

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-54
OFFERED BY MR. ELLZEY OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle G of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 5___ . ANNUAL REPORT ON MEMBERS SEPARATING**
2 **FROM ACTIVE DUTY WHO FILE CLAIMS FOR**
3 **DISABILITY BENEFITS.**

4 (a) **REPORT REQUIRED.**—Not later than one year
5 after the date of the enactment of this Act, and not later
6 than each January 1 thereafter, the Secretary of Defense
7 and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, shall jointly submit
8 to the appropriate congressional committees a report on
9 members of the Armed Forces who file claims for dis-
10 ability benefits.

11 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The report under this section shall
12 include, for the period beginning on October 1, 2019,
13 through the month that ended most recently before the
14 date of the report, the number of members serving on ac-
15 tive duty, disaggregated by Armed Force, who filed a
16 claim for disability benefits—

17 (1) more than 180 days before the discharge or
18 release of such member from active duty;

1 (2) between 180 and 90 days before the dis-
2 charge or release of such member from active duty;

3 (3) fewer than 90 days before the discharge or
4 release of such member from active duty;

5 (4) before separation and was issued a decision
6 letter before the discharge or release of such member
7 from active duty;

8 (5) before separation and was issued a decision
9 letter after the discharge or release of such member
10 from active duty;

11 (6) completed a mental health evaluation before
12 the discharge or release of such member from active
13 duty; and

14 (7) did not complete a mental health evaluation
15 before the discharge or release of such member from
16 active duty.

17 (c) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DE-
18 FINED.—In this section, the term “appropriate congres-
19 sional committees” means the following:

20 (1) The Committees on Armed Services of the
21 Senate and House of Representatives.

22 (2) The Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the
23 Senate and House of Representatives.

