

**AMENDMENT TO DIVISION F OF RULES**  
**COMMITTEE PRINT 117-12**  
**(MILCON & VA APPROPRIATIONS DIVISION)**  
**OFFERED BY MR. GARBARINO OF NEW YORK**

Page 793, after line 22, insert the following:

1       SEC. 250. (a) Not later than 18 months after the  
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Vet-  
3 erans Affairs shall complete a review of the deaths of all  
4 covered veterans who died by suicide during the five-year  
5 period preceding the date of the enactment of this Act.

6 Such review shall include—

7           (1) the total number of veterans who died by  
8 suicide during the five-year period preceding the  
9 date of the enactment of this Act;

10          (2) a summary of such veterans that includes  
11 the age, gender, and race of such veterans;

12          (3) a comprehensive list of the medications pre-  
13 scribed to, and found in the systems of, such vet-  
14 erans at the time of their deaths, specifically listing  
15 any medications that carried a black box warning,  
16 were off-label, psychotropic, or carried warnings that  
17 included suicidal ideation;

1 (4) a summary of medical diagnoses by Depart-  
2 ment of Veterans Affairs physicians which led to the  
3 prescribing of the medications referred to in para-  
4 graph (3);

5 (5) the number of instances in which the vet-  
6 eran who died by suicide was concurrently on mul-  
7 tiple medications prescribed by Department of Vet-  
8 erans Affairs physicians;

9 (6) the percentage of veterans who died by sui-  
10 cide who were not taking any medication prescribed  
11 by a Department of Veterans Affairs physician;

12 (7) the percentage of veterans referred to in  
13 paragraph (1) with combat experience or trauma  
14 (including, but not limited to military sexual trauma,  
15 traumatic brain injury, and post-traumatic stress);

16 (8) Veteran Health Administration facilities  
17 with markedly high prescription and suicide rates of  
18 patients being treated at those facilities;

19 (9) a description of Department of Veterans Af-  
20 fairs policies governing the prescribing of medica-  
21 tions referred to in paragraph (3);

22 (10) any patterns apparent to the Secretary  
23 based on the review; and

24 (11) recommendations for further action that  
25 would improve the safety and well-being of veterans.

1 (b) Not later than 30 days after the completion of  
2 the review required under subsection (a), the Secretary  
3 shall—

4 (1) submit to Congress a report on the results  
5 of the review; and

6 (2) make such report publicly available.

7 (c) In this section:

8 (1) The term “covered veteran” means any vet-  
9 eran who received hospital care or medical services  
10 furnished by the Department of Veterans Affairs  
11 during the five-year period preceding the death of  
12 the veteran.

13 (2) The term “black box warning” means a  
14 warning displayed within a box in the prescribing in-  
15 formation for drugs that have special problems, par-  
16 ticularly ones that may lead to death or serious in-  
17 jury.

