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To: House Bill No. 6008

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

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

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

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

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

11 (3) "Military physician" includes a physician who is under contract  
12 with the United States Department of Defense to provide physician  
13 services to members of the armed forces;

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

16 (b) On and after October 1, 2005, the Adjutant General shall assist  
17 any eligible member or veteran who (1) has been assigned a risk level  
18 I, II or III for depleted uranium exposure by his or her branch of  
19 service, (2) is referred by a military physician, or (3) has reason to  
20 believe that he or she was exposed to depleted uranium during such  
21 service, in obtaining federal treatment services, including a best  
22 practice health screening test for exposure to depleted uranium using a  
23 bioassay procedure involving sensitive methods capable of detecting  
24 depleted uranium at low levels and the use of equipment with the  
25 capacity to discriminate between different radioisotopes in naturally  
26 occurring levels of uranium and the characteristic ratio and marker for  
27 depleted uranium. No state funds shall be used to pay for such tests or  
28 such other federal treatment services.

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

41 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to  
42 study the health effects of the exposure to hazardous materials,

43 including, but not limited to, depleted uranium, as they relate to  
44 military service. The task force shall: (1) Initiate a health registry for  
45 veterans and military personnel returning from Afghanistan, Iraq or  
46 other countries in which depleted uranium or other hazardous  
47 materials may be found; (2) develop a plan for outreach to and follow-  
48 up of military personnel; (3) prepare a report for service members  
49 concerning potential exposure to depleted uranium and other toxic  
50 chemical substances and the precautions recommended under combat  
51 and noncombat conditions while in a combat zone; and (4) make any  
52 other recommendations the task force considers appropriate.

53 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

54 (1) The Adjutant General or a designee;

55 (2) The Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs or a designee;

56 (3) The Commissioner of Public Health or a designee;

57 (4) Six members who are members of the General Assembly,  
58 appointed, one each, by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the  
59 speaker of the House of Representatives and the majority and minority  
60 leaders of the Senate and the House of Representatives;

61 (5) Two members who are veterans with knowledge of or  
62 experience with exposure to hazardous materials, appointed, one each,  
63 by the president pro tempore of the Senate and the speaker of the  
64 House of Representatives; and

65 (6) Four members who are physicians or scientists with knowledge  
66 of or experience in the detection or health effects of exposure to  
67 depleted uranium or other hazardous materials, appointed, one each,  
68 by the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and the House of  
69 Representatives.

70 (c) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than  
71 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
72 filled by the appointing authority.

73 (d) The members of the task force shall select as chairpersons of the  
 74 task force one senator and one representative from among the  
 75 members appointed under subdivision (4) of subsection (b) of this  
 76 section. The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the task  
 77 force, which shall be held no later than sixty days after the effective  
 78 date of this section.

79 (e) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General  
 80 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and  
 81 veterans' affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

82 (f) Not later than January 31, 2006, the task force shall submit a  
 83 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of  
 84 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to  
 85 military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of  
 86 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on  
 87 the date that it submits such report or January 31, 2006, whichever is  
 88 earlier."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section