

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MR. COFFMAN OF COLORADO**

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

1 **SEC. 5___ . ENHANCEMENT OF PARTICIPATION OF MENTAL**
2 **HEALTH PROFESSIONALS IN BOARDS FOR**
3 **CORRECTION OF MILITARY RECORDS AND**
4 **BOARDS FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OR DIS-**
5 **MISSAL OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
6 **FORCES.**

7 (a) BOARDS FOR CORRECTION OF MILITARY
8 RECORDS.—Section 1552 of title 10, United States Code,
9 is amended—

10 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
11 section (h); and

12 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
13 lowing new subsection (g):

14 “(g) Any medical advisory opinion issued to a board
15 established under subsection (a)(1) with respect to a mem-
16 ber or former member of the armed forces who was diag-
17 nosed while serving in the armed forces as experiencing
18 a mental health disorder shall include the opinion of a clin-

1 ical psychologist or psychiatrist if the request for correc-
2 tion of records concerned relates to a mental health dis-
3 order.”.

4 (b) BOARDS FOR REVIEW OF DISCHARGE OR DIS-
5 MISSAL.—

6 (1) REVIEW FOR CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS
7 WITH PTSD OR TBI.—Subsection (d)(1) of section
8 1553 of such title is amended by striking “physician,
9 clinical psychologist, or psychiatrist” the second
10 place it appears and inserting “clinical psychologist
11 or psychiatrist, or a physician with training on men-
12 tal health issues connected with post traumatic
13 stress disorder or traumatic brain injury (as applica-
14 ble)”.

15 (2) REVIEW FOR CERTAIN FORMER MEMBERS
16 WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES.—Such section
17 is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
18 lowing new subsection:

19 “(e) In the case of a former member of the armed
20 forces (other than a former member covered by subsection
21 (d)) who was diagnosed while serving in the armed forces
22 as experiencing a mental health disorder, a board estab-
23 lished under this section to review the former member’s
24 discharge or dismissal shall include a member who is a

- 1 clinical psychologist or psychiatrist, or a physician with
- 2 special training on mental health disorders.”.

