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

SEC. 7. STRATEGY TO SUSTAIN MEDICAL SUPPORT DURING OPERATIONS OF ARMED FORCES IN ARCTIC REGION.

(a) STRATEGY.—Not later than May 3, 2024, the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, in coordination with the Surgeons General of the Armed Forces and the Joint Staff Surgeon, shall develop a strategy to sustain medical support during operations of the Armed Forces in the Arctic region, with a focus on addressing medical challenges related to extreme cold weather environments.

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

(1) An identification of future extreme cold weather medical requirements and capabilities necessary to support operational health and readiness in Arctic conditions.
(2) An identification of any current or potential partnerships with institutions of higher education with academic medical centers, or other entities, to support current and future medical requirements of members of the Armed Forces in extreme cold weather environments.

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

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

(5) Recommendations to amend relevant clinical practice guidelines to treat injuries sustained in extreme cold weather environments.

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