

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
FOR H.R. 4909  
OFFERED BY MRS. COMSTOCK OF VIRGINIA**

At the end of subtitle D of title VII add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE STUDIES ON PRE-**  
2 **VENTING THE DIVERSION OF OPIOID MEDI-**  
3 **CATIONS.**

4 (a) STUDIES.—With respect to programs of the De-  
5 partment of Defense that dispense drugs to patients, the  
6 Secretary of Defense (referred to in this section as the  
7 “Secretary”) shall study the feasibility, the effectiveness  
8 in preventing the diversion of opioid medications, and the  
9 cost-effectiveness of—

10 (1) requiring that such programs, in appro-  
11 priate cases, dispense opioid medications in vials  
12 using affordable technologies designed to prevent ac-  
13 cess to the medications by anyone other than the in-  
14 tended patient, such as a vial with a locking-cap clo-  
15 sure mechanism; and

16 (2) the Secretary providing education on the  
17 risks of opioid medications to individuals for whom  
18 such medications are prescribed, and to their fami-

1 lies, with special consideration given to raising  
2 awareness among adolescents on such risks.

3 (b) FEEDBACK.—In conducting the studies under  
4 subsection (a), the Secretary shall seek feedback (on a  
5 confidential basis when appropriate) from the individuals  
6 and entities involved in the studies.

7 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one year  
8 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 shall submit to the Congress a report on the results of  
10 the studies conducted under subsection (a).

