

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
OF H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. CARTWRIGHT OF
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Page 247, after line 20, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . PROTECTION OF INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR**
2 **INCREASED PENSION UNDER LAWS ADMINIS-**
3 **TERED BY THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AF-**
4 **FAIRS ON BASIS OF NEED FOR REGULAR AID**
5 **AND ATTENDANCE.**

6 (a) DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF
7 STANDARDS.—

8 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans
9 Affairs shall work with the heads of Federal agen-
10 cies, States, and such experts as the Secretary con-
11 siders appropriate to develop and implement Federal
12 and State standards that protect individuals from
13 dishonest, predatory, or otherwise unlawful practices
14 relating to increased pension available to such indi-
15 viduals under chapter 15 of title 38, United States
16 Code, on the basis of need for regular aid and at-
17 tendance.

1 (2) SUBMITTAL TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
2 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
3 the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Vet-
4 erans' Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on
5 Veterans' Affairs of the House of Representatives
6 the standards developed under paragraph (1).

7 (b) CONDITIONAL RECOMMENDATION BY COMP-
8 TROLLER GENERAL.—If the Secretary does not, on or be-
9 fore the date that is 180 days after the date of the enact-
10 ment of this Act, submit to the Committee on Veterans'
11 Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Veterans' Af-
12 fairs of the House of Representatives standards that are
13 developed under subsection (a)(1), the Comptroller Gen-
14 eral of the United States shall, not later than the date
15 that is one year after the date of the enactment of this
16 Act, submit to such committees a report containing stand-
17 ards that the Comptroller General determines are stand-
18 ards that would be effective in protecting individuals as
19 described in such subsection.

20 (c) STUDY BY COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—Not later
21 than 540 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
22 the Comptroller General of the United States shall com-
23 plete a study on standards implemented under this section
24 to protect individuals as described in subsection (a)(1) and
25 submit to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the Sen-

1 ate and the Committee on Veterans' Affairs of the House
2 of Representatives a report containing the findings of the
3 Comptroller General with respect to such study.

