

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO COMMITTEE PRINT
OFFERED BY MS. SCHOLTEN OF MICHIGAN**

At the end of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. _____. FUNDING FOR IVF AND OTHER FERTILITY**
2 **TREATMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE COAST**
3 **GUARD.**

4 (a) APPROPRIATIONS.—In addition to amounts other-
5 wise available, there is appropriated to the Secretary of
6 the Department in which the Coast Guard is operating
7 \$10,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2030
8 for use providing reimbursements for fertility treatments
9 under section 2780 of title 14, United States Code, as
10 added by this section.

11 (b) REIMBURSEMENTS FOR FERTILITY TREATMENTS
12 FOR MEMBERS OF THE COAST GUARD.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter III of the chap-
14 ter 27 of title 14, United States Code, is amended
15 by adding at the end the following new section:

16 **“§ 2780. Reimbursement for fertility treatments**

17 “(a) REIMBURSEMENT.—The Commandant shall
18 provide reimbursement for a fertility treatment or fertility

1 counseling, including through the use of assisted reproduc-
2 tive technology, to—

3 “(1) any covered member of the Coast Guard
4 who receives such treatment or counseling; and

5 “(2) any spouse, partner, or gestational surro-
6 gate of a covered member who receives such treat-
7 ment or counseling.

8 “(b) COAST GUARD POLICY.—Not later than 180
9 days after the date of enactment of this section, the Com-
10 mandant shall implement a policy that provides for the
11 reimbursement of fertility treatments and counseling as
12 provided in this section.

13 “(c) RIGHT TO ACCESS TREATMENT.—The Com-
14 mandant may not deny any covered member the right or
15 ability to access fertility treatments or counseling, and
16 may not promulgate policies or regulations that would oth-
17 erwise deny a covered member, or a spouse, partner, or
18 gestational surrogate of a member, the rights afforded by
19 this section.

20 “(d) PROCUREMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE GENETIC
21 MATERIAL.—If a covered member is unable to provide any
22 reproductive genetic material of the member for purposes
23 of fertility treatments, the Commandant—

1 “(1) may not prohibit such member from re-
2 ceiving a fertility treatment that uses donated repro-
3 ductive genetic material; and

4 “(2) shall, in accordance with the policy estab-
5 lished under subsection (b), reimburse such member
6 the reasonable costs of procuring such donated re-
7 productive genetic material.

8 “(e) STORAGE OF REPRODUCTIVE GENETIC MATE-
9 RIAL.—

10 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Commandant shall
11 provide reimbursement for the cryopreservation and
12 storage of reproductive genetic material of any mem-
13 ber of the Coast Guard, or any spouse or partner of
14 a member of the Coast Guard, in a facility of a pri-
15 vate entity (including transportation of such mate-
16 rial to such facility), at no cost to the member,
17 through the date that is 1 year after the retirement,
18 separation, or release of the member from the Coast
19 Guard.

20 “(2) CONTINUED CRYOPRESERVATION AND
21 STORAGE.—With respect to a member of the Coast
22 Guard, or any spouse or partner of a member, who
23 receives reimbursement under paragraph (1), after
24 date that is 1 year after the retirement, separation,
25 or release of the member from the Coast Guard, the

1 Commandant shall permit the individual whose re-
2 productive genetic material was cryopreserved and
3 stored in a facility to select, including pursuant to
4 an advance medical directive or executed military
5 testamentary instrument, one of the following op-
6 tions:

7 “(A) To continue cryopreservation and
8 storage of the reproductive genetic material in
9 such facility with the cost of such
10 cryopreservation and storage after such date to
11 borne by the individual.

12 “(B) To transfer the reproductive genetic
13 material to a different private cryopreservation
14 and storage facility selected by the individual.

15 “(C) To transfer the reproductive genetic
16 material to a facility of the Department of Vet-
17 erans Affairs, if cryopreservation and storage is
18 available to the individual at such facility.

19 “(3) AGREEMENTS.—To carry out this sub-
20 section, the Commandant may enter into agreements
21 with private entities that provide cryopreservation,
22 transportation, and storage services for reproductive
23 genetic material.

24 “(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 “(1) ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGY.—

2 The term ‘assisted reproductive technology’ includes
3 in vitro fertilization and other fertility treatments in
4 which both eggs and sperm are handled when clini-
5 cally appropriate.

6 “(2) COVERED MEMBER.—The term ‘covered
7 member’ means a member of the Coast Guard who
8 has an infertility condition.

9 “(3) FERTILITY TREATMENT.—The term ‘fer-
10 tility treatment’ includes the following:

11 “(A) Procedures that use assisted repro-
12 ductive technology.

13 “(B) Sperm retrieval.

14 “(C) Egg retrieval.

15 “(D) Artificial insemination.

16 “(E) Transfer of reproductive genetic ma-
17 terial.

18 “(F) Medications as prescribed or nec-
19 essary for fertility.

20 “(G) Such other treatments as the Com-
21 mandant considers appropriate.

22 “(4) INFERTILITY CONDITION.—The term ‘in-
23 fertility condition’ includes—

24 “(A) a diagnosis of infertility; or

1 “(B) the inability to reproduce or safely
2 carry a pregnancy to term, including as a result
3 of treatment for another condition.

4 “(5) PARTNER.—With respect to a member of
5 the Coast Guard, the term ‘partner’ means an indi-
6 vidual selected by the member who agrees to share
7 with the member parental responsibilities with re-
8 spect to any child born as a result of the use of any
9 fertility treatment under this section.

10 “(6) GESTATIONAL SURROGATE.—The term
11 ‘gestational surrogate’ means an individual who car-
12 ries a fetus through pregnancy and gives birth to a
13 baby for another individual or couple.

14 “(7) CRYOPRESERVATION.—The term
15 ‘cryopreservation’ means the process by which ge-
16 netic material or embryos are frozen for later use in
17 fertility or reproductive procedures.”.

18 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for
19 chapter 27 of title 14, United States Code, is
20 amended by inserting after the item relating to sec-
21 tion 2779 the following:

“2780. Reimbursement for fertility treatments.”.

