

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle E of title XXVIII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. 28** ____. **ESTABLISHMENT OF FOOD PHARMACIES ON OR**
2 **IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MILITARY INSTAL-**
3 **LATIONS.**

4 (a) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—Not later than 180 days after
5 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
6 Defense shall establish a pilot program (to be known as
7 the “Food Pharmacies Pilot Program”) to provide to cov-
8 ered individuals access to nutritious foods and nutritional
9 guidance in an effort to improve health outcomes.

10 (b) **NUMBER.**—Under the Food Pharmacies Pilot
11 Program, the Secretary of Defense shall establish not
12 fewer than six food pharmacies located on or in close prox-
13 imity to a military installation. In selecting locations for
14 food pharmacies, the Secretary shall ensure that food
15 pharmacies are easily accessible to covered individuals in
16 each military department.

17 (c) **REQUIREMENTS.**—Each food pharmacy estab-
18 lished under the Food Pharmacies Pilot Program shall—

1 (1) offer low- or no-cost nutritious foods to cov-
2 ered individuals; and

3 (2) provide—

4 (A) nutritional guidance from a qualified
5 health professional on-site; or

6 (B) access to produce prescriptions.

7 (d) REPORT.—Not later than one year after the date
8 of the establishment of the Food Pharmacies Pilot Pro-
9 gram, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to Congress
10 a report on the efficacy of the Program, which shall in-
11 clude the following:

12 (1) The number of covered individuals served
13 by the Program, disaggregated by military depart-
14 ment, rank, dependency status, and location.

15 (2) Information gathered from voluntary sur-
16 veys of covered individuals served by the Program,
17 including the military department, rank, title, de-
18 pendency status, and location of the covered individ-
19 uals and any health outcomes resulting from partici-
20 pation in the Program.

21 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

22 (1) The term “covered individual” means a
23 member of the Armed Forces, a dependent of such
24 a member, and other individuals determined appro-
25 priate by the Secretary of Defense.

1 (2) The term “food pharmacy” means an orga-
2 nization that provides services that include access—

3 (A) to nutritious foods; and

4 (B) to—

5 (i) nutritional guidance from a quali-
6 fied health care professional; or

7 (ii) produce prescriptions.

8 (3) The term “medical nutrition therapy serv-
9 ices” has the meaning given that term in section
10 1861(vv) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395x(vv)).

12 (4) The term “nutritional guidance” means
13 medically accurate and complete (as defined in sec-
14 tion 513(e) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
15 713(e)) advice from a qualified health care profes-
16 sional on what to eat and drink to meet nutrient
17 needs, promote health, and prevent disease, includ-
18 ing medical nutrition therapy services.

19 (5) The term “nutritious food” means food that
20 is part of a healthy diet consistent with the most re-
21 cent Dietary Guidelines for Americans published
22 under section 301 of the National Nutrition Moni-
23 toring and Related Research Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C.
24 5341).

1 (6) The term “produce prescription” means
2 written nutritional guidance from a qualified health
3 care professional describing foods recommended to
4 be acquired by a covered individual at low or no
5 cost.

6 (7) The term “qualified health care profes-
7 sional” means—

8 (A) a registered dietitian or nutrition pro-
9 fessional (as defined in section 1861(vv)(2) of
10 the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
11 1395x(vv)(2)));

12 (B) a physician (as defined in section
13 1861(r) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
14 1395x(r))); or

15 (C) a nurse practitioner, clinical nurse spe-
16 cialist, physician assistant, or other profes-
17 sional, as determined appropriate by the Sec-
18 retary of Health and Human Services.

