

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . LIMITATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS PEND-**
2 **ING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROCESSES TO**
3 **REDUCE FINANCIAL HARM CAUSED TO CIVIL-**
4 **SIANS FOR CARE PROVIDED AT MILITARY**
5 **MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall
7 take such steps as may be necessary to ensure the imple-
8 mentation of section 716 of the National Defense Author-
9 ization Act for Fiscal Year 2023 (Public Law 117–263;
10 136 Stat. 2661) and the amendments made by such sec-
11 tion to section 1079b of title 10, United States Code, in-
12 cluding by prescribing a regulation under the rulemaking
13 process to implement section 1079b of title 10, United
14 States Code, as so amended.

15 (b) TREATMENT OF CLAIMS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
17 provision of law, until such time as the final rule
18 specified in subsection (a) is in effect, the Secretary

1 of Defense may not charge any copay, coinsurance,
2 deductible, or other fee to a civilian that would oth-
3 erwise be charged under the procedures implemented
4 under such section 1079b of title 10, United States
5 Code.

6 (2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) does not apply
7 to—

8 (A) claims to third-party payers; or

9 (B) Administrative support provided to the
10 Secretary by another Federal Agency to assist
11 the Secretary in the administration of section
12 1079b of title 10, United States Code.

