

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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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 ADMINISTRATION**
2 **OF TRICARE PROGRAM IN UNITED**
3 **STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS.**

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**
8 **United States Virgin Islands**

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

14 “(b) **EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.**—

15 “(1) In providing travel and transportation allowances
16 under section 1074i of this title, the Secretary of Defense
17 shall ensure that individuals located in the United States
18 Virgin Islands who, but

1 for such location, would be eligible to receive such
2 allowances pursuant to such section are eligible to
3 receive such allowances.

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

8 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—

9 “(1) The Director of the Federal Electronic
10 Health Record Modernization Office shall coordinate
11 with the Chief Public Health Officer and the Com-
12 missioner of the Department of Health of the United
13 States Virgin Islands for the purpose of sharing
14 health information through the Joint Health Infor-
15 mation Exchange, or a successor initiative.

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

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

1 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
2 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
3 shall submit to the congressional defense committees a re-
4 port on the progress of the Secretary in carrying out the
5 implementation of TRICARE Prime expansion in the
6 United States Virgin Islands.

