

AMENDMENT TO 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, notwithstanding the purpose of such access.

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

15 (1) be applied consistently across the Depart-
16 ment of Defense and the Secretary of the depart-
17 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, parent, grandparent, child, step-
22 child, child through adoption, brother, half-brother,
23 sister, half-sister, or stepsibling of a covered member
24 of the Armed Forces, or other family member as the
25 Secretary considers appropriate.

1 (2) The term “covered member of the Armed
2 Forces” means a member of the Armed Forces who
3 dies while serving—
4 (A) on active duty; or
5 (B) on such reserve or National Guard
6 duty as the Secretary of Defense and the Sec-
7 retary of the department in which the Coast
8 Guard is operating when it is not operating as
9 a Service in the Navy may jointly specify for
10 purposes of this section.

