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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. RUBIO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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## **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 “Servicemembers’ Zika  
5       Protection Act of 2016”.

1 **SEC. 2. MITIGATION OF RISKS OF THE ZIKA VIRUS AMONG**  
2 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DE-**  
3 **PARTMENT OF DEFENSE CIVILIAN PER-**  
4 **SONNEL.**

5 (a) MEASURES TO PROTECT SERVICE MEMBERS  
6 FROM THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Funds authorized to be ap-  
8 propriated or otherwise made available for the De-  
9 partment of Defense under any other provision of  
10 law shall be made available for—

11 (A) the deployment of insect repellent and  
12 other appropriate measures for members of the  
13 Armed Forces and Department of Defense civil-  
14 ian personnel stationed in or deployed to areas  
15 affected by the Zika virus or areas that may  
16 soon be affected by the Zika virus, as deter-  
17 mined by the Secretary of Defense, inside and  
18 outside the United States; and

19 (B) the treatment for insects at military  
20 installations located in areas affected by the  
21 Zika virus or areas that may soon be affected  
22 by the Zika virus, as determined by the Sec-  
23 retary, inside and outside the United States.

24 (2) FOREIGN MILITARY INSTALLATIONS.—  
25 Using existing authorities to work with foreign gov-  
26 ernments that host United States military and civil-

1       ian personnel, the Secretary shall provide support as  
2       appropriate to those foreign governments to conduct  
3       treatment for insects under paragraph (1)(B) at  
4       military installations in areas affected by the Zika  
5       virus or areas that may soon be affected by the Zika  
6       virus, as determined by the Secretary, outside the  
7       United States where members of the Armed Forces  
8       and Department of Defense civilian personnel are  
9       stationed.

10       (b) REPORT AND STRATEGY ON RISK TO SERVICE  
11 MEMBERS POSED BY THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

12               (1) REPORT.—Not later than 30 days after the  
13       date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
14       Defense shall submit to the congressional defense  
15       committees a report on the risk members of the  
16       Armed Forces face of contracting the Zika virus and  
17       the mitigation efforts being taken by the Depart-  
18       ment of Defense in response to such risk.

19               (2) STRATEGY.—Not later than 90 days after  
20       submitting the report under paragraph (1), the Sec-  
21       retary of Defense shall submit to the congressional  
22       defense committees a strategy to counter the Zika  
23       virus should it become a long-term issue to members  
24       of the Armed Forces.

25       (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) AREAS AFFECTED BY THE ZIKA VIRUS.—

2 The term “areas affected by the Zika virus” means  
3 areas under a level 2 or level 3 travel advisory notice  
4 issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Pre-  
5 vention related to the Zika virus.

6 (2) CONGRESSIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES.—

7 The term “congressional defense committees” has  
8 the meaning given that term in section 101(a)(16)  
9 of title 10, United States Code.

10 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION FOR SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO**  
11 **TRANSFER FUNDS TO COUNTER OR CONTROL**  
12 **THE ZIKA VIRUS.**

13 Upon a determination by the Secretary of Defense  
14 that such action is necessary in the national interest, the  
15 Secretary may transfer working capital funds of the De-  
16 partment of Defense, and amounts appropriated or other-  
17 wise made available for the Department of Defense under  
18 any other provision of law, to and among appropriate ac-  
19 counts of the Department in order to provide funds for  
20 the following:

21 (1) Operations to counter or control the Zika  
22 virus.

23 (2) Research, development, test, and evaluation  
24 of medical items related to the Zika virus.