

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–8
OFFERED BY MR. JACK OF GEORGIA

Strike section 708 and insert the following:

1 SEC. 708. PILOT PROGRAM TO ASSIST CERTAIN MEMBERS
2 OF THE ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS
3 WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL COV-
4 ERAGE RELATING TO CANCER.

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than September 30,
6 2026, the Secretary of Defense shall establish a pilot pro-
7 gram under which a covered individual may obtain supple-
8 mental insurance for noncovered expenses under a fixed
9 indemnity supplemental benefit plan described in sub-
10 section (b)(1) (in this section referred to as the “pilot pro-
11 gram”).

12 (b) AGREEMENT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot
14 program, the Secretary shall enter into an agree-
15 ment with not fewer than two companies to each
16 offer one or more fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
17 efit plans that—

18 (A) meet the requirements for a supple-
19 mental insurance plan under section 199.2 of

1 title 32, Code of Federal Regulations, and the
2 exceptions under section 199.8(b)(4) of such
3 title, as in effect on the date of the enactment
4 of this Act;

5 (B) are provided under a separate policy,
6 certificate, or contract;

7 (C) provide no coordination with any other
8 health benefit plan; and

9 (D) are designed to help participants pay
10 noncovered expenses.

11 (2) DURATION.—An agreement entered into
12 under paragraph (1) shall be for a period of not less
13 than three years.

14 (3) REQUIREMENTS.—In entering into an
15 agreement under paragraph (1) with a company, the
16 Secretary—

17 (A) may not select such company to pro-
18 vide coverage in a State in which such com-
19 pany—

20 (i) is not licensed; and

21 (ii) does not meet solvency require-
22 ments applicable to such State;

23 (B) shall award the agreement based on
24 the expertise of such company;

1 (C) shall negotiate the terms and condi-
2 tions of the fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
3 efit plan provided under the agreement, includ-
4 ing with respect to the ability of the company
5 to communicate with individuals not enrolled in
6 the plan and whether such communication may
7 include information on other insurance prod-
8 ucts;

9 (D) shall negotiate the cost of coverage
10 with the company that will cover the partici-
11 pants who elect to enroll in such plan;

12 (E) shall provide a method for verification
13 of the eligibility of applicants and procedures
14 for determination of eligibility; and

15 (F) shall provide a method for payroll de-
16 duction of premiums.

17 (4) PROVISION OF INFORMATION.—The Sec-
18 retary shall provide information to covered individ-
19 uals regarding the pilot program by making avail-
20 able on the online portal of the TRICARE program
21 the following information:

22 (A) A notice of availability of a fixed in-
23 demnity supplemental benefit plan provided
24 under the pilot program.

1 (B) A description of how to enroll in such
2 plan.

3 (C) A description and explanation of the
4 benefits provided under such plan.

5 (D) A description of the costs to the indi-
6 vidual through premiums and remittances to a
7 company providing such plan.

8 (c) ELECTION TO ENROLL.—A covered individual
9 may elect to enroll in a fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
10 efit plan provided under the pilot program.

11 (d) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATION OF APPRO-
12 PRIATIONS.—None of the amounts authorized to be appro-
13 priated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal
14 year 2026 or any fiscal year thereafter to carry out the
15 pilot program may be used to subsidize the cost of a fixed
16 indemnity supplemental benefit plan provided under the
17 pilot program.

18 (e) PREEMPTION.—Section 199.17(a)(7)(i) of title
19 32, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, shall apply to the pilot pro-
21 gram.

22 (f) REPORT.—Not later than two years after the date
23 on which the pilot program commences, the Secretary
24 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the

1 Senate and the House of Representatives a report regard-
2 ing the pilot program, including the following:

3 (1) A description of the insurance products pro-
4 vided through a fixed indemnity supplemental ben-
5 efit plan provided under the pilot program.

6 (2) The number of covered individuals who en-
7 rolled in such a plan.

8 (3) Feedback and examples of use cases by
9 such individuals.

10 (4) A determination by the Secretary with re-
11 spect to whether the pilot program should be made
12 permanent.

13 (g) SUNSET.—Unless the Secretary makes a deter-
14 mination under subsection (f)(4) to make the pilot pro-
15 gram permanent, the pilot program shall terminate on the
16 day that is five years after the date of the enactment of
17 this Act.

18 (h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

19 (1) The term “covered individual” means the
20 following:

21 (A) A member of the Army, Navy, Marine
22 Corps, Air Force, or Space Force.

23 (B) A dependent (as defined in section
24 1072 of title 10, United States Code) of such

1 a member who is enrolled in the TRICARE
2 program.

3 (2) The term “noncovered expense” means,
4 with respect to a covered individual, any expenses
5 relating to the screening for and diagnosis and treat-
6 ment of cancer that are not otherwise covered by the
7 health care benefits the individual receives under
8 chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code.

9 (3) The term “State” has the meaning given
10 that term in section 901 of title 32, United States
11 Code.

12 (4) The term “TRICARE program” has the
13 meaning given that term in section 1072 of title 10,
14 United States Code.

