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1ST SESSION

**H. R.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Mr. BELL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee  
on \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 “Healthy  
5       Servicemembers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SCREENING AND REGISTRY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH**  
2 **HEALTH CONDITIONS RESULTING FROM UN-**  
3 **SAFE HOUSING UNITS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter V of chapter 169 of  
5 title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the  
6 end the following new section:

7 **“§ 2895. Screening and registry of individuals with**  
8 **health conditions resulting from unsafe**  
9 **housing units**

10 “(a) SCREENING.—(1) The Secretary of Defense, in  
11 consultation with appropriate scientific agencies as deter-  
12 mined by the Secretary, shall ensure that all military med-  
13 ical treatment facilities screen eligible individuals for cov-  
14 ered conditions.

15 “(2) The Secretary may establish procedures through  
16 which screening under paragraph (1) may allow an eligible  
17 individual to be included in the registry under subsection  
18 (b).

19 “(b) REGISTRY.—(1) The Secretary of Defense shall  
20 establish and maintain a registry of eligible individuals  
21 who have a covered condition.

22 “(2) The Secretary shall include any information in  
23 the registry under paragraph (1) that the Secretary deter-  
24 mines necessary to ascertain and monitor the health of  
25 eligible individuals and the connection between the health  
26 of such individuals and an unsafe housing unit.

1       “(3) The Secretary shall develop a public information  
2 campaign to inform eligible individuals about the registry  
3 under paragraph (1), including how to register and the  
4 benefits of registering.

5       “(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6           “(1) The term ‘covered condition’ means a med-  
7 ical condition that is determined by the Secretary of  
8 Defense to have resulted from residing in an unsafe  
9 housing unit.

10          “(2) The term ‘eligible individual’ means a  
11 member of the armed forces or a family member of  
12 a member of the armed forces who has resided in an  
13 unsafe housing unit.

14          “(3) The term ‘unsafe housing unit’ means a  
15 dwelling unit that—

16           “(A) does not meet the housing quality  
17 standards established under section 8(o)(8)(B)  
18 of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42  
19 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(8)(B)); or

20           “(B) is not free from dangerous air pollu-  
21 tion levels from mold.”.

22       (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
23 at the beginning of such subchapter is amended by insert-  
24 ing after the item relating to section 2894a the following  
25 new item:

“2895. Screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units.”.