

**AMENDMENT TO RULES**  
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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING TRAUMATIC**  
2 **BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS.**

3 It is in the Sense of Congress that—

4 (1) Traumatic brain injury (hereinafter,  
5 “TBI”) is one of the invisible wounds of war and  
6 one of the signature injuries of troops wounded in  
7 Afghanistan and Iraq;

8 (2) Congress passed the Traumatic Brain In-  
9 jury Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–206), which re-  
10 quires the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-  
11 tion and the National Institutes of Health, in con-  
12 sultation with the Department of Defense and the  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs, to determine how  
14 best to improve the collection and dissemination of  
15 information on the prevalence of TBI among persons  
16 who sustained these injuries while in the Armed  
17 Forces;

1           (3) Despite improvements and increased action  
2           on addressing TBI, current classification of the dis-  
3           ease still remain outdated and imprecise;

4           (4) the Secretary of Defense, in consultation  
5           with the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, should con-  
6           tinue to foster and strengthen collaboration with  
7           public, private, and non-profit organizations, univer-  
8           sities, and health care institutions who provide  
9           health care to members of the armed forces to—

10           (A) Coordinate observational comparative  
11           effectiveness research on TBI and related brain  
12           injuries to address some of the major gaps in  
13           knowledge regarding the validity of diagnostic  
14           tools and the effectiveness of various medical  
15           and surgical interventions for TBI;

16           (B) Promote and improve dissemination of  
17           information by Federal agencies to health care  
18           facilities regarding TBI services available  
19           through the Veterans Health Administration;  
20           and

21           (5) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs should  
22           continue and improve training of all medical per-  
23           sonnel in the detection of TBI and in the methods  
24           to correctly code for TBI, and to provide timely,

- 1 comprehensive, and periodic follow up-evaluations of
- 2 all veterans who screen positive for possible TBI.

