

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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

1 **SEC. 7__.** **STUDY ON REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN**
2 **FORMER MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
3 **TO ENROLL IN MEDICARE PART B TO BE ELI-**
4 **GIBLE FOR TRICARE FOR LIFE.**

5 (a) **STUDY.**—Not later than 180 days after the date
6 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense,
7 the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the
8 Commissioner of Social Security shall jointly submit to the
9 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
10 atives and the Senate, the Committee on Ways and Means
11 of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on
12 Finance of the Senate a report on the requirement that
13 a covered individual enroll in the supplementary medical
14 insurance program under part B of title XVIII of the So-
15 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.) in order to
16 be eligible for TRICARE for Life.

17 (b) **MATTERS INCLUDED.**—The study under sub-
18 section (a) shall include the following:

1 (1) An analysis of whether the requirement de-
2 scribed in such subsection affects covered individuals
3 from returning to work.

4 (2) The number of individuals who—

5 (A) are retired from the Armed Forces
6 under chapter 61 of title 10, United States
7 Code;

8 (B) are entitled to hospital insurance bene-
9 fits under part A of title XVIII of the Social
10 Security Act pursuant to receiving benefits for
11 24 months as described in subparagraph (A) or
12 (C) of section 226(b)(2) of such Act (42 U.S.C.
13 426(b)(2)); and

14 (C) because of such entitlement, are no
15 longer enrolled in TRICARE Standard,
16 TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Extra, or
17 TRICARE Select.

18 (3) The number of covered individuals who
19 would potentially enroll in TRICARE for Life but
20 not enroll in the supplementary medical insurance
21 program under part B of title XVIII of the Social
22 Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395j et seq.) if able.

23 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 (1) The term “covered individual” means an in-
25 dividual—

1 (A) who is under 65 years of age;

2 (B) who is entitled to hospital insurance
3 benefits under part A of title XVIII of the So-
4 cial Security Act pursuant to subparagraph (A)
5 or (C) of section 226(b)(2) of such Act (42
6 U.S.C. 426(b)(2));

7 (C) whose entitlement to a benefit de-
8 scribed in subparagraph (A) of such section has
9 terminated due to performance of substantial
10 gainful activity; and

11 (D) who is retired under chapter 61 of title
12 10, United States Code.

13 (2) The terms “TRICARE for Life”,
14 “TRICARE Extra”, “TRICARE Standard”,
15 “TRICARE Select”, and “TRICARE Prime” have
16 the meanings given those terms in section 1072 of
17 title 10, United States Code.

