AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–71
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At the end of division C, title II, insert the following new section:

SEC. 239. (a) Section 1156 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1), by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(E) To a veteran who—

“(i) is not described in subparagraph (A), (B), (C), or (D); and

“(ii) files a claim for disability compensation under this chapter.”;

(2) by adding after paragraph (3) of subsection (a) the following new paragraph:

“(4) With respect to a veteran described in paragraph (1)(E), the Secretary shall schedule a medical examination for such veteran concerning the disability of the veteran as soon as is practicable after the veteran files a claim for disability compensation under this chapter.”; and
(3) in subsection (b)(1), by adding after subparagraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

“(E) For a veteran who is assigned a temporary disability rating under subsection (a)(1)(E), until the date on which a rating decision is issued to such veteran following the medical examination scheduled under subsection (a)(4).”.

(b) Section 1705 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(3)—

(A) by striking “and veterans described” and inserting “veterans described”; and

(B) by inserting “, and veterans assigned a temporary disability rating under section 1156(a)(1)(E) of this title” after “of this title”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection (d):

“(d)(1) The Secretary shall assist a veteran described in paragraph (3) in finding hospital care and medical services to be provided to the veteran by non-Department facilities or providers after the Secretary ceases to furnish such care and services under this chapter to the veteran.

“(2) A veteran described in paragraph (3) shall not owe the United States for any costs of hospital care or
medical services described in subparagraph (A) of such paragraph.

“(3) A veteran described in this paragraph is a veteran who—

“(A) received hospital care and medical services under this chapter pursuant to a temporary disability rating assigned under section 1156(a)(1)(E) of this title; and

“(B) the Secretary determines does not have a service-connected disability.”.