

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 118–36**  
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Add at the end of subtitle B of title XVII the following:

1 **SEC. 1726. NATIONAL ACADEMIES STUDY ON PREVALENCE**  
2 **AND MORTALITY OF CANCER AMONG INDIVIDUALS WHO SERVED AS ACTIVE DUTY AIR-**  
3 **CREW IN THE ARMED FORCES.**

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5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs  
6 shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies  
7 of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (in this section re-  
8 ferred to as the “National Academies”), under which the  
9 National Academies shall conduct a study on the preva-  
10 lence and mortality of cancers among covered individuals.

11 (b) STUDY.—The study required under subsection (a)  
12 shall—

13 (1) identify exposures associated with military  
14 occupations of covered individuals, including relating  
15 to chemicals, compounds, agents, and other phe-  
16 nomena;

17 (2) review the literature to determine associa-  
18 tions between exposures referred to in paragraph (1)  
19 and the incidence or prevalence of overall cancer

1 morbidity, overall cancer mortality, and increased in-  
2 cidence or prevalence of—

3 (A) brain cancer;

4 (B) colon and rectal cancers;

5 (C) kidney cancer;

6 (D) lung cancer;

7 (E) melanoma skin cancer;

8 (F) non-Hodgkin lymphoma;

9 (G) pancreatic cancer;

10 (H) prostate cancer;

11 (I) testicular cancer;

12 (J) thyroid cancer;

13 (K) urinary bladder cancer; and

14 (L) other cancers as determined appro-  
15 priate by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, in  
16 consultation with the National Academies; and

17 (3) determine, to the extent possible, the preva-  
18 lence of and mortality from the cancers specified in  
19 paragraph (2) among covered individuals by using  
20 available sources of data, which may include—

21 (A) health care and other administrative  
22 databases of the Department of Veterans Af-  
23 fairs, the Department of Defense, and the indi-  
24 vidual Services, respectively;

1 (B) the national death index maintained by  
2 the National Center for Health Statistics of the  
3 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention;  
4 and

5 (C) the study conducted under section 750  
6 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National  
7 Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021  
8 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3716).

9 (c) REPORT.—At the conclusion of the study required  
10 under subsection (a), the National Academies shall submit  
11 to the Secretary and to the Committees on Veterans’ Af-  
12 fairs of the House of Representatives and the Senate a  
13 report containing the results of the study described in sub-  
14 section (b).

15 (d) AUTHORIZATION APPROPRIATIONS.—Of the  
16 funds authorized to be appropriated pursuant to section  
17 1405 and available for the Defense Health Program for  
18 operation and maintenance, \$2,000,000 may be trans-  
19 ferred by the Secretary of Defense to the Department of  
20 Veteran Affairs Medical Services Account to complete the  
21 study under this section. Any funds so transferred shall  
22 be treated as amounts authorized and appropriated spe-  
23 cifically for the purpose of such a transfer.

24 (e) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-  
25 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual

1 who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force,  
2 or Marine Corps as an aircrew member of a fixed-wing  
3 aircraft, including as a pilot, navigator, weapons systems  
4 operator, aircraft system operator, or any other crew  
5 member who regularly flew in a fixed-wing aircraft.

