

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-
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OFFERED BY MR. KRISHNAMOORTHY OF ILLINOIS**

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

**1 SEC. 730. STUDY OF DRUG SHORTAGES AND IMPACT ON
2 MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES.**

3 (a) CONGRESSIONAL FINDINGS.—The Congress finds
4 the following:

5 (1) Shortages of critical medical drugs used for
6 surgery and emergency care have increased significantly
7 during 2017 and 2018.

8 (2) Reports from physicians have identified critical
9 drugs such as dilaudid, bupivacaine, morphine,
10 and epinephrine as important commonly needed
11 drugs in shortage.

12 (3) Health care providers for the Armed Forces
13 use the same drugs as civilian health care providers
14 and are experiencing similar shortages in surgical
15 facilities.

16 (4) Such shortages could compromise the quality
17 of care available to members of the Armed
18 Forces.

1 (b) STUDY.—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct
2 a study of shortages of drugs used in the surgical and
3 emergency settings of military facilities—

4 (1) to determine if the quality or safety of mili-
5 tary health care has been compromised by such
6 shortages;

7 (2) to identify and examine supply chain issues
8 related to the availability of drugs used for surgery
9 and emergency care; and

10 (3) to identify and examine the impact of short-
11 ages on care for military patients.

12 (c) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study under
13 subsection (b), the Secretary shall consult with the Com-
14 missioner of Food and Drugs, the Administrator of the
15 Drug Enforcement Administration, and such other stake-
16 holders as the Secretary considers relevant to the study,
17 including physician organizations and drug manufactur-
18 ers.

19 (d) REPORT.—Not later than the expiration of the
20 12-month period beginning on the date of the enactment
21 of this Act, the Secretary shall submit a report to the Con-
22 gress describing the study under this section and setting
23 forth any conclusions and recommendations resulting from
24 the study.

