

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 115-

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

1 **SEC. 7___ . STUDY ON SAFE OPIOID PRESCRIBING PRACTICES.**
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3 (a) **STUDY.**—The Secretary of Defense shall conduct
4 a study on the effectiveness of the training provided to
5 military health care providers regarding opioid prescribing
6 practices, initiatives in opioid safety, the use of the VA/
7 DOD Clinical Practice Guideline for Management of
8 Opioid Therapy for Chronic Pain, and other related training.
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10 (b) **ELEMENTS.**—The study under subsection (a)
11 shall address the effectiveness of training with respect to
12 the following:

13 (1) Reducing the total number of prescription
14 opioids dispensed by the Department of Defense to
15 beneficiaries of health care furnished by the Department.
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17 (2) Reducing the average dosage prescribed by
18 a military health care provider to such beneficiaries.

1 (3) Reducing the average number of doses per
2 prescription for treatment of acute pain.

3 (4) Reducing the average duration of opioid
4 therapy for chronic pain.

5 (5) Reducing the number of overdoses due to
6 prescription opioids for patients with acute pain and
7 patients undergoing opioid therapy for chronic pain.

8 (6) Providing counseling and referrals to treat-
9 ment alternatives to opioid analgesics.

10 (7) Providing education on the risks of opioid
11 medications to individuals for whom such medica-
12 tions are prescribed, and to their families, with spe-
13 cial consideration given to raising awareness among
14 adolescents on such risks.

15 (8) Effectiveness in communicating to military
16 health care providers changes in Department policies
17 regarding opioid safety and prescribing practices.

18 (c) BRIEFING.—Not later than one year after the
19 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall pro-
20 vide to the Committees on Armed Services of the House
21 of Representatives and the Senate a briefing on the results
22 of the study under subsection (a).

