

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119-8
OFFERED BY MS. PLASKETT OF VIRGIN ISLANDS

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

1 **SEC. 7____. IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION OF TRICARE PROGRAM IN TERRITORIES**
3 **OF THE UNITED STATES.**

4 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076f
6 the following new section:

7 **“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in terri-**
8 **tries of the United States**

9 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME.—In design-
10 nating geographical areas under section 1097(b)(3) of this
11 title, the Secretary of Defense shall designate areas in
12 each territory of the United States in a similar manner
13 used to designate areas in the several States.

14 “(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—

15 “(1) In providing travel and transportation al-
16 lowances under section 1074i of this title, the Sec-
17 retary of Defense shall ensure that individuals lo-
18 cated in any territory of the United States who, but
19 for such location, would be eligible to receive such

1 allowances pursuant to such section are eligible to
2 receive such allowances.

3 “(2) The Secretary may revise regulations pre-
4 scribed under section 464 of title 37, or prescribe
5 such new regulations, as may be necessary for the
6 administration of paragraph (1).

7 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—

8 “(1) The Director of the Federal Electronic
9 Health Record Modernization Office shall coordinate
10 with the head of the department of health, or other
11 appropriate official, of each territory of the United
12 States for the purpose of sharing health information
13 through the Joint Health Information Exchange, or
14 a successor initiative.

15 “(2) In this subsection, the term ‘Federal Elec-
16 tronic Health Record Modernization Office’ means
17 the office established under section 1635(b) of the
18 Wounded Warrior Act (10 U.S.C. 1071 note).

19 “(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIME SERVICE AREA.—
20 The Secretary shall take steps to ensure the establishment
21 of Prime Service Areas in the territories of the United
22 States, regardless of proximity to a military medical treat-
23 ment facility.”.

24 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
25 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense

1 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
2 port on the progress of the Secretary in carrying out the
3 implementation of TRICARE Prime expansion in the ter-
4 ritories of the United States.

