

AMENDMENT TO
RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 118-10
OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . WAIVER OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS TO FA-**
2 **CILITATE URGENT ACCESS TO MENTAL**
3 **HEALTH CARE SERVICES BY MEMBERS OF**
4 **THE ARMED FORCES.**

5 The Director of the Defense Health Agency shall
6 waive any requirement for a member of the Armed Forces
7 to undergo an intake screening from a provider of the De-
8 partment of Defense at a military medical treatment facil-
9 ity prior to receiving a mental health care service from
10 a TRICARE-authorized civilian provider if the Director
11 determines—

12 (1) such service may not be provided at a mili-
13 tary medical treatment facility during the 48-hour
14 period following the time at which the member pre-
15 sents with the condition requiring such service; and

16 (2) urgent circumstances necessitate the rapid
17 provision of such service.

