

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 8800
OFFERED BY MS. HOULAHAN OF PENNSYLVANIA

At the appropriate place in title VII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 7___ . IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO ADMINISTRA-**
2 **TION OF TRICARE PROGRAM IN PUERTO**
3 **RICO.**

4 (a) IMPROVEMENTS.—Chapter 55 of title 10, United
5 States Code, is amended by inserting after section 1076f
6 the following new section (and conforming the table of sec-
7 tions at the beginning of such chapter accordingly):

8 **“§ 1076g. TRICARE program: administration in Puer-**
9 **to Rico**

10 “(a) AVAILABILITY OF TRICARE PRIME.—In desig-
11 nating geographical areas under section 1097(b)(3) of this
12 title, the Secretary of Defense shall designate such areas
13 in Puerto Rico in a similar manner used to designate such
14 areas in the several States.

15 “(b) EXPANSION OF TRAVEL BENEFITS.—(1) In pro-
16 viding travel and transportation allowances under section
17 1074i of this title, the Secretary of Defense shall ensure
18 that individuals located in Puerto Rico who, but for such
19 location, would be eligible to receive such allowances pur-

1 suant to such section are eligible to receive such allow-
2 ances.

3 “(2) The Secretary may revise the regulations pre-
4 scribed under section 464 of title 37, or prescribe such
5 new regulations, as may be necessary for the administra-
6 tion of paragraph (1).

7 “(c) HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE.—The Di-
8 rector of the Federal Electronic Health Record Moderniza-
9 tion Office shall coordinate with the Director of the De-
10 partment of Health of Puerto Rico for the purpose of
11 sharing health information through the Joint Health In-
12 formation Exchange, or such successor initiative.

13 “(d) FEDERAL ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD MOD-
14 ERNIZATION OFFICE DEFINED.—In this section, the term
15 ‘Federal Electronic Health Record Modernization Office’
16 means the Office established under section 1635(b) of the
17 Wounded Warrior Act (title XVI of Public Law 110–181;
18 10 U.S.C. 1071 note).”.

19 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date
20 of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Defense
21 shall submit to the Committees on Armed Services of the
22 House of Representatives and the Senate a report on the
23 progress of the Secretary in implementing the require-

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1 ments of section 1076g of title 10, United States Code,
2 as added by subsection (a).

