

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 119–

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, add the following new section:

1 **SEC. 17___ GAO STUDY ON COMPLETION OF DEPARTMENT**
2 **OF VETERANS AFFAIRS DISABILITY BENE-**
3 **FITS QUESTIONNAIRE REGARDING MENTAL**
4 **COMPETENCY OF VETERANS BY EMPLOYEES**
5 **OF SUCH DEPARTMENT.**

6 (a) STUDY.—The Comptroller General of the United
7 States shall conduct a study on the extent to which the
8 Department of Veterans Affairs contractor employees who
9 perform the compensation and pension examinations accu-
10 rately and consistently complete the mental competence
11 section of disability benefits questionnaires while per-
12 forming such examinations, which shall include—

13 (1) an evaluation of the training provided by
14 the Medical Disability Program Office of the De-
15 partment to such employees regarding the mental
16 competency section of the disability benefits ques-
17 tionnaire;

1 (2) an identification and evaluation of any addi-
2 tional training provided by the contractors of the
3 Department to such employees; and

4 (3) an identification and evaluation of any spe-
5 cific training provided to Department service rep-
6 resentatives and rating veterans service representa-
7 tives receive regarding evaluating medical evidence
8 for mental competency determinations.

9 (b) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
10 of the enactment of this section, the Comptroller General
11 shall submit to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs of
12 the Senate and the House of Representatives a report of
13 the results of the study required under subsection (a).

