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**"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPOSURE TO DEPLETED URANIUM
AND OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BY MEMBERS AND
VETERANS OF THE CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD."**

1 Strike section 2 in its entirety and substitute the following in lieu
2 thereof:

3 "Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section, (1) "service
4 member" means member of the armed forces as defined in subsection
5 (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes, and (2) "veteran" has the
6 same meaning as in subsection (a) of section 27-103 of the general
7 statutes.

8 (b) There is established a task force to study the health effects of the
9 exposure to hazardous materials, including, but not limited to,
10 depleted uranium, as they relate to military service. The task force
11 shall: (1) Commission a study to consider the health of service
12 members who may have been exposed to hazardous materials since
13 August 2, 1990, and conduct a scientific conference on such health

14 effects, which shall include the evaluation of screening methods to
15 detect exposure to depleted uranium and other hazardous materials,
16 including current methods in the United States, and methods used in
17 other countries; (2) initiate a health registry for veterans and service
18 members returning from Afghanistan, Iraq or other countries in which
19 depleted uranium or other hazardous materials may be found; (3)
20 develop a plan for outreach to and follow-up of veterans and service
21 members; (4) prepare a report for service members concerning
22 potential exposure to depleted uranium and other toxic chemical
23 substances and the precautions recommended under combat and
24 noncombat conditions while in a combat zone; and (5) make any other
25 recommendations the task force considers appropriate.

26 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:

27 (1) The chairpersons and ranking members of the select committee
28 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
29 military and veterans' affairs;

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

31 (3) An employee of the Department of Public Health, designated by
32 the Commissioner of Public Health, who has knowledge of or
33 experience in the detection or health effects of exposure to depleted
34 uranium;

35 (4) Four members appointed by the chairpersons of such select
36 committee who are physicians or scientists with knowledge of or
37 experience in the detection or health effects of exposure to depleted
38 uranium or other hazardous materials; and

39 (5) Two veterans appointed by the chairpersons of such select
40 committee who have knowledge of or experience with exposure to
41 hazardous materials.

42 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
43 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be

44 filled by the appointing authority.

45 (e) The chairpersons of such select committee shall be the
46 chairpersons of the task force. The chairpersons of the task force shall
47 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held no later
48 than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

49 (f) The administrative staff of the select committee of the General
50 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to military and
51 veterans' affairs shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

52 (g) Not later than January 31, 2006, the task force shall submit a
53 report on its findings and recommendations to the select committee of
54 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
55 military and veterans' affairs, in accordance with the provisions of
56 section 11-4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on
57 the date that it submits such report or January 31, 2006, whichever is
58 earlier."