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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4023

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to veterans; designating July 16 as Atomic Veterans Day; proposing  
1.3 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.  
1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **[10.583] ATOMIC VETERANS DAY.**

1.6 July 16 is designated as Atomic Veterans Day in honor of the veterans of the  
1.7 United States armed forces who, in the exercise of their duties or in the course of their  
1.8 service, were exposed to a radiation exposure and contamination event. The honored  
1.9 veterans include those who are designated by the United States Department of Veterans  
1.10 Affairs as "Atomic Veterans" for service as part of the occupation forces assigned to,  
1.11 or who were prisoners of war housed near, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, after the  
1.12 detonation of atomic bombs over those cities. The honored veterans include those who  
1.13 were involved in radiation exposure events, including posttest events related to nuclear  
1.14 weapon devices detonated underground or in shafts or whose duties involved regular use  
1.15 of radiation-producing equipment or processes, such as power plant technicians aboard  
1.16 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and submarines, x-ray technicians, and those assigned to  
1.17 the Enewetak Atoll radiation cleanup projects.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.