

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
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At the end of subtitle G of title VI, add the following
new section:

1 SEC. 6 ____ . PAYMENT OF COSTS TO SHIP BREAST MILK.

2 (a) AUTHORITY.—Section 453 of title 37, United
3 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
4 lowing new subsection:

5 “(j) COSTS TO SHIP BREAST MILK.—(1) The Sec-
6 retary shall pay directly, or reimburse a covered member
7 for, the costs for shipping expressed breast milk of a cov-
8 ered member or the spouse of the member to be used by
9 the infant of such member or spouse because the infant
10 is separated from the member or spouse by reason of a
11 qualifying circumstance.

12 “(2) The costs paid or reimbursed by the Secretary
13 with respect to a covered member for a single qualifying
14 event may not exceed—

15 “(A) \$1,000 with respect to shipments in which
16 the point of origin and destination are both in the
17 contiguous United States; and

18 “(B) \$2,000 with respect to shipments not cov-
19 ered by subparagraph (A).

1 “(3) A covered member and spouse of a covered mem-
2 ber shall be eligible for a payment or reimbursement under
3 paragraph (1) during the period in which either the mem-
4 ber or spouse, as the case may be, is eligible for
5 breastfeeding support pursuant to chapter 55 of title 10.

6 “(4) In this subsection:

7 “(A) The term ‘covered member’ means a mem-
8 ber of the armed forces serving on active duty or in-
9 active duty training.

10 “(B) The term ‘qualifying circumstance’ means,
11 with respect to a covered member, any of the fol-
12 lowing:

13 “(i) The covered member is performing
14 temporary duty pursuant to orders.

15 “(ii) The covered member is undergoing a
16 permanent change of station, regardless of
17 whether the tour of duty is an accompanied or
18 unaccompanied tour of duty.

19 “(iii) The covered member is performing
20 annual training duty.

21 “(iv) The covered member is performing
22 inactive-duty training.”.

23 (b) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense
24 shall—

1 (1) prescribe regulations to carry out subsection
2 (j) of section 453 of title 37, United States Code, as
3 added by subsection (a) of this section, in a manner
4 that ensures parity with relevant existing programs
5 of the Department of Defense; and

6 (2) issue implementing guidance by not later
7 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of
8 this Act.

