

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-

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OFFERED BY MS. SLOTKIN OF MICHIGAN

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

1 **SEC. 17___ . EXTENSION OF INCREASED DEPENDENCY AND**
2 **INDEMNITY COMPENSATION TO SURVIVING**
3 **SPOUSES OF VETERANS WHO DIE FROM**
4 **AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS.**

5 (a) EXTENSION.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1311(a)(2) of title
7 38, United States Code, is amended—

8 (A) by inserting “(A)” before “The rate”;

9 and

10 (B) by adding at the end the following new
11 subparagraph:

12 “(B) A veteran who died from amyotrophic lateral
13 sclerosis shall be treated as a veteran described in sub-
14 paragraph (A) without regard for how long the veteran
15 had such disease prior to death.

16 “(C) For purposes of the payment of compensation
17 under this subsection by reason of the death of veteran
18 described in subparagraph (B), the term ‘surviving spouse’

1 means a person who was married to the veteran for a con-
2 tinuous period of eight years or longer prior to the death
3 of the veteran.”.

4 (2) APPLICABILITY.—Subparagraphs (B) and
5 (C) of section 1311(a)(2) of title 38, United States
6 Code, as added by paragraph (1), shall apply to a
7 veteran who dies from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
8 on or after October 1, 2023.

9 (b) REPORT ON ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CONDI-
10 TIONS.—

11 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than 180
12 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall submit to Con-
14 gress a report that includes an identification of any
15 service-connected disability, other than amyotrophic
16 lateral sclerosis, that the Secretary determines
17 should be treated in the same manner as
18 amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is treated under sub-
19 paragraphs (B) and (C) of section 1311(a)(2) of
20 title 38, United States Code, as added by subsection
21 (a).

22 (2) CONTENTS.—The report required by sub-
23 section (a) shall include the following:

24 (A) A comprehensive list of service-con-
25 nected disabilities with mortality rates exceed-

1 ing 95 percent within eight years of diagnoses
2 of persons with each such disability.

3 (B) Detailed information on the average
4 life expectancy for persons with each such dis-
5 ability.

6 (c) MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN HOUSING LOAN
7 FEES.—The loan fee table in section 3729(b)(2) of title
8 38, United States Code, is amended by striking “Novem-
9 ber 15, 2031” each place it appears and inserting “De-
10 cember 2, 2031”.

