

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-**

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**OFFERED BY MR. POLIS OF COLORADO**

At the end of the bill, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 12. CONDUCT OF RESEARCH INTO EFFECTS OF CAN-**  
2 **NABIS ON HEALTH OUTCOMES OF CERTAIN**  
3 **VETERANS.**

4 (a) RESEARCH.—In carrying out the responsibilities  
5 of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs under section 7303  
6 of title 38, United States Code, the Secretary may conduct  
7 and support research relating to the efficacy and safety  
8 of medical cannabis on the health outcomes of covered vet-  
9 erans diagnosed with chronic pain, post-traumatic stress  
10 disorder, and other conditions the Secretary determines  
11 appropriate. The Secretary shall ensure that such research  
12 is conducted in accordance with applicable regulations re-  
13 lating to the oversight of research, including such regula-  
14 tions prescribed by the Office of Research and Develop-  
15 ment of the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Depart-  
16 ment of Health and Human Services (including through  
17 the National Institute on Drug Abuse), the Food and  
18 Drug Administration, the Drug Enforcement Administra-  
19 tion, and the National Institutes of Health.

1           (b) DATA PRESERVATION.—Research conducted pur-  
2 suant to subsection (a) shall include a mechanism to en-  
3 sure the preservation of all data, including all data sets,  
4 collected or used for purposes of the research required by  
5 subsection (a) in a manner that will facilitate further re-  
6 search.

7           (c) REPORTS.—During the five-year period beginning  
8 on the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary  
9 shall submit periodically, but not less frequently than an-  
10 nually, to the Committees on Veterans’ Affairs of the  
11 House of Representatives and the Senate reports on—

12                   (1) the implementation of this section; or

13                   (2) the rationale of the Secretary with respect  
14 to determining not to implement this section.

15           (d) COVERED VETERAN DEFINED.—In this section,  
16 the term “covered veteran” means a veteran who is en-  
17 rolled in the patient enrollment system of the Department  
18 of Veterans Affairs under section 1705 of title 38, United  
19 States Code.

