



injuries or diseases that were incurred or aggravated during active duty or training for active or inactive duty;  
and

Whereas, Veterans filing VA disability claims for MST must submit proof that they were assaulted or sexually harassed in a threatening manner in order to qualify for benefits; and

Whereas, It is estimated that more than 85 percent of military sexual assaults are not officially reported, making it difficult for victims of MST to meet the burden of proof required by the VA; and

Whereas, U.S. Representative Chellie Pingree and U.S. Senator Jon Tester introduced the Ruth Moore Act of 2013 on February 13, 2013, legislation aimed at easing the evidentiary requirements for MST disability claims; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the United States Congress to pass and the President of the United States to sign the Ruth Moore Act of 2013, which would improve the disability claims process for victims of Military Sexual Trauma.

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