

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ (legislative day, _____), _____

Mr. BRAUN (for himself and Ms. HIRONO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Korean American Viet-
5 nam Allies Long Overdue for Relief Act” or the “Korean
6 American VALOR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROVISION OF CERTAIN BENEFITS TO INDIVIDUALS**
2 **WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE**
3 **REPUBLIC OF KOREA.**

4 Section 109 of title 38, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following new sub-
6 section:

7 “(d)(1) Any person described in paragraph (2) is eli-
8 gible for the benefits specified in subsection (a) to the
9 same extent and under the same conditions (including
10 with respect to applicable reciprocity requirements) as a
11 discharged member of the armed forces of a government
12 specified in such subsection who is eligible for such bene-
13 fits under such subsection.

14 “(2) A person described in this paragraph is a person
15 whom the Secretary determines served in Vietnam as a
16 member of the armed forces of the Republic of Korea at
17 any time during the period beginning on January 9, 1962,
18 and ending on May 7, 1975, or such other period as deter-
19 mined appropriate by the Secretary for purposes of this
20 subsection.”.