

**AMENDMENT TO**  
**RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118–10**  
**OFFERED BY MS. PETERSEN OF COLORADO**

At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MEDICAL SUPPORT DUR-**  
2 **ING OPERATIONS OF ARMED FORCES IN ARC-**  
3 **TIC REGION.**

4 (a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 3, 2024, the As-  
5 sistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordi-  
6 nation with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces  
7 and the Joint Staff Surgeon, shall develop a strategy to  
8 sustain medical support during operations of the Armed  
9 Forces in the Arctic region, with a focus on addressing  
10 medical challenges related to extreme cold weather envi-  
11 ronments.

12 (b) ELEMENTS.—The strategy under subsection (a)  
13 shall include, at a minimum, the following:

14 (1) An identification of future extreme cold  
15 weather medical requirements and capabilities nec-  
16 essary to support operational health and readiness in  
17 Arctic conditions.

1           (2) An identification of any current or potential  
2           partnerships with institutions of higher education  
3           with academic medical centers, or other entities, to  
4           support current and future medical requirements of  
5           members of the Armed Forces in extreme cold  
6           weather environments.

7           (3) Requirements of the Department of Defense  
8           for laboratories and medical product development,  
9           including requirements for research and development  
10          to support the transition and fielding of medical  
11          products for extreme cold weather environments.

12          (4) An identification of extreme cold weather  
13          medical capability gaps and actions necessary to  
14          close or mitigate those gaps.

15          (5) Recommendations to amend relevant clinical  
16          practice guidelines to treat injuries sustained in ex-  
17          treme cold weather environments.

18          (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than 30 days after the date  
19          on which the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health  
20          Affair completes the development of the strategy under  
21          subsection (a), the Assistant Secretary shall provide to the  
22          congressional defense committees a briefing on such strat-  
23          egy.

