

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 4435
OFFERED BY MS. VELÁZQUEZ OF NEW YORK**

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

1 **SEC. 5___.** **TRANSFER OF MEMBERS OF THE ARMED**
2 **FORCES WHO ARE VICTIMS OF HAZING.**

3 (a) **TRANSFER PROCEDURE REQUIRED.**—The Sec-
4 retary concerned (as defined in section 101(a)(9) of title
5 10, United States Code) shall develop and implement a
6 procedure to expedite the transfer of a member of the
7 Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of that Secretary who
8 has been the victim of a substantiated incident of hazing
9 to another unit in the same branch of the Armed Forces.

10 (b) **HAZING DESCRIBED.**—For purposes of carrying
11 out this section, the Secretary of Defense (and the Sec-
12 retary of the Department in which the Coast Guard oper-
13 ates) shall use the definition of hazing contained in the
14 August 28, 1997, Secretary of Defense Policy Memo-
15 randum, which defined hazing as any conduct whereby a
16 member of the Armed Forces, regardless of branch or
17 rank, without proper authority causes another member to
18 suffer, or be exposed to, any activity which is cruel, abu-

1 sive, humiliating, oppressive, demeaning, or harmful. So-
2 liciting or coercing another person to perpetrate any such
3 activity is also considered hazing. Hazing need not involve
4 physical contact among or between members of the Armed
5 Forces. Hazing can be verbal or psychological in nature.
6 Actual or implied consent to acts of hazing does not elimi-
7 nate the culpability of the perpetrator.

