

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:

1 **SEC. 530. ADVICE AND COUNSEL OF TRAUMA EXPERTS IN**
2 **REVIEW BY BOARDS FOR CORRECTION OF**
3 **MILITARY RECORDS AND DISCHARGE RE-**
4 **VIEW BOARDS OF CERTAIN CLAIMS.**

5 (a) BOARDS FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY
6 RECORDS.—Section 1552(g) of title 10, United States
7 Code, is amended—

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

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

11 “(2) If a board established under subsection (a)(1)
12 is reviewing a claim described in subsection (h), the board
13 shall seek advice and counsel in the review from a psychia-
14 trist, psychologist, or social worker with training on men-
15 tal health issues associated with post-traumatic stress dis-
16 order or traumatic brain injury or other trauma as speci-
17 fied in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical

1 Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American
2 Psychiatric Association.

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

9 (b) DISCHARGE REVIEW BOARDS.—Section
10 1553(d)(1) of such title is amended—

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

12 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
13 paragraph;

14 “(B) In the case of a former member described in
15 paragraph (3)(B) who claims that the former member’s
16 post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injury
17 as described in that paragraph is based in whole or in
18 part on sexual trauma, intimate partner violence, or
19 spousal abuse, a board established under this section to
20 review the former member’s discharge or dismissal shall
21 seek advice and counsel in the review from a psychiatrist,
22 psychologist, or social worker with training on mental
23 health issues associated with post-traumatic stress dis-
24 order or traumatic brain injury or other trauma as speci-
25 fied in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical

- 1 Manual of Mental Disorders published by the American
- 2 Psychiatric Association.”.

