

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

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

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

5 “(E) To a veteran who—

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

8 “(ii) files a claim for disability compensa-
9 tion under this chapter.”;

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

12 “(4) With respect to a veteran described in paragraph
13 (1)(E), the Secretary shall schedule a medical examination
14 for such veteran concerning the disability of the veteran
15 as soon as is practicable after the veteran files a claim
16 for disability compensation under this chapter.”; and

1 (3) in subsection (b)(1), by adding after sub-
2 paragraph (D) the following new subparagraph:

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

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

10 (1) in subsection (a)(3)—

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

13 (B) by inserting “, and veterans assigned
14 a temporary disability rating under section
15 1156(a)(1)(E) of this title” after “of this title”;
16 and

17 (2) by adding at the end the following new sub-
18 section (d):

19 “(d)(1) The Secretary shall assist a veteran described
20 in paragraph (3) in finding hospital care and medical serv-
21 ices to be provided to the veteran by non-Department fa-
22 cilities or providers after the Secretary ceases to furnish
23 such care and services under this chapter to the veteran.

24 “(2) A veteran described in paragraph (3) shall not
25 owe the United States for any costs of hospital care or

1 medical services described in subparagraph (A) of such
2 paragraph.

3 “(3) A veteran described in this paragraph is a vet-
4 eran who—

5 “(A) received hospital care and medical services
6 under this chapter pursuant to a temporary dis-
7 ability rating assigned under section 1156(a)(1)(E)
8 of this title; and

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

