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Committee Bill No. 6008

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

AN ACT CONCERNING EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM BY MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Member of the armed forces" or "member" means a member of
3 the armed forces, as defined in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the
4 general statutes, including the Connecticut National Guard, who is a
5 resident of this state;

6 (2) "Eligible member" means a member who served in the Persian
7 Gulf War, as defined in 38 USC 101, or in an area designated as a
8 combat zone by the President of the United States during Operation
9 Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom;

10 (3) "Veteran" means a veteran, as defined in subsection (a) of section
11 27-103 of the general statutes, who served as an eligible member;

12 (4) "Depleted uranium" means uranium containing less uranium-235
13 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes.

14 (b) On and after October 1, 2006, any eligible member or veteran
15 who returns or returned to this state after service in an area designated
16 as a combat zone by the President of the United States and who has
17 been assigned a risk level I or II for depleted uranium exposure by his
18 or her branch or service, or any other member or veteran who has
19 reason to believe that he or she was exposed to depleted uranium
20 during such service, shall have the right to a best practice health
21 screening test for exposure to depleted uranium using a bioassay
22 procedure involving sensitive methods capable of detecting depleted
23 uranium at low levels and the use of equipment with the capacity to
24 discriminate between different radioisotopes in naturally occurring
25 levels of uranium and the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted
26 uranium.

27 (c) On or before October 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall submit a
28 report to the select committee of the General Assembly having
29 cognizance of matters relating to military and veterans' affairs, in
30 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,
31 on the scope and adequacy of training received by members of the
32 armed forces on detecting whether their service as eligible members is
33 likely to entail, or to have entailed, exposure to depleted uranium. The
34 report shall include an assessment of the feasibility and cost of adding
35 predeployment training concerning potential exposure to depleted
36 uranium and other toxic chemical substances and the precautions
37 recommended under combat and noncombat conditions while in a
38 combat zone.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

VA	<i>Joint Favorable C/R</i>	PH
PH	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	
LM	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	
APP	<i>Joint Favorable</i>	