

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 116-

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At the end of subtitle D of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. 74_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING MATERNAL**
2 **MORTALITY REVIEW.**

3 It is the sense of Congress that—

4 (1) maternal Mortality, and the racial dispari-
5 ties in the rates of pregnancy-related deaths in our
6 country, presents a challenge to our Nation that re-
7 quires a strong and uniform response across all
8 parts of our society, including the military;

9 (2) the Defense Department should be acknowl-
10 edged for the efforts it has begun to address con-
11 cerns about maternal mortality and severe morbidity
12 among service members and dependents;

13 (3) State maternal mortality review committees,
14 which involve a multidisciplinary group of experts in-
15 cluding physicians, epidemiologists, and others, have
16 made significant advancements in identifying, char-
17 acterizing, and providing a deeper understanding of
18 the circumstances surrounding each maternal death,

1 which can be helpful in designing effective public
2 health responses to prevent future such deaths;

3 (4) key to the work of such review committees
4 is transparent, consistent, and comprehensive data
5 collection regarding maternal deaths, the use of ef-
6 fective methods to ensure confidentiality protections
7 and de-identification of any information specific to a
8 reviewed case, information sharing with relevant
9 stakeholders including access to the CDC's National
10 Death Index data and State death certificate data;

11 (5) the Defense Department is encouraged to
12 continue to work to establish a maternal mortality
13 review committee which would conduct reviews of
14 each death of a service member or dependent during
15 pregnancy or childbirth involving a multidisciplinary
16 group of experts including physicians, epidemiolo-
17 gists, patient advocates, civilians with experience
18 with maternal mortality review committees and re-
19 views of maternal mortality records, and other ex-
20 perts;

21 (6) the Department should keep Congress regu-
22 larly updated and informed, through reports and
23 briefings on its efforts to set up the committee ref-
24 erenced in paragraph (5), any barriers to estab-
25 lishing such committee, and its overall efforts to ad-

1 dress maternal mortality among service members
2 and dependents, including its efforts to participate
3 in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal program
4 or similar maternal health quality improvement ini-
5 tiatives.

