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95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapters 41 and 42, RSMo, by adding thereto two new sections relating to exposure to depleted uranium by members of the military.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapters 41 and 42, RSMo, are amended by adding thereto two new sections, to be known as sections 41.481 and 42.028, to read as follows:

41.481. 1. As used in this section, "depleted uranium" shall have the same meaning as in section 42.028.

2. On or before October 1, 2010, the adjutant general shall certify to the general assembly that members of the Missouri national guard are informed of possible health risks associated with exposure to depleted uranium. The certification shall apply to both predeployment and post-mobilization information activities and post-deployment health screening.

42.028. 1. As used in this section, the following terms shall mean:

(1) "Depleted uranium", uranium containing less uranium-2335 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes;

(2) "Eligible member", a member of the Missouri national guard who served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101, or in an area designated as a combat zone by the president of the United States during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom;

(3) "Eligible veteran", any veteran who served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38 U.S.C. 101, or in an area designated as a combat zone by the president of the United States during Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom;

(4) "Military physician", a physician who is under contract with

14 the United States Department of Defense to provide physician services
15 to members of the armed forces.

16 2. On and after October 1, 2010, the Missouri veterans'
17 commission shall assist any eligible member or eligible veteran in
18 obtaining information on available federal treatment services,
19 including a best practice health screening test for exposure to depleted
20 uranium using a bioassay procedure involving sensitive methods
21 capable of detecting depleted uranium at low levels and the use of
22 equipment with the capacity to discriminate between different
23 radioisotopes in naturally occurring levels of uranium and the
24 characteristic ratio and marker for depleted uranium, if they:

25 (1) Have been assigned a risk level I, II, or III for depleted
26 uranium exposure by his or her branch of service;

27 (2) Are referred by a military physician; or

28 (3) Have reason to believe that he or she was exposed to depleted
29 uranium during such service.

30 No state funds shall be used to pay for such tests or other federal
31 treatment services.

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