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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SNOWE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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. RESTORATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR BENEFITS**
4 **FOR INJURY OR DISEASE ATTRIBUTABLE TO**
5 **THE USE OF TOBACCO DURING A PERIOD OF**
6 **MILITARY SERVICE.**

7 (a) RESTORATION.—(1) Section 1103 of title 38,
8 United States Code, as amended by section 9014 of the

1 TEA 21 Restoration Act (title IX of Public Law 105–206;
2 112 Stat. 865), is repealed.

3 (2) The table of sections at the beginning of chapter
4 11 of such title is amended by striking the item relating
5 to section 1103.

6 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
7 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enact-
8 ment of this Act.

9 (c) REVIEW OF DISALLOWED CLAIMS.—(1) The Sec-
10 retary of Veterans Affairs shall reopen and review any
11 claim for benefits under title 38, United States Code, that
12 was disallowed on the basis of the provisions of section
13 1103 of that title during the period beginning on July 22,
14 1998, and ending on the date of the enactment of this
15 Act.

16 (2) In reviewing claims under paragraph (1), the Sec-
17 retary shall determine the entitlement to or eligibility for
18 benefits of the individual concerned as if such section 1103
19 had never been enacted.

20 (3) No individual who is determined to be entitled
21 to or eligible for benefits by reason of this subsection may
22 be paid or furnished any benefits based upon such deter-
23 mination for the period referred to in paragraph (1).

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