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118TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program regarding treating pregnancy as a qualifying event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. KIM of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To direct the Secretary of Defense to establish a pilot program regarding treating pregnancy as a qualifying event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. PILOT PROGRAM TO TREAT PREGNANCY AS A**
4 **QUALIFYING EVENT FOR ENROLLMENT IN**
5 **TRICARE SELECT.**

6 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
7 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of
8 Defense shall commence a five-year pilot program under

1 which the Secretary shall treat pregnancy as a qualifying
2 event under section 1099(b)(1)(B) of title 10, United
3 States Code, for enrollment in TRICARE Select by an eli-
4 gible beneficiary.

5 (b) INITIAL BRIEFING.—Not later than one year
6 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary
7 shall provide to the appropriate congressional committees
8 a briefing on the status of the pilot program under sub-
9 section (a).

10 (c) ANNUAL REPORT.—Not later than one year after
11 the Secretary commences the pilot program under sub-
12 section (a), and annually thereafter for the next four
13 years, the Secretary shall provide to the appropriate con-
14 gressional committees a report on the pilot program. Each
15 such report shall include the number of covered enrollment
16 changes, disaggregated by—

17 (1) month, beginning with January 2026; and

18 (2) whether the eligible beneficiary made such
19 covered enrollment change—

20 (A) because the eligible beneficiary is a
21 member of the uniformed services who sepa-
22 rated from active duty;

23 (B) because the eligible beneficiary is a
24 member of the uniformed services who returned
25 to active duty;

1 (C) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-
2 pendent of a member of the uniformed services
3 who separated from active duty;

4 (D) because the eligible beneficiary is a de-
5 pendent of a member of the uniformed services
6 who returned to active duty; or

7 (E) based on the treatment, under the
8 pilot program, of pregnancy as a qualifying
9 event for enrollment in TRICARE Select.

10 (d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

11 (1) The term “covered enrollment change”
12 means a change to a previous election by an eligible
13 beneficiary under subsection (b)(1) of section 1099
14 of title 10, United States Code, to enroll in a health
15 care plan designated under subsection (c) of such
16 section.

17 (2) The term “eligible beneficiary” means an
18 individual who is eligible to enroll in TRICARE Se-
19 lect under section 1075(b) of title 10, United States
20 Code.

21 (3) The terms “TRICARE program” and
22 “TRICARE Select” have the meanings given such
23 terms in section 1072 of title 10, United States
24 Code.

1 (4) The term “appropriate congressional com-
2 mittees” means—

3 (A) the Committee on Armed Services of
4 the House of Representatives;

5 (B) the Committee on Transportation and
6 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;

7 (C) the Committee on Energy and Com-
8 merce of the House of Representatives; and

9 (D) the Committee on Armed Services of
10 the Senate.