

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVIII the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . GAO STUDY AND REPORT ON ACCESS TO**
2 **HEALTH CARE FOR VETERANS IN PROXIMITY**
3 **TO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**
4 **COMMUNITY-BASED OUTPATIENT CLINICS**
5 **SUBJECT TO CLOSURE.**

6 (a) **STUDY.**—The Comptroller General of the United
7 States shall carry out a study on efforts of the Secretary
8 of Veterans Affairs to ensure access to health care for vet-
9 erans residing in geographic proximity to a Department
10 of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic
11 subject to closure during the three-year period preceding
12 the date of the enactment of this Act.

13 (b) **REPORT.**—Not later than one year after such
14 date, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress
15 a report on such study that includes—

16 (1) an examination of guidelines of the Depart-
17 ment of Veterans Affairs relating to community out-
18 reach following a closure described in subsection (a);

1 (2) an evaluation of the extent to which the
2 Secretary of Veterans Affairs has communicated to
3 veterans described in subsection (a)—

4 (A) the location of the Department of Vet-
5 erans Affairs medical facility the Secretary in-
6 tends to furnish health care to such veterans
7 after the date on which a closure described in
8 such subsection becomes effective;

9 (B) information relating to the type of
10 health care available at such medical facility;
11 and

12 (C) the approximate distance such veterans
13 will travel to receive health care at such medical
14 facility; and

15 (3) recommendations with respect to improving
16 communication between the Secretary of Veterans
17 Affairs and veterans described in subsection (a) fol-
18 lowing a closure described in such subsection.

