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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 26, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 1, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING
SECTION 26-103; RELATING TO MILITARY AFFAIRS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 26, chapter 1, article 1, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 26-103, to read:

4 26-103. Military personnel; exposure to depleted uranium;
5 screening; definition

6 A. THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SHALL ASSIST ANY MEMBER OR VETERAN OF THE
7 ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR NATIONAL GUARD WHO IS A RESIDENT OF THIS
8 STATE AND WHO SERVED IN THE PERSIAN GULF WAR, OR IN AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A
9 COMBAT ZONE DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM OR OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, AND
10 WHO HAS BEEN ASSIGNED A RISK LEVEL I OR II FOR DEPLETED URANIUM EXPOSURE OR
11 HAS REASON TO BELIEVE SUCH EXPOSURE OCCURRED DURING SUCH SERVICE, TO OBTAIN A
12 FEDERAL BEST PRACTICE HEALTH SCREENING TEST USING A BIOASSAY PROCEDURE
13 INVOLVING METHODS CAPABLE OF DETECTING DEPLETED URANIUM AT LOW LEVELS AND THE
14 USE OF EQUIPMENT WITH THE CAPACITY TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN DIFFERENT
15 RADIOISOTOPES IN NATURALLY OCCURRING LEVELS OF URANIUM AND THE CHARACTERISTIC
16 RATIO AND MARKER FOR DEPLETED URANIUM.

17 B. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "DEPLETED URANIUM" MEANS URANIUM
18 CONTAINING LESS URANIUM 235 THAN THE NATURALLY OCCURRING DISTRIBUTION OF
19 URANIUM ISOTOPES.

20 Sec. 2. Adjutant general; report; uranium exposure training

21 The adjutant general shall submit a report to the governor and the
22 legislature by January 15, 2008 on the scope and adequacy of training
23 received by members of the armed forces and national guard on whether their
24 service entails or is likely to entail exposure to depleted uranium
25 containing less uranium 235 than the naturally occurring distribution of
26 uranium isotopes. The report shall include an assessment of the feasibility
27 and cost of adding predeployment training concerning potential exposure to
28 depleted uranium and other toxic chemical substances and the precautions
29 recommended under combat and noncombat conditions while in a combat zone.