

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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At the end of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 507. STUDY ON TOXIC EXPOSURE AND MENTAL**  
2 **HEALTH OUTCOMES.**

3 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Secretary of the De-  
4 partment of Veterans Affairs shall enter into an agree-  
5 ment with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineer-  
6 ing, and Medicine for the conduct of a study of veterans  
7 to assess possible relationships between toxic exposures ex-  
8 perience during service in the Armed Forces and mental  
9 health outcomes, including chronic multisymptom illness,  
10 traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, de-  
11 pression, psychosis, suicide attempts, and suicide deaths.

12 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—For each veteran included in the  
13 study under subsection (a), the following information shall  
14 be collected and assessed:

15 (1) Age.

16 (2) Gender.

17 (3) Race and ethnicity.

18 (4) Period and length of service in the Armed  
19 Forces.

1           (5) History of toxic exposure during service in  
2           the Armed Forces.

3           (6) Any diagnosis of chronic multisymptom ill-  
4           ness.

5           (7) Any diagnosis of a mental health or cog-  
6           nitive disorder.

7           (8) Any history of suicide attempt or  
8           suicidality.

9           (9) If the veteran died by suicide.

10          (c) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date  
11 after the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall submit  
12 to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and  
13 House of Representatives a report containing the findings  
14 of the study conducted under subsection (a).

