

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28___ . ACCESS TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FOR**
2 **CERTAIN SURVIVING GOLD STAR FAMILY**
3 **MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

4 (a) PROCEDURES FOR ACCESS OF SURVIVING GOLD
5 STAR FAMILY MEMBERS REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
6 Defense, acting jointly with the Secretary of the depart-
7 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating when it is
8 not operating as a Service in the Navy, shall establish pro-
9 cedures by which any eligible Surviving Gold Star Family
10 Member of a covered member of the Armed Forces may
11 obtain unescorted access, as appropriate, to military in-
12 stallations, including commissary and exchange stores,
13 notwithstanding the purpose of such access.

14 (b) CONSIDERATIONS.—Any procedures established
15 under this section shall—

16 (1) be applied consistently across the Depart-
17 ment of Defense and the Secretary of the depart-
18 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating when it

1 is not operating as a Service in the Navy, including
2 all components of the Departments;

3 (2) minimize any administrative burden on a
4 Surviving Gold Star Family Member;

5 (3) take into account measures required to en-
6 sure the security of military installations, including
7 eligibility for access, renewal periodicity, and instal-
8 lation commander discretion to temporarily limit ac-
9 cess only as necessary; and

10 (4) take into account such other factors as the
11 Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of the depart-
12 ment in which the Coast Guard is operating when it
13 is not operating as a Service in the Navy considers
14 appropriate.

15 (c) DEADLINE.—The procedures required by sub-
16 section (a) shall be established by the date that is not later
17 than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

18 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “eligible Surviving Gold Star
20 Family Member” means an individual who is a
21 widow or widower, unmarried partner, parent,
22 grandparent, child, stepchild, child through adop-
23 tion, brother, half-brother, sister, half-sister, or
24 stepsibling of a covered member of the Armed

1 Forces, or other family member as the Secretary
2 considers appropriate.

3 (2) The term “covered member of the Armed
4 Forces” means a member of the Armed Forces who
5 dies while serving—

6 (A) on active duty; or

7 (B) on such reserve or National Guard
8 duty as the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
9 retary of the department in which the Coast
10 Guard is operating when it is not operating as
11 a Service in the Navy may jointly specify for
12 purposes of this section.

