

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-57
OFFERED BY MS. GABBARD OF HAWAII

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

1 SEC. 746. PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING VETERANS USING CI-
2 VILIAN TREATMENT FACILITIES FOR PUR-
3 POSES OF IDENTIFYING CONDITIONS RE-
4 LATED TO TOXIC EXPOSURE.

5 (a) DEVELOPMENT OF PROCESS TO IDENTIFY VET-
6 ERANS.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in coopera-
7 tion with the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of
8 Health and Human Services, shall develop a process for
9 identifying veterans using civilian treatment facilities in
10 order to identify conditions that may be related to expo-
11 sure of the veteran to toxic substances while serving in
12 the Armed Forces.

13 (b) ONLINE PORTAL FOR IDENTIFICATION OF SYMP-
14 TOMS.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
17 retary of Veterans Affairs, the Secretary of Defense,
18 and the Secretary of Health and Human Services

1 shall jointly develop a uniform online portal for the
2 purpose of identifying symptoms linked to diseases
3 that may be unique to service in the Armed Forces.

4 (2) ELEMENTS OF PORTAL.—The portal devel-
5 oped under paragraph (1)—

6 (A) shall be free to use by health care pro-
7 viders; and

8 (B) shall not require the entry of person-
9 ally identifiable information.

10 (c) BRIEFING BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.—The
11 Secretary of Defense shall ensure that members of the
12 Armed Forces separating from active duty are briefed on
13 the need to identify that they served in the Armed Forces
14 when visiting a civilian health care provider.

15 (d) INQUIRY REGARDING MILITARY SERVICE.—The
16 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall require that any health
17 care provider that provides health care under the laws ad-
18 ministered by the Secretary inquire about whether any pa-
19 tient seen by the health care provider served in the Armed
20 Forces upon intake of the patient.

21 (e) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans
23 Affairs, the Secretary of Defense, and the Secretary of
24 Health and Human Services shall submit to Congress a

1 report that outlines a plan for educating civilian health
2 care providers on—

3 (1) exposure of members of the Armed Forces
4 to toxic substances during service in the Armed
5 Forces; and

6 (2) symptoms and diseases related to such ex-
7 posure or such service.

