

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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At the end of subtitle A of title VI, insert the following new section:

1 SEC. ____ . LEAVE FOR A MEMBER OF THE ARMED FORCES
2 FOR ABORTION.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary concerned (as such
4 term is defined in section 101 of title 10, United States
5 Code) shall, with regards to abortion care for a member
6 of the Armed Forces or the dependent of such a member—

7 (1) consider such care to be time-sensitive and
8 therefore approve leave for such abortion care; and

9 (2) not require the member or dependent to dis-
10 close to a commanding officer the time-sensitive care
11 or procedure being received during such leave.

12 (b) REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL.—The Secretary
13 concerned shall reimburse a member or dependent of a
14 member for costs incurred to travel to a clinic that pro-
15 vides abortion care and services if timely access to abor-
16 tion services is not available near the member or depend-
17 ent’s location.

1 (c) PRIVACY.—Health care providers of the Defense
2 Health Agency and commanding officers shall, to the
3 greatest extent practicable, protect the privacy of a mem-
4 ber who takes leave under this section, including when
5 such member makes a request for such leave and when
6 such member returns to duty.

7 (d) PROHIBITION.—No member of the Armed Forces
8 may be subject to any adverse action for requesting, tak-
9 ing, or granting leave under this section.

