

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle C of title V the following
new section:

1 **SEC. 5___ . CERTAIN REMEDIES FOR AN INDIVIDUAL INVOL-**
2 **UNTARILY SEPARATED FROM AN ARMED**
3 **FORCE SOLELY ON THE BASIS OF REFUSING**
4 **TO RECEIVE A VACCINATION AGAINST**
5 **COVID-19.**

6 (a) REINSTATEMENT.—

7 (1) ELECTION.—At the election of an covered
8 individual, the Secretary concerned shall reinstate
9 the covered individual as a member of the Armed
10 Force concerned, in the same rank and grade the
11 covered individual held at the time of separation
12 from such Armed Force.

13 (2) DEADLINES.—A covered individual may
14 make an election under this subsection during the
15 period of 180 days following the date of the enact-
16 ment of this Act. The Secretary concerned shall re-
17 instate a covered individual who makes such an elec-
18 tion not later than 180 days after such election.

1 (b) BACK PAY; HARDSHIP BONUS.—A covered indi-
2 vidual who makes an election under subsection (a) shall
3 be entitled to—

4 (1) back pay for the period between the separa-
5 tion of the covered individual from the Armed
6 Forces and the date of the enactment of this Act;
7 and

8 (2) a hardship bonus in the amount of \$15,000.

9 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
11 dividual who was involuntarily separated from an
12 Armed Force solely on the basis of the refusal of
13 such individual to receive a vaccination against
14 COVID–19.

15 (2) The term “Secretary concerned” has the
16 meaning given such term in section 101 of title 10,
17 United States Code.

