

**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE  
TO H.R. 4424  
OFFERED BY MR. BOST OF ILLINOIS**

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

**1 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Vietnam Veterans  
3 Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act”.

**4 SEC. 2. STUDY ON THE PREVALENCE OF  
5 CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN VETERANS WHO  
6 SERVED IN THE VIETNAM THEATER OF OPER-  
7 ATIONS DURING THE VIETNAM ERA.**

8 (a) EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY.—Not later than 120  
9 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
10 of Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Director of  
11 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the De-  
12 partment of Health and Human Services, shall commence  
13 an epidemiological study on the prevalence of  
14 cholangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Vietnam  
15 era, using data from the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer  
16 Registry and the National Program of Cancer Registries.  
17 The study shall—

1           (1) identify the rate of incidence of  
2           choleangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Viet-  
3           nam era and in residents of the United States, from  
4           the beginning of the Vietnam era to the date of en-  
5           actment of this Act; and

6           (2) for each of the groups specified in para-  
7           graph (1), identify the percentage of individuals with  
8           choleangiocarcinoma by various demographic charac-  
9           teristics, including by age, gender, race, ethnicity,  
10          and the geographic location of the patient at the  
11          time of diagnosis.

12          (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
13          after the completion of the study under subsection (a), the  
14          Secretary shall submit to Congress a report containing—

15               (1) the results of the study under subsection  
16               (a); and

17               (2) recommendations for administrative or leg-  
18               islative actions required to address issues identified  
19               in the study under subsection (a).

20          (c)           CONTINUED           TRACKING           OF  
21          CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA IN COVERED VETERANS OF THE  
22          VIETNAM ERA.—The Secretary shall track the prevalence  
23          of choleangiocarcinoma in covered veterans of the Vietnam  
24          era using the Veterans Affairs Central Cancer Registry,

1 and provide such information to Congress as required  
2 under subsection (d).

3 (d) FOLLOW-UP REPORTS.—The Secretary shall pe-  
4 riodically submit to the Congress an updated report under  
5 subsection (b), as determined by the Secretary.

6 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

7 (1) The term “Secretary” means the Secretary  
8 of Veterans Affairs.

9 (2) The term “Vietnam era” has the meaning  
10 given such term in section 101 of title 38, United  
11 States Code.

12 (3) The term “covered veterans of the Vietnam  
13 era” means veterans who served in the Vietnam the-  
14 ater of operations during the Vietnam era.

15 **SEC. 3. MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN FEES.**

16 The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title 38,  
17 United States Code, is amended by striking “November  
18 15, 2031” each place it appears and inserting “November  
19 29, 2031”.

