

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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Page 308, after line 21, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 725. TASK FORCE ON UROTRAUMA.**

2 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Subject to the availability of
3 appropriations for such purpose, the Secretary of Defense
4 shall establish a task force to be known as the “Task
5 Force on Urotrauma” (in this section referred to as the
6 “Task Force”) to continue and expand the report of the
7 Secretary on urotrauma titled “Genitourinary Trauma in
8 the Military” and dated December 27, 2011.

9 (b) CONSULTATION.—In carrying out this section,
10 the Secretary of Defense shall consult with the Secretary
11 of Veterans Affairs and the Secretary of Health and
12 Human Services.

13 (c) DUTIES.—The Task Force shall conduct a study
14 on urotrauma among members of the Armed Forces and
15 veterans, including—

16 (1) an analysis of the incidence, duration, mor-
17 bidity rate, and mortality rate of urotrauma;

18 (2) an analysis of the social and economic costs
19 and effects of urotrauma;

1 (3) with respect to the Department of Defense
2 and Department of Veterans Affairs, an evaluation
3 of the facilities, access to private facilities, resources,
4 personnel, and research activities that are related to
5 the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of
6 urotrauma;

7 (4) an evaluation of programs (including such
8 biological, behavioral, environmental, and social pro-
9 grams) that improve the prevention or treatment of
10 urotrauma;

11 (5) a long-term plan for the use and organiza-
12 tion of the resources of the Federal Government to
13 improve the prevention and treatment of urotrauma;

14 (6) an analysis of shortfalls in research, exper-
15 tise, and health care infrastructure for female vic-
16 tims of urotrauma;

17 (7) an analysis of technical, administrative, and
18 budgetary mechanisms to allow for enhanced repro-
19 ductive services for members who have been affected
20 by urotrauma or who are at high risk of urotrauma;

21 (8) an assessment of opportunities to enhance
22 the coordination of—

23 (A) Federal resources used to research,
24 prevent, and continuously improve the manage-
25 ment of urotrauma; and

1 (B) inter-agency efforts regarding the
2 chronic physical, behavioral, and emotional care
3 of victims of urotrauma; and

4 (9) updates to the report referred to in sub-
5 section (a).

6 (d) MEMBERSHIP.—

7 (1) APPOINTED MEMBERS.—In addition to the
8 ex officio members described in paragraph (2), the
9 Task Force shall be composed of 19 members as fol-
10 lows:

11 (A) Sixteen members appointed by the Sec-
12 retary of Defense.

13 (B) One member appointed by the Sec-
14 retary of Health and Human Services from
15 among officers or employees of the National In-
16 stitute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney
17 Diseases whose primary interest is in the field
18 of urotrauma.

19 (C) The Chief of the Department of Sur-
20 gery of Walter Reed National Military Medical
21 Center.

22 (D) The Chief Medical Director of the De-
23 partment of Veterans Affairs.

24 (2) EX OFFICIO MEMBERS.—The nonvoting, ex
25 officio members of the Task Force are as follows:

1 (A) The Surgeon General of the Navy.

2 (B) The Surgeon General of the Army.

3 (C) The Surgeon General of the Air Force.

4 (D) The Medical Officer of the Marine
5 Corps.

6 (E) The Director of the National Institutes
7 of Health.

8 (F) The Director of the National Institute
9 of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

10 (G) The Director of the Division of Kid-
11 ney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases of the
12 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive
13 Kidney Diseases.

14 (H) The Director of the National Institute
15 of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering.

16 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—In appointing members
17 under paragraph (1)(A), the Secretary of Defense
18 shall appoint individuals with experience related to—

19 (A) studying or researching urotrauma;

20 (B) preventing or treating urotrauma; or

21 (C) suffering from urotrauma.

22 (4) TERM.—Each member shall be appointed
23 for the life of the Task Force.

1 (5) VACANCIES.—A vacancy in the Task Force
2 shall be filled in the manner in which the original
3 appointment was made.

4 (6) PAY.—

5 (A) Except as provided in subparagraph
6 (C), members of the Task Force shall serve
7 without pay.

8 (B) Except as provided in subparagraph
9 (C), members of the Task Force who are full-
10 time officers or employees of the United States
11 may not receive additional pay, allowances, or
12 benefits by reason of their service on the Task
13 Force.

14 (C) Each member shall receive travel ex-
15 penses, including per diem in lieu of subsist-
16 ence, in accordance with applicable provisions
17 under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5,
18 United States Code.

