

**AMENDMENT TO RULES CMTE. PRINT 119-33**

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17\_\_\_ GAO STUDY ON COMPLETION OF DEPARTMENT**  
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY BENE-**  
3 **FITS QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING MENTAL**  
4 **COMPETENCY OF VETERANS BY EMPLOYEES**  
5 **OF SUCH DEPARTMENT.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United  
7 States shall conduct a study on the extent to which the  
8 Department of Veterans Affairs contractor employees who  
9 perform the compensation and pension examinations accu-  
10 rately and consistently complete the mental competence  
11 section of disability benefits questionnaires while per-  
12 forming such examinations. Such study shall include—

13 (1) an evaluation of the training provided by  
14 the Medical Disability Program Office of the De-  
15 partment to such employees regarding the mental  
16 competency section of the disability benefits ques-  
17 tionnaire;

1           (2) an identification and evaluation of any addi-  
2           tional training provided by the contractors of the  
3           Department to such employees; and

4           (3) an identification and evaluation of any spe-  
5           cific training provided to Department service rep-  
6           resentatives and rating veterans service representa-  
7           tives receive regarding evaluating medical evidence  
8           for mental competency determinations.

9           (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date  
10          of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General  
11          shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of  
12          the Senate and the House of Representatives a report of  
13          the results of the study required under subsection (a).

