

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MS. PETERSEN OF COLORADO**

Add at the end of subtitle C of title VII the following:

1 **SEC. 7\_\_\_ . HEALTH CARE STRATEGY FOR MEMBERS WHO**  
2 **PERFORM DUTY IN A COLD WEATHER LOCA-**  
3 **TION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Assistant Secretary of De-  
5 fense for Health Affairs shall convene a working group  
6 of subject matter experts from the extramural community  
7 and military health system to develop a strategy and the  
8 medical research and development requirements to deliver  
9 pre-hospital, life-saving interventions for members of the  
10 Armed Forces who perform duty in cold weather locations.  
11 Not later than July 1, 2025, the Assistant Secretary shall  
12 submit to the congressional defense committees such strat-  
13 egy and associated requirements. which shall include the  
14 following:

15 (1) An overarching plan addressing unique pre-  
16 hospital lifesaving and sustainment interventions re-  
17 quired in cold weather locations and research re-

1       quired to advance medical care in cold weather loca-  
2       tions.

3               (2) A review of laboratory and medical product  
4       development capabilities of the Department of De-  
5       fense to conduct research and development and sup-  
6       port the transition and fielding of medical products  
7       for cold weather locations.

8               (3) Identification of and recommendations to  
9       amend clinical practice guidelines to treat combat  
10      casualties in cold weather locations.

11              (4) Initial capabilities documents identifying  
12      gaps and requirements to support pre-hospital, life-  
13      saving interventions during operations in cold weath-  
14      er locations.

15              (5) A recommended investment plan to address  
16      clinical and medical research and development capa-  
17      bility gaps identified in initial capabilities docu-  
18      ments.

19              (6) Engagement of academic medical centers  
20      and institutions to support public-private partner-  
21      ships for research and development to address the  
22      pre-hospital needs of members following injury in  
23      cold weather locations.

1 (b) COLD WEATHER LOCATION DEFINED.—In this  
2 section, the term “cold weather location” means a location  
3 for which a member may receive special duty pay—

4 (1) under section 352 of title 37, United States  
5 Code; and

6 (2) pursuant to section 315 of the National De-  
7 fense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 (Pub-  
8 lic Law 118–31; 37 U.S.C. 352 note).

