

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1540, AS REPORTED  
OFFERED BY MR. HOLT OF NEW JERSEY**

Page 325, after line 9, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 705. SUICIDE AMONG MEMBERS OF THE INDIVIDUAL**  
2 **READY RESERVE AND INDIVIDUAL MOBILIZA-**  
3 **TION AUGMENTEES.**

4 (a) FINDING.—Congress finds that a veteran who is  
5 either a member of the Individual Ready Reserve, an Indi-  
6 vidual Mobilization Augmentee, or an inactive member of  
7 the National Guard and is not assigned to a unit that  
8 musters regularly and has an established support struc-  
9 ture is less likely to be helped by existing suicide preven-  
10 tion programs carried out by the Secretary of Defense and  
11 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

12 (b) IN GENERAL.—

13 (1) SUICIDE PREVENTION.—Chapter 55 of title  
14 10, United States Code, is amended by adding after  
15 section 1074l the following new section:

1 **“§ 1074m. Suicide prevention for members of the In-**  
2 **dividual Ready Reserve, individual mobi-**  
3 **lization augmentees, and inactive mem-**  
4 **bers of the National Guard**

5 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Defense shall  
6 ensure that each covered member receives a telephone call  
7 described in subsection (b) not less than once every 90  
8 days during the period in which—

9 “(1) the covered member is a member of the In-  
10 dividual Ready Reserve;

11 “(2) the Secretary determines that the covered  
12 member is an individual mobilization augmentee; or

13 “(3) the covered member is a member of the in-  
14 active National Guard.

15 “(b) COUNSELING CALL.—A telephone call described  
16 in this subsection is a call from properly trained personnel  
17 to determine the emotional, psychological, medical, and ca-  
18 reer needs and concerns of the covered member.

19 “(c) REFERRAL.—(1) The personnel making a tele-  
20 phone call described in subsection (b) shall refer a covered  
21 member identified as being at-risk of self-caused harm to  
22 the nearest military medical treatment facility, accredited  
23 TRICARE provider, or other private provider in accord-  
24 ance with paragraph (3) for immediate evaluation and  
25 treatment by a qualified mental health care provider.

1           “(2) If a covered member is referred under paragraph  
2 (1), the Secretary shall confirm that the member has re-  
3 ceived the evaluation and any necessary treatment.

4           “(3) In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary  
5 shall refer a covered member to a qualified private mental  
6 health care provider if the Secretary determines that such  
7 private provider will ensure that such member will receive  
8 treatment and assistance without delay.

9           “(d) REPORTS.—Not later than January 31 of each  
10 year, beginning in 2013, the Secretary shall submit to  
11 Congress a report on—

12                   “(1) the number of covered members who have  
13 been referred for counseling or mental health treat-  
14 ment under this section, as well as the health and  
15 career status of such members; and

16                   “(2) any resource, regulatory, or statutory  
17 issues that may be impeding the counseling calls  
18 under this section from reaching all covered mem-  
19 bers.

20           “(e) COVERED MEMBER DEFINED.—In this section,  
21 the term ‘covered member’ means—

22                   “(1) a member of the Individual Ready Reserve  
23 described in section 10144(b) of this title who has  
24 deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq in support of a con-  
25 tingency operation on or after September 11, 2001;

1           “(2) a member of a reserve component who the  
2 Secretary determines is an individual mobilization  
3 augmentee who has deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq  
4 in support of a contingency operation on or after  
5 September 11, 2001; or

6           “(3) a member of the inactive National Guard  
7 who has deployed to Afghanistan or Iraq in support  
8 of a contingency operation on or after September 11,  
9 2001.”.

10           (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sec-  
11 tions at the beginning of such chapter is amended  
12 by inserting after the item relating to section 1074l  
13 the following new item:

“1074m. Suicide prevention for members of the Individual Ready Reserve, indi-  
vidual mobilization augmentees, and inactive members of the  
National Guard.”.

14           (c) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the  
15 United States, in cooperation with the Secretary of De-  
16 fense, shall submit to Congress a report on suicide among  
17 covered members (as defined in section 1074m(e) of title  
18 10, United States Code, as added by subsection (b)), in-  
19 cluding how many such members who have separated from  
20 service have committed suicide.

21           (d) USE OF PEER COUNSELING.—Consistent with  
22 the findings of the August 2010 report titled “The Final  
23 Report of the Department of Defense Task Force on the  
24 Prevention of Suicide by Members of the Armed Forces”,

1 the Secretary of Defense shall develop, evaluate, and more  
2 widely disseminate programs (including peer-to-peer coun-  
3 seling) that promote—

4 (1) connectedness between members of the  
5 Armed Forces and the family, peers, and the imme-  
6 diate chain of command of the members; and

7 (2) suicide risk identification and response with  
8 particular emphasis on members of the Reserve  
9 Components.

