

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7___ . 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 referred to as the “National Academies”), under which the
8 National Academies shall conduct a study on the prevalence and mortality of cancers among covered individuals.

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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 phenomena;
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17 (2) review the literature to determine associations
18 between exposures referred to in paragraph (1)

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

4 (A) brain cancer;

5 (B) colon and rectal cancers;

6 (C) kidney cancer;

7 (D) lung cancer;

8 (E) melanoma skin cancer;

9 (F) non-Hodgkin lymphoma;

10 (G) pancreatic cancer;

11 (H) prostate cancer;

12 (I) testicular cancer;

13 (J) thyroid cancer;

14 (K) urinary bladder cancer; and

15 (L) other cancers as determine appropriate

16 by 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) COVERED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—In this sec-
16 tion, the term “covered individual” means an individual
17 who served on active duty in the Army, Navy, Air Force,
18 or Marine Corps as an aircrew member of a fixed-wing
19 aircraft, including as a pilot, navigator, weapons systems
20 operator, aircraft system operator, or any other crew
21 member who regularly flew in a fixed-wing aircraft.

