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# H. R. 2553

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 29, 1993

Mr. MONTGOMERY (for himself, Mr. STUMP, Mr. ROWLAND, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

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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. GRANT FOR SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF**  
4 **RESEARCH FACILITY TO STUDY LOW-LEVEL**  
5 **CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY.**

6 (a) GRANT.—Of the amount authorized to be appro-  
7 priated to the Department of Defense for research, devel-  
8 opment, test, and evaluation for fiscal year 1994, the sum

1 of \$1,200,000 shall be available for a grant by the Sec-  
2 retary of Defense to a qualifying facility to construct and  
3 equip a specialized environmental medical research unit in  
4 a hospital setting to conduct environmentally controlled  
5 research into possible chemical sensitivities to low-level ex-  
6 posures to organic chemicals and other substances, espe-  
7 cially among persons who served on active duty in the  
8 Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian  
9 Gulf War.

10 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The grant authorized by  
11 subsection (a) may be awarded only to a health care facil-  
12 ity that (as determined by the Secretary of Defense)—

13 (1) is operated by or affiliated with an accred-  
14 ited medical school;

15 (2) has the capacity, or demonstrable potential,  
16 to ensure the participation of scientists who are ca-  
17 pable of winning extramural funding support for,  
18 and carrying out, outstanding research into possible  
19 chemical sensitivities to low-level exposures to or-  
20 ganic chemicals and other substances; and

21 (3) is located in proximity to, and is affiliated  
22 with a medical facility of the Department of De-  
23 fense, which itself has an affiliation with a medical  
24 facility of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

1 (c) REQUIRED AGREEMENT.—The Secretary may not  
2 award the grant under subsection (a) to a health care fa-  
3 cility unless the facility has entered into an agreement  
4 with the Secretary that includes provisions ensuring  
5 that—

6 (1) research personnel of the affiliated Depart-  
7 ment of Veterans Affairs medical facility, and of the  
8 Department of Defense medical facility with which it  
9 is associated, and any other appropriate Federal per-  
10 sonnel with relevant expertise, may carry out re-  
11 search activities at the unit on an ongoing basis;

12 (2) to the extent not inconsistent with para-  
13 graph (1), the facilities of the research unit con-  
14 structed and equipped with the assistance of such  
15 grant support shall be made available for research  
16 activities on a competitive basis; and

17 (3) Federal funding for the research unit, and  
18 any Federal research activities carried out at the  
19 unit, are acknowledged in the activities and publica-  
20 tions of the grantee.

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