

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION OF TRICARE PROGRAM IN UNITED**
3 **STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS AND PUERTO RICO.**

4 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076f
6 the following new section (and conforming the table of sec-
7 tions at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

8 **“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in**
9 **United States Virgin Islands and Puerto**
10 **Rico**

11 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME.—In desig-
12 nating geographical areas under section 1097(b)(3) of this
13 title, the Secretary of Defense shall designate such areas
14 in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico in
15 a similar manner used to designate such areas in the sev-
16 eral States.

17 “(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—(1) In pro-
18 viding travel and transportation allowances under section

1 1074i of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
2 that individuals located in the United States Virgin Is-
3 lands and Puerto Rico who, but for such location, would
4 be eligible to receive such allowances pursuant to such sec-
5 tion are eligible to receive such allowances.

6 “(2) The Secretary may revise the regulations pre-
7 scribed under section 464 of title 37, or prescribe such
8 new regulations, as may be necessary for the administra-
9 tion of paragraph (1).

10 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—The Di-
11 rector of the Federal Electronic Health Record Moderniza-
12 tion Office shall coordinate with the Chief Public Health
13 Officer and the Commissioner of the Department of
14 Health of the United States Virgin Islands and the Direc-
15 tor of the Department of Health of Puerto Rico for the
16 purpose of sharing health information through the Joint
17 Health Information Exchange, or such successor initiative.

18 “(d) FEDERAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MOD-
19 ERNIZATION OFFICE.—In this section, the term ‘Federal
20 Electronic Health Record Modernization Office’ means the
21 office established under section 1635(b) of the Wounded
22 Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181; 10 U.S.C.
23 1071 note).

24 “(e) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIME SERVICE AREA.—
25 The Secretary shall take such steps to ensure the estab-

1 lishment of Prime Service Areas in the United States Vir-
2 gin Islands and Puerto Rico, regardless of proximity to
3 a military medical treatment facility.”.

4 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
5 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
6 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
7 Senate and the House of Representatives a report on the
8 progress of the Secretary in carrying out the implementa-
9 tion of TRICARE Prime expansion in the United States
10 Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

