117TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BLUMENTHAL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and
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 ''Palomares Veterans

5   Act of 2021''.

1 **SEC. 2. PRESUMPTION OF SERVICE CONNECTED DIS-**

2   **ABILITY FOR CERTAIN VETERANS WHO**

3   **SERVED IN PALOMARES, SPAIN.**

4   (a) DISABILITY COMPENSATION.—Section

5 1112(c)(3)(B) of title 38, United States Code, is amended

6 by adding at the end the following new clause:

7   "(v) Onsite participation in the response

8   effort following the collision of a United States

9   Air Force B–52 bomber and refueling plane

10   that caused the release of four thermonuclear

11   weapons in the vicinity of Palomares, Spain,

12   during the period beginning January 17, 1966,

13   and ending March 31, 1967.".

14   (b) EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY.—

15   (1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made

16   by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the

17   enactment of this Act.

18   (2) APPLICABILITY CONCERNING DEPENDENCY

19   AND INDEMNITY COMPENSATION.—For purposes of

20   section 1310 of title 38, United States Code, the

21   amendment made by subsection (a) shall apply with

22   respect to a death notwithstanding whether such

23   death occurred before, on, or after such date.