AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116–19
OFFERED BY MS. KUSTER OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

SEC. 530. ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF TRAUMA EXPERTS IN REVIEW BY BOARDS FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS AND DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARDS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS.

(a) Boards for Correction of Military Records.—Section 1552(g) of title 10, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by inserting “(1)” after “(g)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(2) If a board established under subsection (a)(1) is reviewing a claim described in subsection (h), the board shall seek advice and counsel in the review from a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker with training on mental health issues associated with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or other trauma as specified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association.

“(3) If a board established under subsection (a)(1) is reviewing a claim in which sexual trauma, intimate partner violence, or spousal abuse is claimed, the board shall seek advice and counsel in the review from an expert in trauma specific to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, or spousal abuse, as applicable.”.

(b) Discharge Review Boards.—Section 1553(d)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) by inserting “(A)” after “(1)”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new sub-

paragraph;

“(B) In the case of a former member described in paragraph (3)(B) who claims that the former member’s post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury as described in that paragraph in based in whole or in part on sexual trauma, intimate partner violence, or spousal abuse, a board established under this section to review the former member’s discharge or dismissal shall seek advice and counsel in the review from a psychiatrist, psychologist, or social worker with training on mental health issues associated with post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury or other trauma as specified in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical
1 Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American
2 Psychiatric Association.”.