

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-10
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RICO

At the end of subtitle A of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7___ . TRICARE EQUALITY.**

2 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—

3 (1) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 55 of title 10,
4 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
5 section 1076f the following new section (and con-
6 forming the table of sections at the beginning of
7 such chapter accordingly):

8 **“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in Puer-**
9 **to Rico**

10 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME.—In desig-
11 nating geographical areas under section 1097(b)(3) of this
12 title, the Secretary of Defense shall designate such areas
13 in Puerto Rico in a similar manner used to designate such
14 areas in the 50 States.

15 “(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—(1) In pro-
16 viding travel and transportation allowances under section
17 1074i of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure

1 that individuals located in Puerto Rico who, but for such
2 location, would be eligible to receive such allowances pur-
3 suant to such section are eligible to receive such allow-
4 ances.

5 “(2) The Secretary may revise the regulations
6 prescribed under section 464 of title 37, or prescribe
7 such new regulations, as may be necessary for the
8 administration of paragraph (1).

9 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—The Di-
10 rector of the Federal Electronic Health Record Moderniza-
11 tion Office shall coordinate with the Director of the De-
12 partment of Health of Puerto Rico for the purpose of
13 sharing health information through the Joint Health In-
14 formation Exchange, or such successor initiative.

15 “(d) FEDERAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MOD-
16 ERNIZATION OFFICE.—In this section, the term ‘Federal
17 Electronic Health Record Modernization Office’ means the
18 Office established under section 1635(b) of the Wounded
19 Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C.
20 1071 note).”.

21 “(2) SUNSET.—Section 1076g of title 10, United
22 States Code, as added by paragraph (1), shall be re-
23 pealed on the date on which Puerto Rico is declared
24 to be a State of the United States of America and

1 is admitted to the Union on equal footing with the
2 other States in all respects.

3 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
4 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
5 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
6 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
7 progress of the Secretary in implementing the require-
8 ments of section 1076g of title 10, United States Code,
9 as added by subsection (a)(1).

