

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MS. KELLY OF ILLINOIS**

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

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . PILOT PROGRAM ON PROVISION OF FRESH**  
2 **PRODUCE TO CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE**  
3 **ARMED FORCES AND DEPENDENTS.**

4 (a) PILOT PROGRAM.—Not later than September 30,  
5 2027, the Secretary of Defense shall commence the con-  
6 duct of a pilot program under section 1092 of title 10,  
7 United States Code, under which the Secretary may pro-  
8 vide to an eligible individual, at no cost to the individual,  
9 such fresh produce as an authorized provider under chap-  
10 ter 55 of title 10, United States Code may determine—

11 (1) medically necessary for the dietary manage-  
12 ment of any disease or condition of the individual;

13 (2) appropriate as a preventative health service  
14 with respect to the risk of such a disease or condi-  
15 tion manifesting in the individual; or

16 (3) otherwise appropriate to address a docu-  
17 mented challenge in access by the individual to nu-  
18 tritious food.

1 (b) LOCATIONS.—The Secretary of Defense may con-  
2 duct the pilot program under subsection (a) at military  
3 medical treatment facilities, commissary and exchange  
4 stores, or such other locations for providing fresh produce  
5 under the pilot program as the Secretary may determine  
6 appropriate.

7 (c) REQUIREMENTS.—In developing and conducting  
8 the pilot program under subsection (a), the Secretary  
9 shall—

10 (1) determine the costs (including with respect  
11 to administrative burden, personnel, and equipment)  
12 and benefits to the Department of Defense of pro-  
13 viding fresh produce to eligible individuals in accord-  
14 ance with subsection (a);

15 (2) develop and implement such processes as  
16 the Secretary may determine necessary to assess the  
17 long-term effects of such provision with respect to  
18 recruitment, retention, and readiness; and

19 (3) consult with experts in diet-related diseases  
20 or conditions or nutrition, such as registered dieti-  
21 tian nutritionists, regarding such provision.

22 (d) TERMINATION.—The authority to carry out the  
23 pilot program under subsection (a) shall terminate on the  
24 date that is three years after the date on which such pro-  
25 gram is established.

1 (e) BRIEFING.—Not later than 180 days after the  
2 date on which the pilot program under subsection (a) ter-  
3 minates under subsection (d), the Secretary shall provide  
4 to the Committees on Armed Services of the House of  
5 Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the pilot pro-  
6 gram. Such briefing shall include a description of the fol-  
7 lowing:

8 (1) The conduct of the pilot program and any  
9 health outcomes observed among participants in the  
10 pilot program, including a breakdown of the health  
11 outcomes of such participants by Armed Force, age,  
12 and gender, without disclosing any personally identi-  
13 fiable information.

14 (2) Any strategy or methodology behind the  
15 conduct of the pilot program.

16 (3) The cost of the conduct of the pilot pro-  
17 gram.

18 (f) SUPPLEMENT NOT SUPPLANT.—Participation in  
19 the pilot program under subsection (a) by an eligible indi-  
20 vidual shall be in addition to, not in lieu of, any other  
21 benefit with respect to which such eligible individual is au-  
22 thorized or entitled under section 1077(a)(18) of title 10,  
23 United States Code, or any other provision of chapter 55  
24 of such title.

25 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1           (1) The term “eligible individual” means a  
2 member of the Armed Forces, or a dependent of a  
3 member of the Armed Forces, who—

4           (A) is enrolled in a health care plan under  
5 the TRICARE program;

6           (B) elects to participate in the pilot pro-  
7 gram under subsection (a); and

8           (C) is referred to such pilot program by an  
9 authorized provider under chapter 55 of title  
10 10, United States Code.

11          (2) The term “fresh produce” means produce  
12 with no added fats, sugars, or salt.

