Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

Section 1. R.S. 29:41 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§41. Exposure to depleted uranium

A. For the purposes of this Section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(1) "Depleted uranium" means uranium containing less uranium-235 than the naturally occurring distribution of uranium isotopes.

(2) "Eligible member" means a member who served in the Persian Gulf War, as defined in 38 USC 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) "Member of the armed forces" or "member" means a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the Louisiana National Guard, who is a resident of this state.

(4) "Veteran" means a member who served as an eligible member.

B. On and after October 1, 2005, any eligible member or veteran who returns or has returned to this state after service in an area designated as a combat zone by the president of the United States and who has been assigned a risk level I or II for depleted uranium exposure by his branch or service, or any other member or veteran...
who has reason to believe that he was exposed to depleted uranium during such
service, shall have the right to a best practice health screening test for exposure to
depleted uranium using a bioassay procedure involving sensitive methods capable
of detecting depleted uranium at low levels and the use of equipment with the
capacity to discriminate between different radioisotopes in naturally occurring levels
of uranium and the characteristic ratio and marker for depleted uranium.

C. On or before October 1, 2005, the adjutant general of the Louisiana
    National Guard shall submit a report to the House Judiciary Committee and Senate
    Judiciary B Committee on the scope and adequacy of training received by members
    of the armed forces on detecting whether their service as eligible members is likely
to entail, or to have entailed, exposure to depleted uranium. The report shall include
an assessment of the feasibility and cost of adding predeployment training
concerning potential exposure to depleted uranium and other toxic chemical
substances and the precautions recommended under combat and noncombat
conditions while in a combat zone.

D. The expenditure or appropriation of state funds for the purposes of
    providing testing pursuant to this Section is prohibited.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: ____________________

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