

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle B of title XVII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 17___ . COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY ON DEPART-**
2 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMPLOYEE**
3 **COMPLETION OF MENTAL COMPETENCY SEC-**
4 **TION OF DISABILITY BENEFITS QUESTION-**
5 **NAIRES.**

6 (a) **STUDY REQUIRED.**—The Comptroller General of
7 the United States shall conduct a study on the extent to
8 which Department of Veterans Affairs contractor employ-
9 ees who perform compensation and pension examinations
10 accurately and consistently complete the mental com-
11 petency section of disability benefits questionnaires while
12 performing such examinations. Such study 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 that is specific to the
16 mental competency section of the disability benefits
17 questionnaire;

1 (2) an identification and evaluation of any addi-
2 tional training contractors of the Department of
3 Veterans Affairs provide for such employees; and

4 (3) an identification and evaluation of any spe-
5 cific training Department of Veterans Affairs vet-
6 erans service representatives and rating veterans
7 service representatives receive related to evaluating
8 medical evidence for mental competency determina-
9 tions.

10 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than one
11 years after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
12 Comptroller General shall submit to the Committees on
13 Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Representa-
14 tives a report on the results of the study required under
15 subsection (a).

