

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE
TO H.R. 299
OFFERED BY MR. ROE OF TENNESSEE**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

2 This Act may be cited as the “Blue Water Navy Viet-
3 nam Veterans Act of 2017”.

**4 SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION OF PRESUMPTIONS OF EXPOSURE
5 FOR VETERANS WHO SERVED IN VICINITY OF
6 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.**

7 (a) COMPENSATION.—Subsections (a)(1) and (f) of
8 section 1116 of title 38, United States Code, are amended
9 by inserting “(including the territorial seas of such Repub-
10 lic)” after “served in the Republic of Vietnam” each place
11 it appears.

12 (b) HEALTH CARE.—Section 1710(e)(4) of such title
13 is amended by inserting “(including the territorial seas of
14 such Republic)” after “served on active duty in the Repub-
15 lic of Vietnam”.

16 (c) CONSTRUCTION ON SUCCESSION.—The provisions
17 of section 3.816(f) of title 38, Code of Federal Regula-

1 tions, shall not apply with respect to claims made pursu-
2 ant to the amendments made by this section.

3 (d) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect as of September 25, 1985.

