2021**

No Info	May 26	No Info											
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<b>Both Bills Include:</b>	<b>Differences:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Toxic Exposure in the American Military (TEAM) Act (S. 927 and H.R. 2127)</li> <li>The Veterans Burn Pits Exposure Recognition Act (S. 437 and H.R. 2436)</li> <li>The addition of Agent Orange presumptives for hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance, better known as MGUS (S. 810 and H.R. 1972)</li> <li>The recognition of radiation exposure in the Enewetak Atoll and from the 1966 accident in Palomares, Spain (S. 565, H.R. 1585, and H.R. 2580)</li> <li>Improvements to studies and epidemiological reporting for all exposures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The House version adds more presumptives, specifically cancers that the Senate version has not included. We expect this will be a key area of negotiation in the coming months.</li> <li>The House version creates health registries for <a href="#">Fort McClellan, Ala.</a>, and for Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) – MOAA supports the creation of these registries.</li> <li>The House version establishes independent scientific review board overseen by the VA, whereas the Senate continues to use the time-tested National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) to review evidence. MOAA believes NASEM should be continued to be used for evaluating these conditions.</li> <li>The House version recognizes burn pit use in Yemen, Uzbekistan, and the Philippines whereas the Senate does not. We would encourage Senate to add these locations.</li> </ul>