

AMENDMENT TO
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At the end of subtitle H of title III, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 3__ . REQUIREMENTS TO REDUCE OUT-OF-POCKET**
2 **COSTS OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES**
3 **FOR UNIFORM ITEMS.**

4 (a) **TRACKING REQUIREMENT.**—The Secretary of
5 Defense shall take such steps as may be necessary to track
6 the expected useful life of uniform items for officers and
7 enlisted members of the Armed Forces, for the purposes
8 of—

9 (1) estimating the rate at which such uniform
10 items are replaced; and

11 (2) determining the resulting out-of-pocket
12 costs for such members over time.

13 (b) **UNIFORM REPLACEMENT ALLOWANCE FOR CER-**
14 **TAIN OFFICERS.**—

15 (1) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Secretary of De-
16 fense shall establish a uniform replacement allow-
17 ance under which each officer of the Armed Forces,
18 upon promotion to the grade of O-4, and once every

1 three years thereafter for such time as the officer is
2 in a grade of O-4 or above, shall be eligible to re-
3 ceive the allowance described in paragraph (2) for
4 the purpose of replacing required uniform items that
5 have exceeded the useful life of such items.

6 (2) ALLOWANCE.—The allowance described in
7 this paragraph is a cash allowance that the Sec-
8 retary shall calculate by multiplying the annual re-
9 placement cost of each required uniform item of an
10 officer (taking into account the expected useful life
11 of the item pursuant to subsection (a) and the price
12 of the item set by the Defense Logistics Agency as
13 of the date of the calculation) by three.

14 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
16 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
17 port on the expected useful life of required uniform items,
18 projected changes to such required uniform items, and re-
19 lated costs anticipated by the Secretary (disaggregated by
20 Armed Force). Such report shall include pricing informa-
21 tion for each such item, including items that are not con-
22 sidered uniquely military.

