

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
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At the end of subtitle A of title XVII, insert the following new section:

1 **SEC. ____ . EXPANSION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM OF**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

3 (a) **ELIMINATION OF SERVICE-CONNECTED DIS-**
4 **ABILITY REQUIREMENT.**—Section 1724 of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by striking subsection (a);

7 (2) by redesignating subsections (b) through (e)
8 as subsections (a) through (d), respectively;

9 (3) in subsection (a), as so redesignated—

10 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “if the
11 Secretary determines that such care and serv-
12 ices are needed for the treatment of a service-
13 connected disability of the veteran or as part of
14 a rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of
15 this title”; and

16 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “a serv-
17 iced-connected disability of”; and

1 (4) in subsection (d), as so redesignated, by
2 striking “who has a service-connected disability”.

3 (b) ELECTRONIC FUND TRANSFER REIMBURSE-
4 MENT.—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall update
5 the payment system of the Department of Veterans Af-
6 fairs to allow for reimbursements through electronic fund
7 transfer for hospital care or medical services furnished
8 pursuant to section 1724 of title 38, United States Code.

9 (c) ASSESSMENT OF CONTRACT FOR PROVISION OF
10 CARE.—The Secretary shall assess the feasibility and im-
11 plications of entering into a contract with an appropriate
12 non-Department entity to build a network of non-Depart-
13 ment entities to provide hospital care and medical services
14 pursuant to section 1724 of title 38, United States Code,
15 including implications for the administrative burden on
16 veterans eligible to receive such care and services.

