

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8469, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. PERRY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Add at the end the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . PROVISION OF STELLATE GANGLION BLOCK TO**
2 **VETERANS WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS**
3 **DISORDER.**

4 (a) PROVISION TO VETERANS.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 17
6 of title 38, United States Code, is amended by add-
7 ing at the end the following new section:

8 **“§ 1720M. Provision of stellate ganglion block for cer-**
9 **tain veterans**

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall furnish stel-
11 late ganglion block to any veteran who—

12 “(1) is enrolled in the patient enrollment sys-
13 tem under section 1705 of this title;

14 “(2) has been diagnosed with post-traumatic
15 stress disorder; and

16 “(3) has elected to receive stellate ganglion
17 block after being informed by a qualified health care
18 provider of the risks and benefits of stellate ganglion
19 block.

1 “(b) PROVISION OF CARE.—The Secretary may fur-
2 nish stellate ganglion block under subsection (a) through
3 a medical facility of the Department or through a health
4 care provider specified in section 1703(c) of this title.”.

5 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of con-
6 tents at the beginning of chapter 17 of title 38,
7 United States Code, is amended by inserting after
8 the item relating to section 1720L the following new
9 item:

“1720M. Provision of stellate ganglion block for certain veterans.”.

10 (b) UPDATE OF JOINT CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDE-
11 LINE.—

12 (1) UPDATE OF GUIDELINE.—Not later than
13 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act,
14 the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall update the
15 guideline titled the “VA/DOD Clinical Practice
16 Guideline (CPG) for the Management of PTSD” (or
17 such successor guideline) to ensure the guideline—

18 (A) reflects the availability of stellate gan-
19 glion block as a therapy option; and

20 (B) includes information on the clinical in-
21 dicators and contraindicators for such therapy
22 option.

23 (2) NOTIFICATION.—Upon updating the guide-
24 line under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall notify

1 the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of the House of
2 Representatives and the Senate of such update.

3 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
4 subsection (a) shall take effect on the date that is 180
5 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

