

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT  
OF H.R. 1960  
OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF PENNSYLVANIA**

Page 299, after the matter following line 23, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 703. EXTENSION OF TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE MAN-**  
2 **AGEMENT PROGRAM.**

3 (a) **TELEMEDICINE.**—In carrying out the Transi-  
4 tional Assistance Management Program, the Secretary of  
5 Defense shall extend the coverage of such program to indi-  
6 viduals by an additional 180 days for treatment provided  
7 through telemedicine.

8 (b) **MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND BEHAVIORAL SERV-**  
9 **ICES.**—

10 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary shall extend  
11 the coverage of the Transitional Assistance Manage-  
12 ment Program for covered treatment to covered indi-  
13 viduals for a period determined necessary by a  
14 health care professional treating the covered indi-  
15 vidual.

16 (2) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this subsection:

17 (A) The term “covered individual” means  
18 an individual who—

1 (i) during the initial 180-day period of  
2 being enrolled in the Transitional Assist-  
3 ance Management Program, received any  
4 mental health care treatment or covered  
5 treatment; or

6 (ii) during the one-year period pre-  
7 ceding separation or discharge from the  
8 Armed Forces, received any mental health  
9 care treatment.

10 (B) The term “covered treatment” means  
11 behavioral services provided through telemedi-  
12 cine.

13 (3) SUNSET .—The authority of the Secretary  
14 to carry out paragraph (1) shall terminate on De-  
15 cember 31, 2018, if the Secretary determines that  
16 by that date the suicide rates for both members of  
17 the Armed Forces serving on active duty and for  
18 members of a reserve component are 50 percent less  
19 than such rates as of December 31, 2012.

20 (c) TELEMEDICINE DEFINED.—In this section, the  
21 term “telemedicine” means the use by a health care pro-  
22 vider of telecommunications to assist in the diagnosis or  
23 treatment of a patient’s medical condition, including for  
24 behavioral services.

