

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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At the end of subtitle C of title VII, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . MONITORING MEDICATION PRESCRIBING PRACTICES FOR THE TREATMENT OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.**

4 (a) REPORT.—

5 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
6 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the Committees on
7 Armed Services of the House of Representatives and
8 Senate a report on the practices for prescribing
9 medication during the period beginning January 1,
10 2012, and ending December 31, 2017, that were inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder
11 medication guidelines developed by the Department
12 of Defense and the Veterans Health Administration.

15 (2) CONTENTS.—The report under this subsection shall include the following:

17 (A) A summary of the Army's, the Navy's,
18 and the Air Force's practices for prescribing

1 medication during the period referred to in
2 paragraph (1) that were inconsistent with the
3 post-traumatic stress disorder medication guide-
4 lines developed by the Department of Defense
5 and the Veterans Health Administration.

6 (B) Identification of medical centers serv-
7 ing members of the Armed Forces found to
8 having higher than average incidences of pre-
9 scribing medication during the period referred
10 to in paragraph (1) that were inconsistent with
11 the post-traumatic stress disorder guidelines.

12 (C) A plan for such medical centers to re-
13 duce the prescribing of medications that are in-
14 consistent with the post-traumatic stress dis-
15 order guidelines.

16 (D) A plan for ongoing monitoring of med-
17 ical centers found to have higher than average
18 incidences of prescribing medication that were
19 inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress dis-
20 order guidelines by the Department of Defense
21 and the Veterans Health Administration.

22 (b) MONITORING PROGRAM.—Based on the findings
23 of the report under subsection (a), the Secretaries of the
24 Army, the Navy, and the Air Force shall each establish

1 a monitoring program carried out with respect to such
2 branch of the Armed Forces shall provide as follows:

3 (1) The monitoring program shall provide for
4 the conduct of periodic reviews, beginning October 1,
5 2019, of medication prescribing practices of its own
6 providers.

7 (2) The monitoring program shall provide for
8 regular reports, beginning October 1, 2020, to the
9 Department of Defense and the Veterans Health Ad-
10 ministration, of the results of the periodic reviews
11 pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection.

12 (3) The monitoring program shall establish in-
13 ternal procedures, not later than October 1, 2020, to
14 address practices for prescribing medication that are
15 inconsistent with the post-traumatic stress disorder
16 medication guidelines developed Department of De-
17 fense and the Veterans Health Administration.

