

**AMENDMENT TO**

**H.R. 8800 - NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027**

**OFFERED BY MS. RAMIREZ**

At the end of title XLVII add the following new section:

(a). **STUDY REQUIRED.** – The Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a study on the extent to which the Department of Veterans Affairs contractor employees who perform compensation and pension examinations accurately and consistently complete the mental competence section of disability benefits questionnaires while performing such examinations. Such study shall include–

- (1) an evaluation of the training provided by the Medical Disability Program Office of the Department to such employees that is specific to the mental competency section of the disability benefits questionnaire;
- (2) an identification and evaluation of any additional training contractors of the Department of Veterans Affairs provide for such employees; and
- (3) an identification and evaluation of any specific training Department of Veterans Affairs veterans service representatives and rating veterans service representatives receive related to evaluation medical evidence for mental competency determinations.

(b). **REPORT TO CONGRESS.** – Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representatives a report on the results of the study required under subsection (a).