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At the end of subtitle C of title XVIII, insert the following:

SEC. _____. GAO REPORT ON ADMINISTRATION OF MAIL-ORDER PHARMACY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IN CALIFORNIA.

(a) Study and Report.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall carry out a study assessing the use of the mail-order pharmacy of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the ability of such mail-order pharmacy to meet the needs of veterans and active duty personnel in California and submit to the congressional defense committees a report on such study.

(b) Elements.—The report under subsection (a) shall include the following:

(1) An assessment of the administration of such mail-order pharmacy in the State of California, and whether such administration has created unnecessary stress, anxiety, adverse events, or medical complications due to conditions including, but not lim-
ited to, delays in medical shipments, packages left in adverse weather conditions, and an inability to meet in person with a pharmacist trained in veterans healthcare.

(2) An assessment of the such mail-order pharmacy as a replacement for the physical pharmacy at the Major General William H. Gourley VA–DoD Outpatient Clinic (in this section referred to as the “Gourley Clinic”) and—

(A) the extent of delayed or damaged prescription shipments;

(B) the extent of lost or incomplete prescription shipment;

(C) the prevalence of incorrect prescriptions being shipped;

(D) the degree to which a lack of a pharmacy at the Gourley Clinic resulted in patients traveling to multiple locations to see a medical doctor and an offsite retail pharmacy;

(E) the degree to which relevant veterans and servicemembers assigned to the Gourley Clinic chose to get healthcare elsewhere due to a lack of onsite pharmacy services; and

(F) the assessment of the Secretary concerned on the appropriateness of
operationalizing the pharmacy of the Gourley Clinic, including a cost assessment.