AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-10
OFFERED BY MRS. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN OF PUERTO RICO

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

SEC. 7. TRICARE EQUALITY.

(a) IMPROVEMENTS.—

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

“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in Puerto Rico

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

“(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—(1) In providing travel and transportation allowances under section 1074i of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
that individuals located in Puerto Rico who, but for such location, would be eligible to receive such allowances pursuant to such section are eligible to receive such allowances.

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

“(e) Health information exchange.—The Director of the Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Office shall coordinate with the Director of the Department of Health of Puerto Rico for the purpose of sharing health information through the Joint Health Information Exchange, or such successor initiative.

“(d) Federal electronic health record modernization office.—In this section, the term ‘Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Office’ means the Office established under section 1635(b) of the Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).”.

(2) Sunset.—Section 1076g of title 10, United States Code, as added by paragraph (1), shall be repealed on the date on which Puerto Rico is declared to be a State of the United States of America and
is admitted to the Union on equal footing with the other States in all respects.

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