AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115–70

OFFERED BY MR. SCHNEIDER OF ILLINOIS

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

SEC. 7. TRAINING REQUIREMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS PRESCRIBING OPIOIDS FOR TREATMENT OF PAIN IN THE ARMED FORCES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall ensure that to serve as a health care professional in the Department of Defense as an individual who is authorized to prescribe or otherwise dispense opioids for the treatment of pain, the professional (other than a pharmacist) must comply with the 12-hour training requirement of paragraph (2) at least once during each 3-year period or be licensed in a State that requires equivalent (or greater) training described in paragraph (2) with respect to the prescribing or dispensing of opioids for the treatment of pain.

(2) The training requirement of this paragraph is that the professional has completed not less than
12 hours of training (through classroom situations, seminars at professional society meetings, electronic communications, or otherwise) with respect to—

(A) pain management treatment guidelines and best practices;

(B) early detection of opioid addiction; and

(C) the treatment and management of opioid-dependent patients, that is provided by the American Society of Addiction Medicine, the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry, the American Medical Association, the American Osteopathic Association, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Academy of Pain Management, the American Pain Society, the American Academy of Pain Medicine, the American Board of Pain Medicine, the American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians, or any other organization that the Secretary of Defense determines is appropriate for purposes of this subsection.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING MODULES.—

(1) The Secretary of Defense shall establish or support the establishment of one or more training modules to be used to meet the training requirement under subsection (a).
(2) To be eligible to receive support under paragraph (1), an entity shall be—

(A) one of the organizations listed in paragraph (2) of subsection (a); or

(B) any other organization that the Secretary determines is appropriate to provide training under such subsection.