19 (7) QUORUM.—A majority of members of the
20 Task Force shall constitute a quorum but a lesser
21 number may hold hearings.

22 (8) CHAIRPERSON.—The Secretary of Defense
23 shall designate a member as the chairperson of the
24 Task Force.

1 (9) MEETINGS.—The Task Force shall meet at
2 the call of the chairperson.

3 (e) STAFF.—

4 (1) DIRECTOR.—The Task Force shall have a
5 director who shall be appointed by the chairperson.

6 (2) STAFF.—Subject to rules prescribed by the
7 Task Force, the chairperson may appoint additional
8 personnel as the chairperson considers appropriate.

9 (3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN CIVIL SERVICE
10 LAWS.—The director and staff of the Task Force
11 shall be appointed subject to the provisions of title
12 5, United States Code, governing appointments in
13 the competitive service, and shall be paid in accord-
14 ance with the provisions of chapter 51 and sub-
15 chapter III of chapter 53 of that title relating to
16 classification and General Schedule pay rates.

17 (4) EXPERTS AND CONSULTANTS.—Subject to
18 rules prescribed by the Task Force, the chairperson
19 may procure temporary and intermittent services
20 under section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code.

21 (5) STAFF TO FEDERAL AGENCIES.—Upon re-
22 quest of the chairperson, the head of any Federal
23 department or agency may detail, on a reimbursable
24 basis, any of the personnel of that department or

1 agency to the Task Force to assist it in carrying out
2 its duties under this section.

3 (f) POWERS OF TASK FORCE.—

4 (1) HEARINGS AND SESSIONS.—The Task
5 Force may, for the purpose of carrying out this sec-
6 tion, hold hearings, sit and act at times and places,
7 take testimony, and receive evidence as the Task
8 Force considers appropriate. The Task Force may
9 administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses ap-
10 pearing before it.

11 (2) POWERS OF MEMBERS AND AGENTS.—Any
12 member or agent of the Task Force may, if author-
13 ized by the Task Force, take any action which the
14 Task Force is authorized to take by this section.

15 (3) OBTAINING OFFICIAL DATA.—The Task
16 Force may secure directly from any department or
17 agency of the United States information necessary
18 to enable it to carry out this section. Upon request
19 of the chairperson of the Task Force, the head of
20 that department or agency shall furnish that infor-
21 mation to the Task Force.

22 (4) MAILS.—The Task Force may use the
23 United States mails in the same manner and under
24 the same conditions as other departments and agen-
25 cies of the United States.

1 (5) ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.—

2 Upon the request of the Task Force, the Adminis-
3 trator of General Services shall provide to the Task
4 Force, on a reimbursable basis, the administrative
5 support services necessary for the Task Force to
6 carry out its responsibilities under this section.

7 (g) REPORTS.—

8 (1) INTERIM REPORT.—Not later than one year
9 after the date on which the members are appointed
10 under subsection (d)(1), the Task Force shall submit
11 to the appropriate congressional committees an in-
12 terim report on the study conducted under sub-
13 section (c).

14 (2) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than two years
15 after the date on which the members are appointed
16 under subsection (d)(1), the Task Force shall submit
17 to the appropriate congressional committees a final
18 report on the study conducted under subsection (c),
19 including any recommendations the Task Force con-
20 siders appropriate to improve the prevention and
21 treatment of urotrauma among members of the
22 Armed Forces and veterans.

23 (h) TERMINATION.—The Task Force shall terminate
24 on the date that is 60 days after the date on which the

1 Task Force submits the final report under subsection
2 (g)(2).

3 (i) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

4 (1) The term “appropriate congressional com-
5 mittees” means—

6 (A) the Committees on Armed Services of
7 the House of Representatives and Senate; and

8 (B) the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of
9 the House of Representatives and Senate.

10 (2) The term “urotrauma” means injury to the
11 urinary tract (including the kidneys, ureters, urinary
12 bladder, urethra, and female and male genitalia)
13 from a penetrating, blunt, blast, thermal, chemical,
14 or biological cause.

15 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

16 (1) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to
17 be appropriated to carry out this section \$1,000,000
18 for each of fiscal years 2014 through 2017.

19 (2) OFFSET.—Notwithstanding the amounts set
20 forth in the funding tables in division D, the amount
21 otherwise authorized to be appropriated for oper-
22 ation and maintenance, Defense-wide, for the Office
23 of the Secretary of Defense for each of fiscal years
24 2014 through 2017 is reduced by \$1,000,000.

